



HBK Update, Friday 13 May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Plenty to say in this week's HBK Update!

Parent Focus Group – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

Our next Parent Focus Group meeting will be next Thursday 19th May at 5.30pm in Hinchingbrooke House Library. We will be discussing the Home School Agreement, following on from our last meeting on behaviour. We will then be discussing Diversity and will

be joined by one of our staff Diversity Champions, Miss Zander. The discussion question will be: **How far has Hinchingbrooke come so far on its Diversity journey and how do we continue improving inclusivity?**



If you did not previously attend the Parent Focus Group but would like to attend this meeting, you are more than welcome to! Please email Mrs Lowe on FLowe@hbk.acesmat.uk to confirm your attendance. You can find the notes from our last meeting on our website here: [Hinchingbrooke School - HBK Parent/Carer Focus Group](https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/parent-carer-focus-group)



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Year 11 and 13 Laptops – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

There are a number of students who have been loaned a laptop at some stage during their career at Hinchingbrooke School and still have these at home to help with their studies. Of course, we encourage the use of these devices until the end of the exam season to access GCSEPod, Bitesize and various other quality revision sites. At the end of this period, we would ask the students to make a decision regarding their device. Students can keep their laptop and use it for their next steps (Sixth Form or college) for a nominal amount of **£50** or they can return the device to us via School Reception by **Friday 8th July 2022**. There will be an option on Parentpay later in the year should your child decide to keep their device. For those who decide to return their laptop we ask that they bring it in to Reception, with their name and Form clearly visible alongside the laptop, by the 8th July deadline. Thank you.

Examinations and Masterclasses - message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Thank you for your patience whilst we set up the Masterclasses – it has been a huge undertaking, but one we feel will be thoroughly worthwhile. All Masterclasses **before half term are compulsory** and will help the students to get in the right frame of mind to go into the exam and perform at their best. Year 11 students will leave their timetabled lessons for the relevant Masterclasses, whilst Year 13 Masterclasses take place in the last lesson of the relevant subject before a paper (so if the History exam is Wednesday afternoon, then the Masterclass will either be Tuesday or Wednesday morning depending on the timetable). Year 13 students **will not miss other lessons** for their Masterclasses.

After half term the Masterclasses will continue for **invited/targeted students**. These are those students the subject teachers believe will benefit most – and on many occasions this is all of the students studying a specific subject. Students will receive a letter to inform them which sessions they have been invited to. It will also state

when and where the Masterclass will take place. If students have been invited to a Masterclass the expectation is that they attend.

[Examination timetables](#) and [Masterclass overviews](#) can be found in these links or by visiting the Examinations section of our website: www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/exams

The formal examinations start on Monday (16th May) with Year 10 RPE being the first 'into the breach'. With 4 year groups involved in the live exams, our exams team do an amazing job to ensure that all students get the access arrangements to which they are entitled and try their very best to ensure that students with extreme anxiety are looked after. There have been some late requests regarding rooms students sit in and the location within the exams room. Unless a student has a medical note giving a clear reason why such requests are necessary then we regret that such requests cannot be met.

Students are well prepared for the season ahead and we wish them every success in the next few weeks where they will show us what they can do. We continue to be here to support them in their last few steps. We are HBK!

If your child gets COVID-19 during the exam season

There is now a video on the website which explains the procedure if your child gets COVID-19 during the exam season, or indeed is too ill to come in and sit an exam. The video also explains what will happen if we have an outbreak of COVID-19 in school during the exam season. Please take a little time to watch the video so you have all the information you need. [COVID-19 and The Exams Season - YouTube](#)

Year 9 Exams

Students in Year 9 will have their exams straight after half term. These will take place in classrooms in the week beginning 6th June. Students will have revision tasks to complete to help prepare them for these exams. Also, they have access to a wonderful video revision site, 'GCSEPod'. There are videos for nearly all the subjects we study here at Hinchingsbrooke School, so it is definitely worth asking your Year 9 child if they are using it as part of their revision timetable.

Year 12 Exams

Year 12 exams will be taking place between **Thursday 23 June and Friday 1 July**. Students will be expected to be in lessons up to and including Wednesday 22 June, after which students will only attend their exams. The exams timetable is on the website for your convenience [Year 12 Exams Timetable](#)

Year 9 Exam Access Arrangements – message from Mr Sedgwick, SENDCo

Exam Access Arrangements: During the next two weeks all year 9 students will conduct an initial screening to identify who may qualify for any additional exam access arrangements, such as extra time or access to technology, which will apply to their GCSE formal examinations. This initial screening is a straightforward process which is completed online and will take place within one lesson. Once the results have been processed, we will be in touch to discuss individual results and next steps for the students who may qualify.

Year 10 Work Experience - message from the Careers Team



An enormous thank you to the parents/carers, students, staff and local business community for their wonderful efforts in supporting our Year 10 students to find a work experience placement for June 2022! When making the decision to reintroduce Work Experience into our Year 10 curriculum we knew we were making a bold decision, but the wonderful efforts of the HBK community mean that over 250 students have already secured a placement, with more coming in every day. Given the current climate this is a truly impressive performance, thank you! Students have found opportunities in places as far afield as Spain, Switzerland, France, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Bedford, Northampton, Milton Keynes and Peterborough. We can see the staff scramble for the visits starting now!

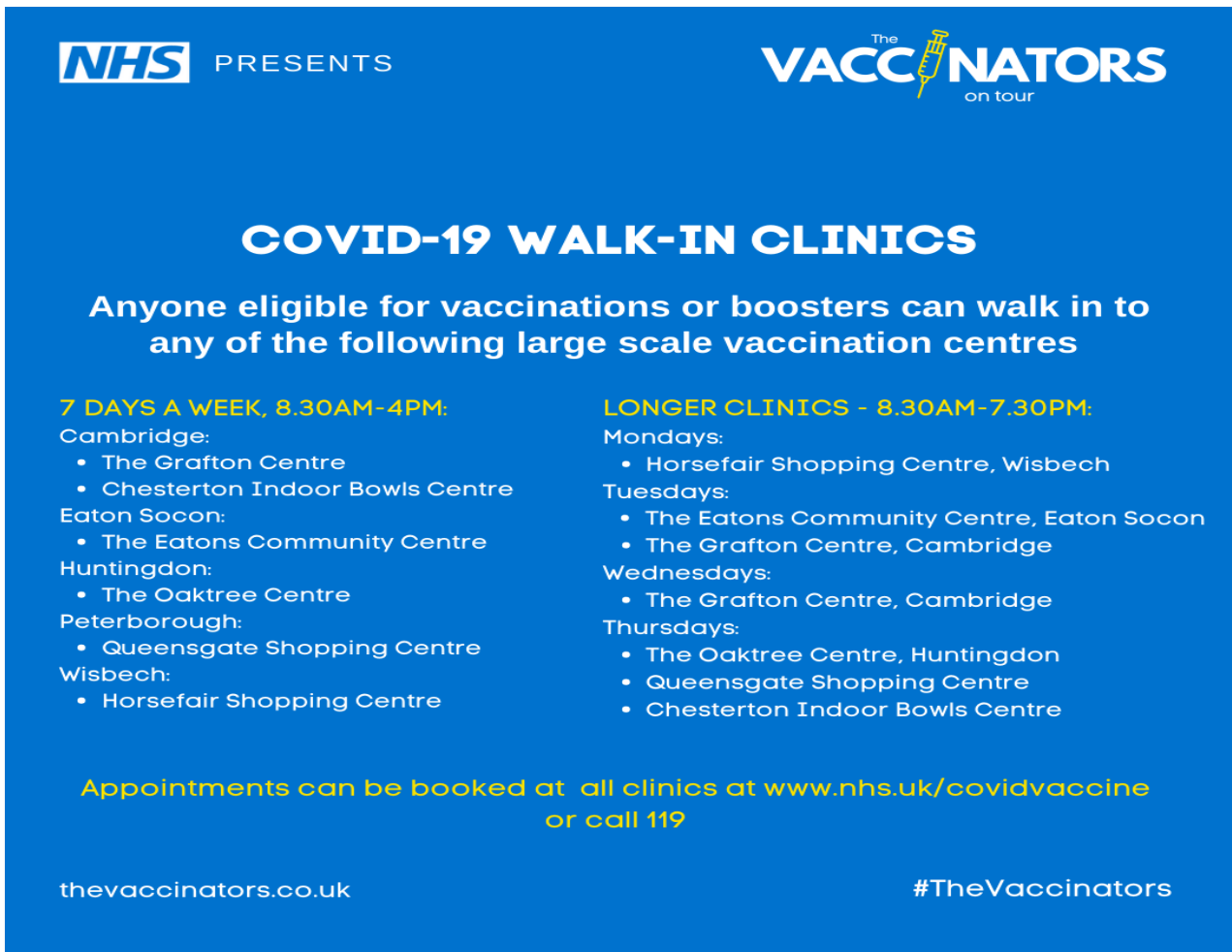


COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update – sent on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Local Authority

Anyone eligible for vaccinations can now walk-in to any of the large-scale Covid Vaccination centres. This includes 5-11-year-olds, and sessions are available at weekends and some evenings (see below details). Appointments can be booked if preferred. Local outreach sessions are also available, as well as sessions at a number of community pharmacies. Visit <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk/> for more details.

Fully vaccinated children aged 5 and over can now get an NHS COVID Pass letter for travel. It can be requested via the NHS website or by calling 119.

More info here: <http://nhs.uk/.../get-an.../get-your-nhs-covid-pass-letter/>



NHS PRESENTS **The VACCINATORS on tour**

COVID-19 WALK-IN CLINICS

Anyone eligible for vaccinations or boosters can walk in to any of the following large scale vaccination centres

7 DAYS A WEEK, 8.30AM-4PM:

Cambridge:

- The Grafton Centre
- Chesterton Indoor Bowls Centre

Eaton Socon:

- The Eatons Community Centre

Huntingdon:

- The Oaktree Centre

Peterborough:

- Queensgate Shopping Centre

Wisbech:

- Horsefair Shopping Centre

LONGER CLINICS - 8.30AM-7.30PM:

Mondays:

- Horsefair Shopping Centre, Wisbech

Tuesdays:

- The Eatons Community Centre, Eaton Socon
- The Grafton Centre, Cambridge

Wednesdays:

- The Grafton Centre, Cambridge

Thursdays:

- The Oaktree Centre, Huntingdon
- Queensgate Shopping Centre
- Chesterton Indoor Bowls Centre

Appointments can be booked at all clinics at www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or call 119

thevaccinators.co.uk #TheVaccinators

Fostering in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – sent on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Local Authority

We would like to share some information with you about fostering with your Local Authority – and what you can do to help us find safe, stable and loving homes for vulnerable children and young people.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fostering Service receives around 50 referrals every month, and we are doing everything we can to provide nurturing environments for our children and young person who need our help. We particularly need people who have experience of working with children, such as teachers, teaching assistants and other professionals from the education sector.

As your Local Authority, we are uniquely placed to support our Foster Carers in the following ways:

1. We are a not-for profit organisation and invest in our children, young people and Foster Carers
2. We enable young people to stay close to their family, friends and schools
3. Our carers are the first to hear about the children and young people who need a home and a loving family
4. If a decision needs to be made about the child, we can make it quickly as the Local Authority is the decision maker
5. We offer our carers excellent bespoke training and support

6. We are competitive in pay against IFAs with additional tax savings

If you can provide a safe, loving environment in which a child or young person who cannot live with their birth family can flourish, please get in touch:

- Call 0800 052 0078
- Text FOSTERING to 60777
- Email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or fosteringandadoption@peterborough.gov.uk
- Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering
- Follow @CCCFostering or @PCCFostering on Facebook

Health and Care Sector Work Academy

The Health and Care Sector Work Academy is a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority project, run by City College Peterborough, supporting residents across Peterborough and

Cambridgeshire to gain a career in health and care. Our project helps anyone in receipt of benefit (whether employed or currently unemployed) train for the Health and Social care sector.

We offer a range of FREE flexible courses that all fit around school hours for those that have care responsibilities. We also offer bursary support with childcare, travel and caring for a dependent adult – so we can take away most of the barriers to training. We work with a network of employers who can guarantee you an interview on completion of your course. You could be qualified and starting your new job in as little as 4 weeks!

Full details [can be found here](#)

This week's blog

This week's blog explains why 'rapid' progress is less important than sustained progress: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=651>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mark Patterson
Principal