

# Parent E-Bulletin – Spring Term Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **UKHSA Guidance**

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are <u>currently circulating at high levels</u> and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also <u>continue</u> to <u>be reported</u>.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.



There have been lots of updates and changes to some of the extracurricular activities for this half term.

Take a look and why not try something new this term! – The following link will take you to the new timetable:

**Engage Timetable Spring Term 1** 

# Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 12th January 2023, 6-8pm

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 learners,

The Options Evening will take place on Thursday 12th January 2023 between 6pm and 8pm.

	Hall for talk	Visit departments
X side parents/carers	6pm	6.15 – 8.00pm
Y side parents/carers	6.45pm	6 - 6.45 and 7 - 8pm

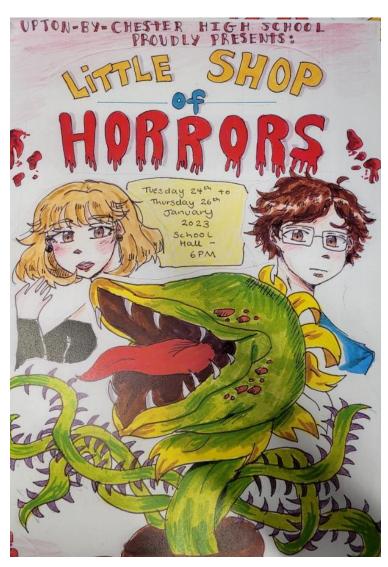
Further details of the Options Process will be sent via a separate letter.

We look forward to meeting you next Thursday.

Yours faithfully

Jon Arnull

Deputy Headteacher



## **Careers and Next Steps**

Click on the link below to see the latest information

## **Information from External Partners**

#### **Shared from Cheshire West and Chester**

Dear Parent and Carers,

Please find the latest news and events from the Parent Carer Forum, as a PDF, Link and QR code.

Please also see link about the - Holiday Access Fund (HAF) Winter Programme

Link:

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