



Parent E-Bulletin – Autumn Term Week Commencing 20th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the third week of term. It is even more surprising to see how much we have been able to do as a school community in that time. I am not going to attempt to share all the aspects of school life that have taken place - I will just highlight a few! Please do remember that you can always get more information from the school website and/or our social media feeds.

This week sees the end of the Year 11 PPE examinations. This has been a great opportunity for Year 11 to get a sense of a real examination season and how they can best approach this. I have to say that the way the learners have approached this has been very pleasing to see. I am certain that with this continued effort and resilience that learners in Year 11 will achieve a great set of outcomes.

Over the last two weeks we have welcomed parents and carers from Year 7 and Year 12 to a live Meet the Tutor Evening. It was great to see so many of you in school, if you would like to provide feedback on this event please see the message from Mr Oakley later in this bulletin. We have also had our Parent Forums in Key Stage Four and Five. These events provide a really good opportunity for us to talk to you about our school and how we continue to make Upton-by-Chester High School the very best school for every young person.

Looking ahead we have the following events still to take place in school before we reach the end of the Autumn Term:

Date	Event
Monday 20 th November	Maximising Success Model Workshop for Year 7 (during school)
Tuesday 21 st November	Key Stage 3 Parent Forum 5pm-6pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Careers Fair (during school)
Friday 24 th November	Year 13 Geography Trip to Stafford
Monday 27 th November to Wednesday 29 th November	Year 8 and 9 STEM trip to London
Thursday 7 th December	Year 9 Parents Evening (online)
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Music Celebration 6pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 7 Trip to Theatre Clwyd
Thursday 14 th December	Year 11 PPE Results Day
Friday 15 th December	School closes to learners at the normal time of 3.10pm

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr L Cummins
Headteacher

[Engage@Upton Updates](#)

There will be no basketball club on Monday 20th November due to fixtures and meetings.

Kind regards,
PE Department

Year 7 and Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening – Feedback

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to this opportunity to thank you for your support and time in attending the 'Meet the Form Tutor Evening on the 9th November 2023, it was so pleasing to see so many of you in attendance. I hope you found the evening useful and informative and worthwhile as part of our commitment to ensuring your child is happy and has begun to make the adjustment to high school successfully.

As we continually strive to improve our offer and shape future events we would welcome your feedback. If you could please take the time to provide feedback and any additional queries can via the **QR code or link below** it would be greatly appreciated.



<https://forms.gle/MhUPHXG1x7kCmYR97>

Kind regards,
Mr M Oakley
Assistant Headteacher- Director of Key Stage 3

Stay Safe Bulletin – November 2023

Please use the link below to access the Stay Safe Bulletin for November which focuses on Anti-bullying:

[Stay Safe Bulletin November 2023](#)

Kind regards,
Mr J Keegan
Assistant Headteacher – Director of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

School Canteen

The school caterers, Aspens, provide a variety of options to cater for all our learners. Details of the current menu on offer and Meal Deals available can be found [here](#)



Meal Deals represent a particularly good value-for-money lunch option for learners at **£2.70**. This is a very cost effective way for learners to get a good amount of nourishment, rather than purchasing items separately which would be more expensive.

You can add credit to your child's account via the school's online payment system [Scopay](#). If you do not have an online payment account, please email finance@uptonhigh.co.uk to request one.

Free School Meals

Learners in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) are allocated a daily allowance of **£2.70**, which is aligned with the cost of a Meal Deal. The allowance is applied to their account at the start of each day for the child to spend as they see fit, although it is intended for lunchtime provision. You may wish to consider providing extra food or additional funds to your child's account if they wish to eat something at Break as well.

Please be aware that any unused credit is not carried over and does not accumulate. Any purchases that take a child's spending over the daily allowance will be charged to their account, leaving them in deficit. In such instances, parents/carers will be required to top-up their child's account with funds to clear the debt.

Cashless Catering Balances

Please ensure that your child's catering balance is kept in sufficient credit that they are able to make their desired purchases. If for any reason a child does not have sufficient credit on a given day, they should seek out a member of school staff in the canteen to request support in that instance.

Whilst we exercise a degree of understanding and support, a report is run each Wednesday highlighting any learners whose accounts have fallen into deficit and a communication will be sent to the relevant parents/carers requesting that any negative balances are settled as a matter of urgency.

Please discuss your child's spending habits and choices with them so that they are aware of their options and are getting the most from their credit or FSM entitlement.

Kind regards,
Finance Department

Careers and Next Steps

Careers Fair Wednesday 22nd November

During the school day on Wednesday all learners will be visiting our Careers Fair. We have over 30 stalls confirmed ranging from colleges and universities to a vast array of employers. We hope your child will find this useful, no matter which year group they are in, as they strive to learn more about the opportunities available to them in the future.

Click on the link below to see the latest careers information

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ab57VM41x7_yzr0Q19PUj0r4KoWn--X2iSfZR7KI_yc/edit?usp=sharing

Information from External Partners

Shared via Cheshire West and Chester

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please find below link to the latest parent carer forum newsletter.

[https://mailchi.mp/17275f9da9dd/pcf-news-and-events-november2023?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/17275f9da9dd/pcf-news-and-events-november2023?e=[UNIQID])

Kind regards,

Emma
Emma Walker
Live Well Co-ordinator (Children's)
Early Help and Prevention
Cheshire West and Chester Council

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