Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, alford

A Selective Academy

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Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Upper School pupils who have achieved 25 Merits: Maisie Allen 12S
 Grace Sheldon 13S
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Award**: Joel Lock 7C
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved 40 Merits: Matthew Evans 9C
 Amelie Pearce 10C
 Leola Wright 10C
 Tillie Follett 13T
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Gold Merit Award**: Olly Heath 7S
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Platinum Merit Award**: Elsa Onaji 8S
- following Middle School pupil who has achieved 100 Merits: Jack Whitehouse 9C
- The following pupil who has attained their **Departmental Subject Colour: Mathematics** Madeline Whall 10C

The link for **Year 8 Option Choices** is now live. Year 8 students should check their HL tasks where they will find a link, choices should be <u>completed by 6.00 pm on Tuesday 30 April</u>.

The **Year 8 HPV vaccinations** are being administered on **Monday 13 May**. Please find attached a letter for your information, <u>your consent is required to enable your child to be vaccinated</u>.

Exam Information 2024 will be handed out to students over the next couple of weeks, a copy is attached for your information. This clearly outlines what is expected of students during formal examinations. Parents and students do need to be aware, that misbehaviour in the examination room is now classed as malpractice, and invigilators have to report this to the Exams Officer and myself. Students need to ensure that they read the information sheet attached making themselves aware of what they need and what is required of them.

We attach a PE Extra Curricular Timetable for your information.



Police UK have launched a national platform across England called <u>StreetSafe</u>, a service that allows you to report <u>safety concerns</u> in public places without giving your name (anonymously). This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you. *Please note: StreetSafe is not for reporting crimes or emergencies. If you witness a crime or emergency, please call the police on 101, 999 or report a crime <u>online</u>.*

It has been brought to our attention that the **UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA East Midlands Health Protection team)** has identified an increase in confirmed or suspected cases of **whooping cough (pertussis)** in school age children across the East Midlands region. Individual cases have been provided with advice, but we would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness regarding vaccination and symptoms of whooping cough to be aware of.

Whooping cough is caused by infection with pertussis bacteria. For most school-age patients, symptoms will resolve over a number of weeks, while for some, coughing can persist for a few months. The symptoms of pertussis include:

- a cough lasting several weeks following initial cold-like symptoms
- prolonged bouts of coughing ('paroxysms')
- post-coughing retching or vomiting
- a 'whoop' sound on breathing in
- rib pain

Find more information about whooping cough (pertussis) on the NHS website.

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Mr G Thompson Headteacher





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