Dear Student,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are having a restful summer break. I am writing to you to highlight some important information that you need to consider before you return

to school.

You will be aware that the government guidelines relating to Covid 19 have changed significantly over the summer and as a result the school will be operating differently when you return in September. New guidelines allow for more social mixing. For example there will be no staggering of lessons and break times and you will be attending assemblies with your year group. The full risk assessment will be available on the school website at the start

of September.

The government is also offering the vaccination to all students of sixth form age.

If you are 18 (or turn 18 within the next 3 months) you can book your vaccination now via

the NHS website, linked here. NHS Vaccination Booking or by calling 119.

If you are 16 or 17 you will shortly be given the opportunity to receive your first dose of Covid-19 vaccination. You cannot book an appointment until you have been contacted by your GP or the NHS directly. When you are contacted you will be given clear instructions on

how to book your vaccination appointment.

The majority of people who are in hospital with Covid-19 are unvaccinated and therefore the government advises young people aged 16-17 years old to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others from Covid-19. I would urge you to carefully consider getting vaccinated as soon as you can. Being vaccinated protects others and yourself. It should reduce the risk of illness and ultimately mean you do not need to have time off school,

therefore improving your educational experience.

More information on the vaccination and who can receive it is available here. <u>NHS</u> <u>Vaccination information</u>.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,

Miss S Tumelty Head of Sixth Form