



Wykham Park Academy Banbury

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support in getting the new academic year off to a smooth start. The new year 7 cohort, despite the disruption to their year 5 and 6 formative years in school, have made a brilliant start and have settled in so well. The year 11s and year 13s have returned with a real desire to focus on their studies, despite the continued uncertainty about their examinations next year. We admire their resilience. We will of course provide an update for them as soon as we are made aware – with the appointment of a new Education Secretary (Nadhim Zahawi MP for Stratford-on-Avon) we are hoping for some news in the next few weeks.

There are various key updates to give you

Vaccinations

We have been told this week that students in our school will be offered their flu and Covid inoculations on the 4th October (Year 7, 8 and 9) and the 14th October (Year 10 and 11). Please note that vaccinations happen at school because this is where the children are together en masse and that we have nothing to do with the gaining of consent from families other than providing the details of who is on roll at school. We have received a number of messages from concerned parents who are worried we have a role to play in the consent process. We **do not play any role**.

Extra curricular activities

We are offering a range of activities for students to get involved in after school and there has already been a great uptake. It has been lovely to see students playing sport together again. We have also launched the next school show with students and the auditions are underway. This year we will be showcasing the Wykham version of Bugsy – no doubt it will be an amazing celebration of the talent that we have amongst the student body.

Foreign visits

I noted on Friday morning in the press that the government have made some changes to their rules on foreign travel. We have had to pause our foreign trips because our insurers would not underwrite them. We will review this decision once the new rules for travel emerge and we contact our insurers to see if they have changed their policies.

Some key reminders for all parents/carers

1. School starts at 8.40 a.m. and students should be in mentor time by 8.45 a.m.
2. The equipment list is on the website at:
<https://www.wykhampark-aspirations.org/information/uniform/equipment-list/> Various retail outlets have stationery at very reasonable prices at the moment in their “Back to school” sections.



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3. Any student who gets a K (not equipped properly for learning) or L (late for learning) will be kept after school for 10 minutes by their Period 5 teacher. We will monitor how many times this is happening for individual students and call parents in if their son/daughter is not improving.

4. We DO NOT accept swearing and foul language on our campus as I am sure that you don't at home. We are currently looking at what consequences we need to put in place as the pandemic seems to have led to an increase in the bad language that students now think is acceptable to use at school. We will let all parents know what we decide in the next week.

5. We are now permitting nose studs but they must be small and transparent only. For the elimination of doubt there should be only one pair of stud earrings and no other facial piercings, e.g. tongue, eyebrow, septum or mouth.

6. Nails should be kept short and not be painted unless with clear or nude varnish.





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Yours sincerely

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