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Dear families

Mr Altmann and I have led assemblies this week talking to students about the value of a fresh start for the new year, the importance of learning from our experiences in 2021 and why 2022 will bring new opportunities for all students. I hope that they are also positive about the start of the new term.

I am writing home briefly this week with two notices.

Firstly, to clarify information about the vaccinations and booster jabs in school in the coming week, as students were given permission slips in school today. Last week's letter said:

COVID vaccinations offered in school

In early February there will be a second opportunity for students aged 12-15 to have a Covid vaccination at school. This will include a second dose for those who had their vaccination last term and are eligible. <u>Year 9</u> <u>will also receive their teenage booster jabs next month.</u> Letters and consent forms for these immunisation programmes will follow in due course. These vaccinations are voluntary and permission will be sought from parents before the vaccination teams come into school. Students aged 12-15 will not be given vaccinations without parent/carer consent.

Families who may not want to wait until the immunisation team visit school can book via the national booking system: Another chance for 12-15 year olds to get vaccinated against COVID-19 - North Central London CCG or attend local vaccination clinics at the Roy Shaw Centre, Cressy Road, 4.30-6pm on Friday 21st January or at the Peckwater Centre, Peckwater Street, on Thursday 27th January, also from 4.30pm to 6pm. Older students and family members are also welcome to receive vaccinations at these events.

The sentence underlined above refers to the regular 14+ booster jabs: are tetanus, diphtheria and polio given at the same time as meningitis (https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/). These will be offered to Year 9 this half term, and to Year 10 after half term. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Messages for Year 11 students

The first important meeting of the year for Year 11 students is coming up: Parents' Evening, which will take place virtually on SchoolCloud on Thursday 27th January! Thank you to families who have already booked their appointments. If you have not yet done so, please book online: https://williamellisNW5.schoolcloud.co.uk/. Year 11 have started to complete their applications for LaSWAP during tutorial periods. A second part of this process needs to be done with your help - this will be put on Satchel One for families to see so that you can support students with their application. The deadline for this is 27th January.

Following this application, Year 11 students will be given an appointment for a guidance meeting which will take place on **Saturday 29th January**. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Students will receive a conditional offer for LaSWAP following these guidance interviews.

Yours faithfully

Izzy Jones, Headteacher