



# Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

## Term 6 – End of Week 3 Update

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, the school held it's 11<sup>th</sup> Sports Award Evening at the Technique Stadium in Chesterfield after a two-year COVID hit absence. This event celebrates and recognises the breadth and depth of our sporting talent, commitment and contributions across the whole school. A variety of individual and team achievements are awarded as staff, students and parents and carers reflect on a successful year at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School.

The event was another example of the many things that made me feel so strongly about wanting to be a part of the school and community. The atmosphere, energy and positivity was a joy to behold and it was a special night to be part of. It is remarkable just how many students participate in the sporting offer, whether this be clubs, activities or competitive fixtures and that they engage with real enjoyment and commitment.

It is one thing to have talent in an area but a totally different thing to show the level of drive and determination to be a success in that area. The level that students perform at on a regular basis is remarkable, achieved by the hours of training and hard work that this requires. Through this, success is achieved at school, local, regional and even national level. However, it is more than this, as shown by the smiles and happiness amongst the students as they receive their recognition and awards. This truly is wonderful and the students need commending on their successes.

As part of the night, ex-student Jack Shephard presented the awards and gave an inspirational talk on his sporting achievements. To have a back to back world Paralympian badminton champion who is ranked world number one presenting the awards was a real wow moment and a shining example of how with hard work and determination you can realise your dreams.

Next year we will look to develop the evening further so that we can ensure even more students and families can enjoy the event. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet demand for places and were saddened and apologetic that not all members of the community were able to attend the event who would have liked to have been there.

It was excellent though to see the return of another major school event as we continue to transition from the pandemic and we look forward to sports day and the sponsored walk with real excitement.

Yours sincerely

Mr M J Cooper  
Headteacher



## **INSET/Professional Learning (PL) Day**

The school will be closed to students on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for an INSET day.

## **Skatepark Petition**

We are delighted to inform you that the skatepark petition and concept was discussed at a recent town council meeting and there has been subsequent contact with the school to discuss taking the project further. The school has also received contact from parents/carers and businesses to offer support. Exciting times lie ahead!

## **Updates to Personal Details**

Please ensure you have notified the school if there is a need to update your personal details, such as telephone numbers or addresses, so that we have the right information in order to contact you if required.

## **School Food**

We are pleased to update parents and carers on the improving provision of food from the DHFS Catering team. Student feedback in recent questionnaires highlighted this as an area they wished to change. They spoke, we listened! The consensus was for fewer hot meals and a wider range of grab and go style foods to take away from our diners. Although we are unable to make sandwiches to students' requirements on the spot, we have introduced a pre-order service to allow individual choice from a number of different breads, fillings and salad toppings. These change daily and are already proving highly popular with students and staff alike. You will be pleased to know that our hot meals remain, rotating on a four-weekly cycle with menus available on our web-site.

## **PCCE – Parent Carer Consultation Evenings 2022-2023**

Thank you for taking part in our recent Parent Carer Consultation Evening Survey. The consultation process was a useful exercise which provided a detailed set of requests to consider. We are working through these requests and will initiate them where practicable. In terms of format, the results show a clear desire to continue with the virtual mechanism via the SchoolCloud software virtual platform, with 76% of families voting for the virtual model being their preference.

In addition, the majority of families voted to keep our current appointment length of 5 minutes for Key Stage 3 and 4, and 10 minutes for Key Stage 5. Please remember that we always encourage discussions regarding your child's progress with parents and carers. If longer appointments are needed to explore specific issues, or if a concern occurs before or after a PCCE event, then please contact your child's teacher or House Progress Leader to discuss further.

## **Summer Term CEA Events**

There is an Art Exhibition on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June between 4.00pm and 8.00pm in the Fanshawe Hall. A display of paintings, drawings, printmaking, 3d work and photography will on display in the Fanshawe Hall. This exhibition showcases work created by our talented students from a range of year groups, particularly Year 11 and 13 students who have recently completed their GCSE and A level courses. You are welcome to arrive at any time between 4.00pm and 8.00pm. There are no tickets for this event.

## **Arabian Nights- Summer Production- Fanshawe Hall**

KS3 students are presenting this exciting production at 6.00pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Arabian Nights tells the story of Shahrazad, who cures the cruelty in the heart of the Sultan through the telling of magical stories, saving the lives of all the young women in the city. The stories include: Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and Aladdin. Tickets will be available from July 1<sup>st</sup> on ParentPay.

## **Vapes**

Please be aware that we continue to have concerns regarding some students vaping. This has been a growing issue in society amongst teenagers, as has been documented. There is a letter on our website which was posted in May. The link is [Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School - Letters Home \(dhfs.uk\)](https://www.dhfs.uk/parents/letters-home)

### **Sixth Form Leaders**

We are currently interviewing for our next cohort of Sixth Form Leaders, who have numerous leadership roles and responsibilities to support the school in moving forward. We have already been impressed with the number and calibre of applicants and look forward to the recruitment process being concluded.

### **Train Station Access**

We are exploring different avenues to try to move forward the situation regarding the closed off wooden bridge next to the train station. Students should not be using the train station footbridge to gain access to the other side and there are concerns for health and safety with them doing this. Consequently, we are meeting with the local MP, Lee Rowley, next month to see what actions can be taken.

### **NHS Immunisations**

The DfE have asked to forward the following message:

'The [national routine childhood immunisation programme](#) has a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of children and communities and is vital to reduce the spread of infection and prevent outbreaks. In addition to the flu and COVID-19 vaccines that have been offered to school-aged children this academic year, teenagers are routinely offered 3 vaccines in secondary schools:

[human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine](#) in Years 8 and 9

[menACWY vaccine](#) in Year 9

[Td/IPV \(3-in-1 booster\)](#) in Year 9

The delivery of these routine adolescent immunisation programmes has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine coverage is still not at pre-pandemic levels. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) are reminding parents and carers about the important protection these immunisations provide. They are also encouraging take up and catch up of vaccinations for anybody who has missed out.

Education and childcare settings have a vital role to play in supporting the routine immunisation programme. It would be very helpful for settings to share information with parents. Further information can be found in the [UKHSA immunisation guidance](#).

A wide range of immunisation support resources for educational settings are available which can be shared with parents. They can be ordered on the [health publications website](#) or by calling 0300 123 1002. For further information, please email [immunisations@phe.gov.uk](mailto:immunisations@phe.gov.uk).

### **Parent App**

The school has chosen to go with 'Class Charts' as our new software underpinning the new parent app, after a rigorous period of research. The product is used to great effect by a number of schools and will enhance our systems in school. We are currently undertaking due diligence in securing, installing and syncing all the programmes and data before rolling out training programmes for staff and a launch for parents and carers ready to go for September.