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Dear families

Coronavirus vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

Today families of students in years 7-10 will have received a separate email about NHS England plans for COVID vaccinations for secondary school students. These vaccinations are being offered and organised by the NHS but will take place in school. Students have been sent home with an envelope containing further information in a leaflet, and a consent form. Families can say on the form whether they do or do not give consent for the vaccinations, and so we are asking for all forms to be returned by Wednesday 6th October at the latest. This will help us to effectively plan the school day based on the number of students being vaccinated.

Please note that NHS England are not offering vaccinations to Year 7 students who are still 11 years old, or to students in years 11-13 who can be vaccinated outside school via the national vaccination programme.

If you need further information about the vaccination programme, please see the links and contact details on the separate letter.

Fun run

In other news, I'd like to thank the PE Department and William Ellis School Parents' Association (WESPA) for the fantastically organised 3km fun run on the Heath yesterday. All students in years 7-9 took part and also some of their teachers. The boys can continue giving in sponsorship money to the office/their tutors until the end of this half term, or parents can use the online link [William Ellis School 3K Run 2021 \(virginmoneygiving.com\)](https://www.virginmoneygiving.com/WilliamEllisSchool3KRun2021) We are raising money for the school's PE department, for new after-school sports club kits and upgrading PE spaces and equipment. So far, we have already raised over £2,500 and it would be great to add to this total.

There were some great efforts by the boys, including those who walked part of the course and who did not believe that they could travel 3km on foot at the start of the afternoon – they showed great perseverance and resilience. Congratulations should also go to the following students for their excellent finish times:

Year 7

Luca 7L – 12:25; Harvey 7L – 12:25; Jack 7F – 12:28; Alex 7B – 12:32

Year 8

Gaspard – 11:54; Mohammed 8L – 11:59; Henry 8L – 12:00; Josh 8L – 12:08

Year 9

Zuheyb 9F – 11:50; Joseph 9W – 11:53; Norik 9W – 12:06

Next week, students are taking part in the National Cross-Country Championships in South London. We wish them the very best and hope that they are able to put in similarly good performances on that course!

Open events numbers and morning next week

We have now hosted several open events, including two open mornings this week when we had over 100 families visit the school. Our final Open Morning is this Tuesday – sign up details are on our website. I would like to thank once again the excellent student ambassadors who help the events run so smoothly and give our visitors a window into our student community.

Student Council elections

This week's assemblies have introduced students to elections for their House and Student Councils – each form is able to elect two representatives to serve on the Council for this year. The Student Council works towards our "More in Common" pledges, which they constructed in 2019:

Pledge 1: to take better care of the environment

Pledge 2: to take part in at least one house event and one activity outside lesson time

Pledge 3: to take part in fund-raising activities

Pledge 4: to contribute to the school community by taking on some responsibility

Pledge 5: to challenge prejudice and hate

Each form will also elect two Sports Leaders, who lead their forms in house competitions and ensure that their forms are always well-represented, giving everyone a chance to participate. Please do talk to students this weekend about why they might want to stand in these elections – for their own benefit and to help others.

Yours faithfully



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