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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 vaccinations, Mock examinations – Year 11 and 13, Easter examination support, Year 8 parents' evening – 16 March 2022, School led tutoring, National Careers Week, Community Action Group - raffle

Welcome to my end of week letter at the end of a busy National Careers Week. Fortuitously, this has coincided with some better weather, especially as we have seen a return to the examination hall for some.

Covid-19 vaccinations

Next Monday sees our final planned Covid-19 vaccination mop up session for eligible 12 to 15 year olds across the eligible year groups.

Mock examinations – Year 11 and 13

Year 11 began their mocks yesterday and Year 13 begin on Monday. As well as being a valuable dry run for the summer, this examination series also acts as phase two of our contingency plan in case of Covid-19 outbreak or a return to national restrictions. For this reason it is vital for all students to attend in order that we gather a strong data set for the summer, just in case...

Easter examination support

This will be available for Year 11 as a voluntary 'opt in' opportunity. Ms Empson will publish more details in the coming weeks.

Year 8 parents' evening – 16 March 2022

Mr Kirk has now published details of how to book appointments for the evening on MS Teams. Parents can book appointments up until 4pm the day before. If you have any questions please contact Mr Kirk at gkirk@srpa.co.uk.

School led tutoring

This initiative has now begun. We have employed and trained our first wave of tutors, numbering six with two each in English, mathematics and science. Over the coming weeks, students will see our tutors in and out of class as they begin their duties.

National Careers Week

Mrs Mather has done a super job of ensuring that we have played our part in this national event with so many sessions for youngsters to try. It has been a real pleasure to see students crowding around classroom doors to look at what jobs teachers used to do and the skills they have learned as a result. Lunchtimes have also been a welcome hive of activity with our many 'come and try it' sessions!

Community Action Group - raffle

Raffle tickets for our community action group raffle are now available for purchase on ParentPay with great prizes on offer which I mentioned last week in my letter, plus an additional yoga class for two at The Collection, Museum. Please check our Instagram posts for updates to prizes. I hope many parents and carers will look to support a very good cause.

Thank you to all parents and carers for their generous donations to the Ukraine. We continue to take donations before shipping them off to Poland in the first instance. At times like this, it is important for us all to reflect on how lucky we are in comparison to parts of the world where conflict is raging. It is also vital to instil in our youngsters the need for us all to play our roles in spreading a little joy and compassion in the world. In the words of Oscar Wilde, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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