



## Parent Bulletin Friday 10th February

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term seems to have gone by so quickly and it seems hard to believe we are already at another school holiday. The shorter week for students this week has enabled some brilliant training to take place to ensure everything we do is of the highest quality.

As well as this week's staff training we have also had a range of reward trips for students who have achieved well across this half term as well as a Go Karting trip, Lodge visits, a visit to Heathrow Airport and a part in the Thames Valley Learning Partnership Music Festival. Every week is a busy week for us.

This week I have taken feedback from several parents who are keen that we share more details with them about areas we are helping students to better understand or which we are concerned about. This week I would like to alert you to concerns about vaping. Vaping is one of the biggest national concerns affecting young people, some of primary school age, at the moment. Vapes are cheap and easy to buy, students think they are harmless, parents cannot easily detect it and it is not yet fully understood. It is also a problem for all schools and some young people are becoming addicted to the chemicals in the vapes. I urge all parents to be vigilant about this, to not condone that child vaping and read news articles about the issues so you and they are well informed.

There are some key dates for your diary over the next half term.

These are:

27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 and Year 9 Immunisation Catch Up
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Proposed Teachers' Strike
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 and Year 9 Immunisation Catch Up
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Proposed Teachers' Strike
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Options Evening (to be confirmed)
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Parents' Evening
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term – 12:30pm dismissal

I hope you have a wonderful half term break with your children and we look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the usual time.

Best wishes

Mr P Collins  
Headteacher



## News and Information

### **SMART Schools Study Year 8 and 10 students – Mrs Goodyear**

Please see attached a flyer with information on Smart Schools Study, a focus group set up for parents to discuss smartphone and social media use at school.

### **Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby Opportunity**

Please click [here](#) details about Sunday rugby training opportunities at Slough Rugby Club

### **This week's Collective Worship reflection is:**

*Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, and hope when I feel rejected.*

*Please help me stay positive all the time.*

*Amen.*