

## Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 4/01/23

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Coming up this week & next week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Football match: Y10 v Christ College—Wednesday 11th January</li> <li>- Immunisation team: HPV Vaccinations - Y8 &amp; Y9—Friday 13th January</li> <li>- <i>First Give</i> Social Action project launch (Year 8) Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>- HPV Vaccination Y8 &amp; 9 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January</li> </ul>					
New this week	-					
<b>Can you help out?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can you help with a link to a <b>work experience placement</b> for Y10 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July? Please <a href="#">Fill in 2 minute form here</a> if you can help</li> </ul>					
<b>Other parent resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Y8 parents need to complete consent forms for <b>HPV vaccinations</b> see below</li> <li>- Reporting a child’s absence – reminder on how to do this below</li> <li>- A reminder: Our governors have gathered <b>helpful information</b> on local <b>cost of living</b> support <a href="#">here</a> – includes food, finances &amp; care support</li> </ul>					

Dear parents/carers,

**Happy new year to all of our families.** It’s a great time of year as we start 2023 with optimism about what our pupils can achieve.

We were delighted to meet with year 10 parents yesterday for Parents Evening, spending time focussing on how every child can be successful in this incredibly important year. Thanks to everyone for rescheduling work and caring responsibilities to come into school and meet us.

A critical factor in every child’s success is being in school every day – high attendance correlates with high achievement in school and success beyond. If you child is very unwell and unable to come to school, please let us know on the online form. A reminder of the procedure below so all parents are aware.

### **Other notices for parents this week:**

#### **Reporting a child’s Absence – reminder**

We expect parents to contact the school **before 7:45am** if they are making the decision to keep their child at home. All absences should now be reported to the school using the [online Pupil Absence Form](#) not via our phone line. The link is also on our website.

The online form should be completed *on each day* of a child's absence.

The online form has several advantages over a phone-based system:

- It immediately creates a written record of the absence
- It requires less time for parents and school staff
- It allows multiple people at the school to immediately see reported absences

We strongly request all parents use this improved system. We appreciate that the online form is a new approach for parents.

Parents are expected to communicate for each day of absence, even when absence occurs on consecutive days for the same reason. Parents may receive a follow up phone call from the attendance officer by 10am on the morning of absence. This is the case whether an absence form has been submitted or not. If we cannot contact parents regarding a child's absence and a form has not been submitted, the child is considered to be missing and this may trigger a referral to external agencies so we can ensure the child/families safety. Thank you for your support.

### **HPV Vaccinations available – Year 8 and 9 pupils only – reminder for consent forms**

Our Barnet immunisation team will visit our school on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023** for the year 8 dose 1 and year 9 dose 2 HPV vaccinations.

Please find attached 2 letters for year 8 and 9 families.

- The year 8 letter is an e consent letter and the letter for year 9 is for information only as NHS gained parental consent before dose 1 in year 8.
- Please be aware that the vaccine supplied for this programme has changed from Gardasil to Gardasil 9. This means that year 9 students would have received Gardasil for their first dose and Gardasil 9 for their second dose. NHA advise there is no problem with this & parents have been provided with this information and a link to a leaflet explaining the change.

Kind regards  
Ms Ryan