

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, please see the programme for students to return to school from Monday 6th December 2021. With the gradual return of staff from Covid isolation and illness, we are confident that we will gradually open up classes on site resulting in a full complement from Wednesday 8th December.

Flu Vaccination

Despite a number of staff and students being out on Monday the Immunisation Team are determined to go ahead with as much of their programme as possible. If you have agreed for your child to receive a flu vaccination, but they are not scheduled to be in on Monday we can facilitate the following:

Bring your child in between 9am and 11am on Monday 6th December, stay whilst they are being vaccinated, and take them home again;

We will ensure staff are available to support your child through this process.

If you are not able to bring your child in, then we will look to rearrange the vaccination for another date and time.

Monday 06/12/2021					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
In School Students invited in by letter and Year 7HU	All Pupils in school	In School Students invited in by letter and Year 9KU	In School Students invited in by letter and Year 10WI	In School Students invited in by letter and Year 11RI	In School All pupils in
Remote learning 7SH and 7OS		Remote learning 9CG and 9MC	Remote learning 10GR and 10WA	Remote learning 11HD and 11HA	



Tuesday 07/12/2021					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
In School Students invited in by letter and Year 7HU and 7SH	All Pupils in school	In School Students invited in by letter and Year 9KU and 9CG	In School Students invited in by letter and Year 10WI and 10GR	In School Students invited in by letter and Year 11RI and 11HD	In School All pupils in
Remote learning 7OS		Remote learning 9MC	Remote learning 10WA	Remote learning 11HA	
Wednesday 08/12/2021					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
All Pupils in school	All Pupils in school	All Pupils in school	All Pupils in school	All Pupils in school	All Pupils in school

Parents' Evening

Another reminder that our Years 7, 9 and 11 Parents' Evening has been moved to Thursday 9th December. The online booking system has been adjusted to reflect the new date. Any appointments already booked have been rolled over automatically. If you need to change an appointment time as a result of the new date and you are struggling to change it on line, please contact us and we will do it for you. Information about how to book appointments online has been distributed but if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact reception on (01438) 747274 and ask for Lindsay, who will help you.

Year 10 and 11 Charity Project

Despite the impact of Covid and the difficulties incurred over the last few weeks, it has not detracted from the enthusiasm of our Year 10s and 11s to help others.





A small group of students planned and implemented a project to make money by selling old material and clothes, at the Cash for Clothes Bank in Hatfield.

The Cash for Clothes service contributes towards helping the environment by diverting textiles from landfill for reuse, and it raises awareness of the need to recycle textiles.

Our Year 10 and 11 students made £24.00 from the clothes they recycled which they used towards the 'Feed up Warm up Charity'. The students used the money they raised to shop efficiently to buy enough sweets, treats, warm gloves and toiletries to fill boxes of produce. They then decorated show boxes, made Christmas cards and filled them full of the goodies purchased. These were then delivered to The Hertfordshire charity, Feed up Warm up. Ultimately the boxes will be given to the homeless as a Christmas gift on Christmas day.

Developments through our PE Department

Mr Walker has work extremely hard to realise an excellent initiative which has brought thousands of pounds worth of equipment into the school. Last Wednesday we received the delivery of fourteen bikes comprising of twelve Frog Bikes in a range of sizes, and two Mountain Bikes. This project reflects a small part of Mr Walker's ambition of every child being able to do at least four things when they leave the Valley school that they couldn't do when they arrived.



Herts Balance and Ride will be working with the school next term to teach many of our students how to ride a bike. Riding will be embedded within the curriculum to support students in developing their riding skills throughout each academic year. A specialist trike has also been purchased so that learners who cannot currently ride, will have opportunities to enjoy riding.

Mr Walker has also secured funding from Sport England to explore further creative ways to help our students become learning ready.

Rebound therapy is an inclusive way for some of our learners to prepare them for the day. We will be looking to have rebound therapy training across the school and have a timetable for students to use a space for this form of therapy. Further updates regarding this will be included in later editions of the Headteacher's letter.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend, and let's hope for a return to something more like normal towards the later stages of next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Pearce', followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

David Pearce
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