



19 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

Work to take place on the courts

I wanted to keep you updated on the work that is planned to take place on the courts over the coming weeks.

Today, 19th January, we will be having a site meeting with our contractors and some military staff concerning the risk of finding any WWII ordinance and a review of radar absorbing materials. An appropriate risk assessment will be created to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

22nd January, we anticipate that the contractor site office and welfare unit will be put in place outside the school boundary on Alton Road. From this point staff and students will not be able to use the Alton Rd gate for entry or exit.

22nd January, we hope to move our outside catering unit, Bertha's, to the new location in the old car park opposite the Technology classrooms.

29th January, we will conduct a health and safety review of the site with our contractors to confirm that we can continue with the works and if it's safe to do so. Heavy plant will be moved onto the school site.

On January 29th we are likely to have a vehicle on the school site with *Bomb disposal team* written on the side. This is not because we are concerned that there is an unexploded WWII bomb on site, it is just that statutory requirements mean the appropriate team must be present in such excavations so that all proper measures and precautions are taken regardless of what is uncovered.

30th January, the dig starts. (This will be a series of exploratory holes to ascertain the extent of the subsequent work). The project window will be 4 days, but is dependent on decisions made at the various meetings held beforehand.

We are hopeful that Berthas will be operational in its new location by 29th January, but this will be weather dependent.

Online Safety webinar

You will remember that I wrote to all parents this week about the online safety webinar that has been made available to all parents. Unfortunately, the webinar is able to be recorded, so parents will need to log on live to watch it. Please see [here](#). As a reminder, the webinar is on **29th January 2024 from 7-8pm**

PTFA Meeting

All parents are invited to the PTFA meeting via Teams on Tuesday 23rd January at 6pm. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Vaccinations

Please make a note of the dates when Kernow Health will be visiting our school.

6th February 2024

DTP/ACWY for students in Year 9

(inc Year 10 & 11 who did not receive this in year 9)

Please follow the link [TDIPV MenACWY Vaccination Consent Form \(kernowimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://kernowimmunisations.co.uk) to give consent and QUOTE school code DV148369.

23 April 2024

HPV for students in Year 8

Please follow the link [HPV Vaccination Consent Form \(kernowimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://kernowimmunisations.co.uk) to give consent and QUOTE school code DV148369.

More information explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking [School Age Immunisation – Kernow Health | Keeping General Practice at the heart of patient care - Kernow Health | Keeping General Practice at the heart of patient care \(kernowhealthcic.org.uk\)](https://kernowhealthcic.org.uk)

Mobile phones

Many thanks to parents who have taken part in the mobile phone use consultation that we are running. If you have not yet had chance to take part and are interested to do so, please follow the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s23q1ha_kkmgEHn2jjmNvMoLmkr81ZpOgcGZtJxGD7ZURjNGTVRKNkY5RkdaMUE3Q1lGTTk3RIRS4u

Duke of Edinburgh award scheme

Parents will remember that our DofE manager unexpectedly left PHSG in term 1 this academic year. Our focus since then has been to put measures in place to support those students who had already signed up for the award scheme and this remains our priority. We have a new DofE manager and assistant manager in post and these colleagues have been communicating with parents and students who are signed up. However, we are aware that this leaves a gap in year 9 for new starters and we know that many students and their parents are keen to get involved in DofE as soon as possible. We are exploring ways of helping our year 9s to engage in the DofE this year but this will likely centre around signposting students to out of school organisations that can help. I will write again soon when I have more information and I am grateful to those parents who have made contact to offer their support.

Best wishes,



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