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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds, reports published next week, tutor evenings – Years 7, 10 and 12, GL testing

I hope my weekly letter finds you well at the end of another busy week at the Academy. After another very successful PD Day and our first Covid-19 vaccinations for students, it has been eventful and positive this week as we make our way towards half term. Speaking of half term, students break up on Thursday 21 October to allow for a staff training day on the Friday.

Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds

We were informed on Monday by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) that yesterday would be our Covid-19 vaccination day for those students aged 12 to 15 years old. Our students behaved incredibly well and the whole exercise ran smoothly. This allowed for a larger than usual number of vaccinations to be administered. However, some parents have emailed or called us because some vaccinations were not given to their children yesterday.

As you will appreciate, we are not leading this piece of work so I would be grateful if you would direct your enquiries to the SAIS as necessary via lccg.c.19vaccinationcell@nhs.net. However, what we do know is that an unprecedented number of consents came through shortly before the closure of the consent link, which meant that the SAIS would not manage to get through them all in one day. Furthermore, there was only a limited amount of vaccine supply as well.

All schools in need of it will be offered a second day of vaccines. At the time of writing, we have not been informed of this date but I will keep you informed once I know.

If any parents have any other concerns related to Covid-19 in school, please contact us at the Academy using the email address COVID@srpa.co.uk.

Reports published next week

Please look out for your child's latest tracking report next week when it is published using Go4Schools. If you have any queries about accessing your child's report, please contact us via email at Go4schools@SRPA.co.uk.

Tutor evenings – Years 7, 10 and 12

We will be holding tutor evenings for the above year groups on 13 and 20 October to allow maximum flexibility for parents. This evening is a 'settling in' event to check in with tutors rather than subject teachers. There will also be a chance to book review meetings with Mr Adlington and the SEND team. Mr Kirk has sent out booking information already but, should you have any queries, please contact him via email at gkirk@srpa.co.uk.

GL testing

This will continue across the year groups and will be completed before half term. Please continue to ask your child to bring a pair of headphones, if possible, to minimise sharing with Covid-19 in mind.

Our students have equipped themselves well this week after a fortnight of various vaccinations and disruptions to our normal working. Our PD Day was a prime example of the teamwork on display at SRPA as the sixth form came together to work with Year 11 in supporting them with their future planning and the many sessions available to all students added real value to our work and developed new skills amongst our student body. I end this week with a quote from Professor Stephen Hawking which I direct towards all of my youngsters: "Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder what makes the universe exist. Be curious."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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