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Dear Parent/Carer

Cultural Capital Week, Christmas Spectacular next week, Parent Governor vacancy, Year 11 examination clash – 19 January 2023, Increase in scarlet fever cases and Strep A, Isolation arrangements after Christmas, Parents attending the Academy, Year 12 Changemakers, Subject Champions, Green Christmas tips, Headmaster tie nominations

Welcome to my end of week update letter as we finish the penultimate week of term. There is no letting up speed at all here at the Academy. Whilst we are definitely preparing for Christmas, we have several things to look forward to next week too. This includes our first ever Cultural Capital Week. It is of exceptional importance that youngsters are able to learn about where traditions have come from and where they may lead us to so I am delighted that we are able to do this next week before we break up. More below:

Cultural Capital Week

Monday marks the official start of the Academy's inaugural Cultural Capital Week, which seeks to develop our students' understanding of *Victorianism*. In particular, all pupils will engage in a series of activities and events across all subjects to

- Consider how Victorians influenced – and continue to influence – the lives of SRPA pupils
- Make links between the existing curriculum and the Victorians and think about how it has shaped these subjects
- Begin to explore the local physical environment—the buildings and parks, and even the very layout of the city of Lincoln and the surrounding area
- Develop a deeper understanding of local history and culture, and what makes and shapes us

Furthermore, as part of Cultural Capital Week, students across all year groups will be invited to watch a performance of a key text associated with their English studies linked to the theme of *Victorianism*. We are delighted to welcome Redheart Theatre and Lamplight Theatre to the academy for this purpose.

Finally, we hope that these events will give students extra impetus to continue their excellent work into the final week of term, all the while providing them with a fresh outlook into their world.

Christmas Spectacular next week

Our Performing Arts faculty has been preparing for next week's performances for some time now. Tickets are still available for both the Wednesday and Thursday shows priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children. We hope to see you there!

Parent Governor vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on our Board of Trustees for a parent governor. Please contact Mrs Goffe via agoffe@srpa.co.uk for further details and an application form.

Year 11 mock examination clash – 19 January 2023

Our trip for Year 11 students to see a performance of *An Inspector Calls* fell on the same day as the proposed examinations in mathematics and sociology. As a result, Mrs Keogh, has published a revised timetable to accommodate this which Year 11 parents should have received by In-Touch message earlier this week.

Increase in scarlet fever cases and Strep A

You will be aware following media coverage that there has been an increase in scarlet fever cases and Strep A within childcare and education settings nationally. To assist with enquiries we have received and attach a letter for you.

Isolation arrangements after Christmas

After Christmas, we are updating our behaviour guidelines. For those small numbers of students who are isolated for poor behaviour during the academy day, they will be expected to complete an after-school detention the same day until 4pm.

Parents attending the Academy

If you intend to come to the Academy about an issue you wish to raise, please be good enough to make an appointment or at least ring ahead letting us know that you are coming in. There are some occasions in the week, especially early in the academy day, when pastoral staff cannot always drop tasks they are in the middle of and may not be able to see parents 'on spec'. If we know you are coming, we will do our best to ensure that someone is available to see you when you arrive. Thank you.



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Year 12 Changemakers

We have had a lovely response from parents and students for the Year 12 social action project focussed on raising awareness for women who experience a deprivation of sanitary products as well as other hygiene essentials. A reminder that all donations are welcome in the Sixth Form and Careers Hub. This could include unwanted Christmas toiletries as the students are collecting until Friday 5 January 2023. We really appreciate your kind support with this.

Subject Champions

Our Subject Champions are being recognised for the work they do supporting and promoting their favourite subjects. This includes responsibilities such as supporting and leading extra curricular activities, attending evening events such as open evenings and engaging well in additional opportunities offered by departments. The celebration assembly is taking place next Wednesday, where over one hundred students will be receiving their badges and certificates. Well done to all involved!

Green Christmas tips

In my promised weekly update of green Christmas tips, don't forget the tree! A plastic tree needs to be reused for at least ten years to make it more eco-friendly. If buying a real tree, make sure it is FSC certified.

Headmaster tie nominations

This is my final call for colours nominations prior to Full School Assembly next week. For those parents who have not experienced this before with us, we accept nominations for students to receive a special colours tie three times a year for music, drama, sport, charity fundraising or leadership. This can be for work within the Academy or outside in the community. Please send any nominations to Mrs Goffe via email at agoffe@srpa.co.uk before the close of school on Monday 12 December please. This is an extended deadline just in case there are some nominations still to come in. Ties are always given out in Full School Assembly before the end of term.

With only five days left until the Christmas break, we are looking forward to ending the term well. Preparations for Full School Assembly are well under way and next week will be action-packed on a number of fronts, including the publication of our next newsletter. We remain extremely busy and it shows no signs of letting up before the end of term. However, as German theologian Albert Schweitzer once said, "Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being."

That is the beauty of working in such a human industry; each and every day brings some form of joy working in a school. I could not but laugh this week when presented with a Christmas card by a delightful young lady in Year 7 with a message on the envelope which read "Please open over a bin."



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Naturally, I ignored the advice for fun and a glitter bomb covered my office! I apologise publicly to my patient cleaner....

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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“This is a calm, happy and caring school.”



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

Re: Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red rash develops, usually first on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, making the skin have a sand-paper like feel to it. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients usually have flushed red cheeks. They may also have a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.

As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Stop the spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until **24 hours** after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Liddle', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Natalie Liddle
Head of Service – Health Protection

Resources

[NHS – Scarlet Fever](#)

[Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment](#)

[Health protection in education and childcare settings](#)

[Hand hygiene resources for schools](#)