

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our last Parent Bulletin of the year and what a year it has been! I have always been incredibly proud of our academy, the students, parents and staff, but this year has been a real privilege to work in a school which has gone above and beyond for our students and the community. I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for all your support during this pandemic. The twice weekly testing, the self-isolation of bubbles, working remotely whilst home schooling must have been incredibly stressful, but your support has been invaluable in trying to ensure we have prioritised our students' education and wellbeing.

The situation for testing in September has been outlined by the government and we have outlined this below. Whatever September brings, we will continue to do everything we can to ensure our young people are not disadvantaged and have the education, support and enriching experiences which they so richly deserve. Whatever, you do this summer, I hope you have a healthy and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming you and our students back in September.

Stay safe

Mrs C Horrocks
Principal

Uniform

Students are expected to return to school in September wearing their full uniform correctly and with pride ... this includes the school PE kit of t-shirt and shorts or black sports leggings. Students must wear shoes, not trainers, ensure ties are worn, skirts are not rolled at the waist and no sweatshirts or hoodies underneath blazers... this also includes no gel or false nails, facial piercings or unnatural hair colours.

If, in the current situation, you are unable to meet the cost of the uniform we may be able to offer financial support. Please email finance@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk.

It is important that we start the new academic year fully kitted out, with the correct equipment. This includes school bag, pencil case (with pen, pencil, eraser and ruler), reading book and a water bottle. This will mean they are ready for learning and in the right frame of mind for learning.

Assessment

Year 11, 12 and 13 Parents

All the information for Results Day is on the website, this includes the details of when you can collect your results and the Appeals Procedures. Please take the time to read these documents, there are clear instructions on how you will collect your results and what can and cannot be appealed. There will be staff on duty on both results days, they will be able to advise you on Sixth Form applications, career choices and what procedure you need to follow to appeal your results.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Parents

All Year Groups will have received a data update by the end of this term. The Year 10 students are coming to the end of a packed Assessment Week, teaching staff are pulling out all the stops to get the data out to you next week. Year 7 written reports are going through their final checks and will be released next week. Year 8 and Year 9 reports were issued earlier in the Summer Term.

If you do have any queries with any of the data that is shared with you, please email asseessment@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk.

Safeguarding

Over the remaining time this year we are pleased to support a local charity project, **You Before Two**, being planned by two local medical practitioners who are going to produce a short set of educational videos exploring students' concerns around sex and relationships. This is such an important area in ensuring our young people behave respectfully, responsibly and keep themselves safe and it links closely with our sex and relationships curriculum.

Dr Rebecca Foljambe, a local GP, and Dr Naomi Sutton are scheduled to start filming the videos in September for distribution into school during October ... these videos will be **built for the students** addressing their individual questions **completely anonymously**. Dr Sutton is a very dynamic NHS Sexual Health Consultant for the Rotherham Trust and is also star of the 'Sex clinic' on E4 and can be frequently heard on BBC radio and numerous podcasts. She is an Ambassador for the charity 'Eve' and does a lot of work as an HIV expert for the charity 'Saving Lives.'

We fail to realise a lot of their actual concerns because of their fear of telling us and we need to break this barrier down and educate them at the same time. As part of each video, they will pull the questions of our North Notts students out of a box. This is where they want our students to contribute ... we are hosting two boxes for students to post any questions they may have around sex and relationships anonymously. All they ask is for students to write their first name or a made up first name, (no surnames) so it is more personal when they make the videos. The boxes will be available in the Dome all next week during social time and if students post a question, they will be given a UB42 festival style bracelets/loveheart sweets (provided following feedback from students on how to persuade participation)

Any students off due to Covid contacts/illness can send their questions, which will be handled completely anonymously, to info@youbeforetwo.co.uk .

Please have a closer look at the work of this local charity and encourage your children to contribute to this project <https://www.youbeforetwo.co.uk/>

As the Covid restrictions are lifted, please be vigilant and curious about who your children are communicating with online and where they are going ... it is very easy for them to get hooked into a potentially dangerous situation without realising it. Check their phones and other mobile devices regularly and encourage them to have open and honest conversations with you, so you can be reassured they are behaving responsibly and staying safe

If, over the summer, you become concerned about the safety and welfare of your child and are in need of support, please contact safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk and a member of our dedicated safeguarding team will contact you to help. This mailbox will be checked regularly throughout the holidays

Year 7 and Year 8 Summer School

There is still time to book a place for your child at the Year 7 and Year 8 Summer School which is running in the last week of the summer holidays. It is free to attend and there is a range of brilliant activities such as archery rush and circus skills, as well as a chance to catch-on on missed learning due to Covid.

End of term arrangements - Buses

As communicated in the last Parent Bulletin, we are finishing for the summer break at 1300 on Friday 13rd July. Details of the rearranged buses are as follows:

- KETTLEWELLS 991 To be provided for 12.55 finish
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- KETTLEWELLS 100 To be provided for 12.55 finish
- MOXONS 993 To be provided for 12.55 finish
- UNITY 793 To be provided for 12.55 finish

All buses will leave at 13.00 prompt. Due to other commitments, they cannot wait for latecomers.

Normal Service Buses ...

- GEM MINI TRAVEL 195 no service available – if you are unable to collect your child from school or make alternative arrangements, we will transport home via school minibus. Please contact your child's Head of House if transport needs to be provided
- STAGECOACH 27* Leaves Randall Way Park, Hallcroft at 12.51 – Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30 to catch this bus
- STAGECOACH 29* Leaves Retford North Road at 12.57 - please note this bus will not stop at Torworth or Ranskill - students who would normally get off at these stops will be able to catch the Stagecoach 99 at Retford North Road at 12.47 – students will be dismissed from school at 12.30.
- STAGECOACH 42* Leaves Retford Bus Station at 13.35
- STAGECOACH 97* Leaves Retford Bus Station at 13.30

*For Health & Safety reasons, students catching the 27 and 29 must sign out at Reception before leaving school. They will make their own way to the appropriate bus stop. Students catching the 42 and 97 will be dismissed at 12.55 and will make their own way to the bus station.

Sixth Form Enrolment

Enrolment to the Sixth Form will take place on GCSE results day which is the 12 August. All students holding offers need to go to the Sixth Form Enrolment desk to register and enrol. If you are unable to make it on this day but still intend to register with us for the forthcoming academic year please email Mr Dainty daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk with your intentions to join.

Workshop Jobs Market

Please see the attached flyers

Calendar

Start of term arrangements:

Year Group	Wednesday 1 September	Thursday 2 September	Friday 3 September	Monday 6 September	Tuesday 7 September
7	Testing				
8			Testing		
9		Testing			
10			Testing		
11		Testing			
12		Testing			
13			Testing		

Years 7 to 11 will be invited to the academy for a lateral flow test as indicated above. They will be allocated a 5-minute slot after which they will return home. They will then return to the academy on the following working day subject to a negative test result.

Years 12 and 13 will be invited to the academy for a lateral flow test as indicated above. Following a negative test result, they will then be able to return to their induction sessions/lessons on the same day.