Weekly Update for Parents and Carers 9 October 2026

Harvest Giving

During Collective Worship this week, we launched the first **Charity Event of the year: Harvest Foodbank Donations.** The game during our Collective Worship 'The Price is Right' demonstrated to students that the donation doesn't have to be cost a lot to make a difference. If every student and member of staff donated one item (examples were a box of Hoops Cereals 98p or Tin of Kidney Beans 33p) we would collect over 1200 items for the local foodbank which would make a massive difference to support those in need in our local community. There is a collection box in the KS3 Canteen every morning...final day for donations is Friday 16 October). Packet and tinned goods only please – no fresh produce allowed.

Attendance Matters

Attendance across all years remains strong. Thank you to parents and carers for your support in getting students into school every day.

Our aim is for all our students in DCS to be in BAND 1 (over 95%). Our **Year 7 students** will be taking part in our first Attendance Competition with points going towards the House Cup. The **2-Week Streak** starts on Monday 12 October with every student in the form aiming to get a streak of 10 consecutive days of full attendance before half term.

Flu Immunisation – reminder from the Medical Officer Miss K Smith

A reminder that **IntraHealth** will be in school on **Monday 12 October** to administer flu vaccinations. The deadline to **give or refuse consent** is **Sunday 11 October** – see email for details.

PSHE Curriculum Update

As part of our PSHE programme, which is delivered through the tutor programme, students occasionally explore topics that may be sensitive in nature. Over the next two weeks:

- Year 7 and Year 10 students will be learning about grief and bereavement.
- Year 11 students will be discussing pregnancy as part of their PSHE curriculum.

These sessions are designed to support students' personal development and wellbeing in an age-appropriate and respectful way. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's tutor or Mr Saunders, the PSHE lead.

Year 10 and 11 Students Careers Evening

Post 16 Careers Evening on Tuesday 13th October from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Please check emails for more information and to confirm attendance.