



# ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

## Parent and Student Bulletin

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Information

#### Positive Covid Case- Reported Friday 13th November.

Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you that a member of the school community has tested positive for Covid 19. Further details have been issued to those who are classed as "close contact" or the group which has been asked to remain at home to facilitate effective learning for a specific cohort. These letters have been distributed by email to a parent email address.

Kind regards

Miss Barton

#### Christmas lunch

As a whole school, we wanted to bring Christmas cheer to the current circumstances for our students, we will be providing our traditional Christmas lunch, at school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, at a cost of **£3.35**.

This must be ordered and paid for using Parentpay and the deadline for purchasing a lunch is Friday 11th December. An email will be sent out with all information, but there will be no other lunch provision in school on Thursday 17th December, and there will be no option to pay on the day.

#### Nasal Flu and HPV vaccinations

Lockdown, Covid or not, and never mind who is Boris Johnson's Chief of Staff or leading the vote count in Georgia, we expect these to go ahead - but your child can only be done if you have registered them for it. We totally believe this process is in the interest of your child, but their vaccination is also necessary to help protect society as a whole and those who may not be able to be vaccinated for medical reasons. **If your child is in Y7 or Y8, please see below and act.**

### Actions

#### From the Exams Office

##### 1. Mock Exams - you need the right kit !

Years 11 and 13 have now received their personal timetables for mock exams in December and January respectively. These need to be checked carefully, and any apparent errors should be reported to the Exams Office as soon as possible. Students were also issued with a home study letter and detailed guidance notes. The latter are available on the school website (Menu > School life > Exams > Exam information) and it is also important that these are read in full, as there are some changes to procedures from previous years. In particular please note that students will need to bring their own calculator to any exam where they think that they may need one, and no equipment will be available to borrow, so we strongly suggest that several black pens should be brought to every session.

##### 2. Exam certificates - you need to collect and keep safe

Exam certificates from summer 2020 are arriving in school and will be available for collection on Tuesday January 5th (which is a school Inset Day). Full details are available on the school website (Menu > School life > Exams > Exam information). Please note that this will also be an opportunity for students who left the school prior to 2020 and who have not collected their certificates to do so. After this date certificates for leavers will only be available by post, for which a charge will be made.

**All Year 7 and 8 Parents/Carers - have you done this !!**

**Please consent for your child to have their immunisations:-**

**Year 7 Nasal Flu vaccinations - Monday 23rd November 2020**

**The electronic link will close 10pm Sunday 22nd November 2020**

<https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/FluConsentSAIS/Form1/#!/Page1> You will need this unique code number **EE138356**

**Year 8 HPV - Wednesday 25th November 2020**

**The electronic link will close 10pm Tuesday 24th November 2020**

<https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/HPVConsent/Form1/#!/Page> You will need this unique code number **EE138356**

**Any problems please ring the Immunisation team on telephone : 01727 732 061 or 01727 732 062**

**When being vaccinated please ensure your child wears a face mask and is wearing a short sleeved shirt or has their sleeve fully rolled up to assist the NHS Nursing team.**

## Thoughts

Wow.....it seems that the "world and his wife" were out last weekend enjoying the sunshine. I walked 8 miles on Sunday....but only because, according to Boris, that's one of the few ways that I can have a face to face conversation with anyone! But If you made it outside and into the sunshine.....then good on you!

This week (and next Monday for some) has been Remembrance week at StG's. The manner in which we show our respect for those who have gone before us, may have been different but it has been nonetheless sincere and heartfelt. At this time in our history it is good to reflect on a sacrifice that went beyond the benefit of oneself. Every year, as a I read the names of those who died, so that I may have freedom of thought and expression as well as an opportunity for free speech and the democratic vote (that's small 'd' not big 'D'), I often wonder what they would be thinking now as they look down on the StG's that is here today. Would they be pleased that our Chapel still exists and used for worship on a regular basis? Would they revel in the fact that our boarding community is still active and vibrant? Would they cheer on the fact that friendly rivalry still exists? Would Lister Goddard and Bertum Monk smile at the fact that we named something after them? Would the others be wondering why we didn't pick them? Would they love the fact that they can still see that we want to maintain that 'family' feel that their Headmaster was so passionate about, even if the family is slightly bigger now than it was then? I would be hopeful that they would recognise much of what goes on in our school.

But on the flip side I also wonder what they would be looking down at and lament the loss of. Would they marvel at the "things" that we have but be disturbed that we don't 'know' each other so well? Would they love the fact that we can travel with ease to any part of our globe, but in some ways destroy that world with other actions that we may undertake? And, in all of this I am left to wonder, that if given the same challenges as they face, would we respond in the same way. I have a fear that sadly, we would not.

The town within which we live may look and feel different, our society may have different norms within it, we may lead different lifestyles, but I would hope that as they gaze down on us that they would see that we still strive to be a family and community; that we protect and defend our core values as much as they did, and that our faith is still the bedrock on which we build our school.

100 odd years may have passed since their untimely deaths.....but we will always remember them and the sacrifice they made.

Lockdown weekend No. 2 is here. Perhaps the challenge this weekend is to take on the mantle of service that our young men and women who fought in both world wars exhibited, and to do something, however small, for someone else within our community.

Have a lovely one....keep up trying something new....and if the weather is good, I am sure I'll see some of you pounding a pavement or a footpath!

Enjoy  
Miss B

## Signposting

### National Anti-Bullying Week 16th to 20th November

Next week we will be promoting Anti-Bullying Week through assemblies, chapels, tutor base sessions, Student Services drop-ins, posters, displays and thoughts of the day. The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying' and the focus is encouraging all students to speak up and act if they see bullying in school or online.

If you would like some advice about how to support your child if you are worried about them, please click the link below:

[Supporting your child through bullying](#)



### Talking to Teens and Understanding your Teen - Course for Parents

Please click on the link below to see the wide range of courses that are being offered by 'Supporting Links' to help guide parents through the turbulent time of the teenage years.

[www.supportinglinks.co.uk/workshops.html](http://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/workshops.html)