

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and surviving Storm Babet. The outlook from my office is very wet. With one week to go until October break we have started our Y11 mock exams. Next Friday is a teacher training day, so term ends for students on Thursday at 3.20pm.

### Careers

The school is committed to providing students with the appropriate advice and guidance about careers. Over the last half term students have been receiving careers information from NUFC foundation and Y11 are having one to one meetings with our careers advisor. We recognise that for all students knowing about the world of work enables our young people to make informed choices about the future.

### Student Success

The further mathematicians in Year 12 and 13 took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge earlier this month and there were some great results. Most of the students gained a Gold, Silver or Bronze award and the highest achievers are invited to take part in further assessments. Alice D and Anna-Maria K (Y13) and Tom C and Jack B (Y12) qualified for the next level of challenge, the Senior Kangaroo. Peter C (Y13) was awarded Best in School and has qualified for the prestigious British Maths Olympiad Round 1. This is a 3.5 hour test to be held in November.

### #WakeUpWednesday

#WakeUpWednesday is a weekly parent and child friendly online safety guide from National Online Safety. If you think this is helpful to you and your child, signing up so you receive the update every Wednesday is easy using the following link. <https://nationalcollege.com/auth/login>.

This week from #WakeUpWednesday: what parents and carers need to know about EA Sports FC: download the Free online safety guide [here](#).



### MMR / Measles

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. Education settings are being asked by the Department for Education to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles to encourage parents to get their children vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

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Additional information

Please find information attached with the bulletin:

- Flyer from DISH about free lunches available during the holidays
- Electric scooter information from Northumbria Police
- Health awareness campaign from Diabetes UK North

Yours faithfully



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