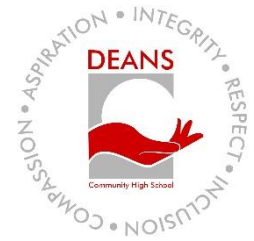


Parent Update

10 September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Flu Vaccinations

S1 students were issued with letters and consent forms this week for flu vaccinations. Please ensure that you read through the information pack and return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible.

Student Leadership Posts

I'm delighted to announce the appointment of this year's School Captain, Vice-Captain and Prefects. My congratulations go to the following students who will now take on these roles and I am sure they will do an excellent job of leading their fellow students this year.

School Captain Ashley Merson

School Vice-Captain Claire Reilly

Prefects Awais Ghaffar

Jessica Gorman

Jennifer Nicol

Amar Oyegun

Ruth Williams

Klay Wynne Cole

Student Council

S1 students will be taking part in Student Council elections on Friday 24th September. Any S1 students who are interested in putting their names forward for the elections are asked to see Miss Cunningham. Elections for other year groups take place every 2 years, meaning that last year's Council members will hold their places again this year.

The Student Council have been very effective in putting forward the views of students and bringing about positive changes within the school including, the move from 6 to 7 subjects in S4, the introduction of blazers, additional lockers and how the Pupil Equity Fund is prioritised. I look forward to working with them again to bring about further school improvements.

Extra Curricular

Music has always been a real strength at Deans, with students having the opportunity to learn a wide range of instruments and perform within the school, the local community and nationally. Now that instrumental lessons are free again for all pupils, we hope to see even more students take the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Anyone interested in starting lessons should speak to any Music teacher ASAP.

Lots of after school sports clubs have started once again, including rugby, hockey, football, basketball, badminton, netball, gymnastics, dance, fitness and table tennis. Any students interested in coming along are always welcome and it's a great opportunity to try out a new sport for free.

LFD Testing

We are continuing to encourage staff and students to do twice weekly testing for Covid at home using the LFD testing kits. We still have plenty of the kits here at the school for students to take home to use and these can be collected from the school reception during Tutor periods each day. If your child has not yet used these and would like to do so, the consent form (which only has to be completed once) can be completed online using QR code below or using a paper copy from the school office.



Please also ensure that your child's result is registered online at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Should your child be displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, a PCR test must be booked.

University Applications

The university application process is a fairly long one and has already begun for next year's places. Any student who is considering apply to university to start in 2022 should email Miss Thomson for more information on the process etc. All S6 students who are considering applying to university should have started their UCAS application. Any have not, should see Miss Thomson ASAP. A video session on TEAMS to look at Personal Statements will be held on Tuesday 7th September on the UCAS Channel (DCHS S6 Whole Year Group) to help with this.

Dates for your Diary

The following forthcoming dates should be noted:

Monday 20 th September	School Holiday
Tuesday 21 st September	School Holiday
5 th – 8 th October	Senior Phase Assessment Week
11 th – 17 th October	October Holiday
Monday 18 th October	In-Service Day

As always, many thanks for your continued support and I hope that you and your family remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect protocols, including booking a PCR test for your child and contacting the school when the result comes through to you.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning. You should then book a PCR test for your child and contact the school again when the result comes through. We can then advise you of the next steps to take.