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HPV Vaccinations

Girls in years 10 and 11 are reminded that the final vaccinations will be done on **Wednesday (31st March)**. All these students should ensure that they have breakfast that morning.

Some reminders for early next term

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition

This departs on **Saturday 24th April**, returning on **Monday 26th**. Those students involved already have full details.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Our students are participating in the Eucharist Service at **10 am on Sunday 25th April** and all are welcome to join the congregation.

Sixth Form Recital Evening

Some of our senior musicians will provide an excellent evening's entertainment on **Thursday 29th April at 7 pm**.

Summer Uniform

Overall, the standard of uniform remains pleasingly high and we thank parents for their co-operation. For the whole of the summer term, the following code applies:

- Students need not have a jumper at any time **providing they are wearing the school polo shirt** with the County Upper crest, available from reception. It is recommended that all students have the school shirt for the summer term;
- Students **without the school polo shirt must continue to wear**

jumpers. Providing their shirt is plain white, they may ask their teacher's permission to remove their jumpers in individual lessons;

- All shirts must either be tucked in or sit within approximately 20 cm of the top of the trousers/skirt during the formal part of the day. If any student's shirt is too long, it will be necessary to tuck it in;
- Students **may not wear cardigans or other tops in place of their jumper**. They either wear the polo shirt or the shirt with a school jumper;
- **Skirts** can only be worn with plain black, grey or navy tights and must be a suitable length for school. The **short stretch skirts made entirely from elastic fabric are not suitable and must not be worn**. Similarly **"skinny" trousers** and/or those made from **jean fabric** are not allowed;
- **Leggings, patterned tights and combinations of socks and tights** are not to be worn;
- Students must wear **plain black shoes, not boots**. Backless shoes are unsafe and should not be worn;
- Hair must be a **single, natural colour**. Apart from a maximum of two studs per ear, **no visible piercings** are allowed.

ParentPay

After Easter, we will be introducing ParentPay to tie-in with the introduction of cashless catering. Parents will also be able to use it to pay for trips and other monies which are due. Further details will be available after

the holiday. Details can be found on www.parentpay.com.

2011 trip to Japan

This trip is open to EVERYONE in years 9, 10 or 11; there is no need to learn any Japanese. The 15 day visit will involve three or more different home-stays, visits to a wide variety of places including volcanoes and castles, travelling on the fastest of the ‘bullet’ trains, and days in school (speaking English!). The total cost of £1200 also includes access to a wide range of events in the UK including trips to London, residentials in Derbyshire and the New Forest, and the Pantomime in Bury St Edmunds! There will be an assembly for year 9 on this topic in May and a parents’ meeting in November but the 16 places usually fill up fast: letters available from Mrs Browning.

Year Group News

Year 9

All **option forms** should now have been returned to Mr Willis, via your children’s tutors.

Year 10

- Students who take **GCSE Geography** will have their field trip on **Thursday 22nd April or Tuesday 27th April**. Those involved have details.
- Year 10 parents will receive a letter through the post during the week of our return about the **parents’ evening** on **Wednesday 5th May**.

Year 11

- The **GCSE PE practicals examinations** will take place on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd April**.
- The **GCSE French and German speaking examinations** will take place from **26 April to 6 May** with the following teachers:

French

Mrs Duverne (26 & 28 April)
Mr Taecke (26/27 & 30 April)
Mr Staples (27/28 April)
Mr Goodchild (28/29 April)

German

Mr Snaith (4/5 May)
Mr Goodchild (4/5 May)
Mr Staples (5/6 May)

Exact timings will be displayed in the MFL corridor.

Years 12 and 13

Thank you to those parents who attended last night’s **parents’ evening**. We are confident that this will keep students on track to maximise their grades this summer. Do stay in touch with us if you require further help or advice.

Fixtures

29.03.10

U15 boys’ football v Samuel Ward (h)

31.03.10

U16 mixed trampolining competition at Sudbury Upper

“The Accolade”/ “The County Courier”

This month’s edition of “The Accolade” will be sent home on Wednesday, the last working day of the month. The next edition of “The County Courier” will be sent home on Friday 23rd April.

And so the term ends

This term ends next **Thursday 1st April** and students return to school on **Tuesday 20th April**. As “The Accolade” has shown, month by month, there has been a huge programme of extra-curricular activities this term and some first rate work in the classroom. Next term, of course, sees major public examinations for years eleven, twelve and thirteen. It is therefore important that students take advantage of the holiday both to get some rest and to engage in some thorough revision so as to ensure that they do themselves full justice.