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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share an important and time-sensitive health update from the NHS.

Following a rise in cases of Meningitis B (MenB) in parts of the UK, the government has launched a **one-off, free vaccination campaign** this summer. This program is specifically designed to protect young people before they transition into higher education, work, or shared housing, where the risk of contracting the disease is significantly higher.

While teenagers are routinely given the MenACWY vaccine in school, most current sixth-formers have **not** been vaccinated against Meningitis B, as the baby vaccination program only began in 2015.

This temporary NHS scheme is strictly eligibility-based:

- **All current Year 13 students** (born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008) are eligible, regardless of their post-school plans.
- **Students under 25 starting university** or moving into residential further education for the first time this autumn are also eligible.

Note: Students currently in Year 12 do not fall into the birth-date range for this specific catch-up campaign, unless they are turning 18 early or fast-tracking into university this autumn. However, they will become eligible when they reach Year 13.

The vaccination is being delivered through participating community pharmacies. You or your child can check eligibility and book their appointments directly online using the link below:

[Book a MenB Vaccination Appointment Online](#)

If your child is in Year 13, they may also receive an invitation directly via text, email, or the NHS App. Please encourage them to take up this offer to ensure they are protected.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,



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