



7 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

The Show, RP6th Open Evening and Tours, RP6th Changemakers Project – Movie Night, Year 9 Options Deadline, KS5 Vaccination Programme

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

Annual Show week is always a high octane ‘full on’ week of bustle, purpose and fun. This year has been no different. As we hurtle towards February half term at breakneck speed and Christmas now feels like a distant memory, we still have some important dates, events and milestones before the break. Please see below:

The Show

Yet again, what a wonderful spectacle The Addams Family has been! The staff, crew and cast have really done us proud, as they always do. After performances through the week to local primary schools, dignitaries including the Mayor and the wider academy community the curtain has fallen on a wonderful experience for all involved. Huge thanks must go to Miss France, Mr Taylor, Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Evans and Mr Webster for their roles in making this happen. In addition, Mrs Watson and Mrs Hodson deserve real praise for their wonderful food for gala evening too. It is hard to see how this year’s extravaganza will be bettered, but I know Miss France will try next year for sure...

RP6th Open Evening and Tours

Our Open Evening for entry into Year 12 next September will be held next Wednesday 12 February 2025. There are still a few spaces on our tours too for anyone interested in coming in to visit. Please contact the team via RP6th@srpa.co.uk to book.

RP6th Changemakers Project – Movie Night

This will take place next Thursday evening for over 100 Year 7 and 8 students. Well done to Connie W for raising funds for the British Heart Foundation in organising this.

Year 9 Options Deadline

Today is the deadline for receiving applications for options choices into KS4. Mr Ward sent out a message yesterday as a reminder and I hope this proved useful. Whilst we will do our best to fulfil all requests, late applications may mean we cannot offer all course places as requested. Further support is available via the published microsite and via options@srpa.co.uk.

KS5 Vaccination Programme

On Tuesday 11 February, we have agreed for the Vaccination and Rapid Response Team to come in to present an engagement session to KS5 students for Meningitis (MenACWY) and HPV vaccinations. Students may have missed these due to school closures during covid lockdowns. This is also an opportunity to be vaccinated for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DtP) if these are missing from their records.

For those that have/do consent to vaccinations following the engagement session, these will take place on Monday 24 February in the main hall.

Please let us know if you have any queries.

This half term feels like both a marathon and a sprint given the late nights, Year 13 examinations, parents' evenings etc. In the words of a Scottish historian: "Endurance is patience concentrated."

Let's have a successful final push to the end of term 3.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster