

Dear Student,

We understand that you are currently in Year 11 and will be leaving school at the end of this academic year, now is a good time to check that you are up to date with your childhood immunisations.

### **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)**

This will have been offered to you when you were in school Year 8 and 9. As of September 2023, it is now a 1-dose programme (previously 2-dose). It protects against strains of the Human Papilloma Virus, which has been linked to causing cervical cancer as well as other cancers of the head, neck and genitals. The vaccine also protects against genital warts.

### **Tetanus Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)**

This would have been your fifth and final booster for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio, as you should have received three as part of your baby immunisation schedule and a fourth before starting school.

The MenACWY vaccination protects against Meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and Septicaemia (blood poisoning), both of which can be life threatening.

The majority of universities also require new students to have had this vaccination prior to commencing their studies, as older teenagers are most at risk from these strains of Meningococcal bacteria.

### **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**

If you have not had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine, you will need to be caught up.

There have been outbreaks of Measles in the UK, so it is very important that you are vaccinated with 2 doses to provide full protection.

If you believe you have missed any of your childhood immunisations, please contact us via phone or email using the details at the top of this letter. We hold clinics at local children's centres across our district.

You can also check the childhood immunisation schedule on the NHS website using the following link:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Yours faithfully,

School Aged Immunisation Service – CWP