

Dear Parent(s) & Carer(s),

It has been wonderful to welcome and settle our pupils back into school this term. Please find below a series of pastoral updates and notices for your awareness and engagement.

1. Benedict's Law: Working Together to Keep Children with Allergies Safe

This year, schools across the country are required to strengthen their approach to allergy safety through the introduction of 'Benedict's Law'. For our families of children with allergies, this means greater consistency in how our school identifies risk, supports pupils and responds in an emergency.

At UoBS, we will ensure staff are trained, appropriate procedures are in place, and we will work carefully to keep pupils with allergies safe whilst fully involved in school life.

We ask parents and carers to play their part by keeping us informed of any allergy diagnoses, providing up-to-date medical information and medication where needed, and letting us know straight away if anything changes. By working together with care, responsibility and respect, we can make sure every child is safe, supported and able to flourish.

For more information on Benedicts Law, allergies or anaphylaxis, please click on the links below:

[\[anaphylaxis.org.uk\]](http://anaphylaxis.org.uk), [\[allergyschool.org.uk\]](http://allergyschool.org.uk)

2. Positive Praise

This academic year we introduced an additional mechanism our staff can utilise to praise pupils. The 'Golden Ticket' will be issued via ClassCharts in the same way a green stamp is, but it is worth 5 additional points towards the pupils' college. The focus for the golden ticket this term is the quality of work produced.

We celebrate those who are achieving the Golden Ticket in weekly form time celebrations on a Friday, as well as in Friday morning line up.

If you can't access your ClassCharts parent account, please contact your child's Pupil Pastoral Manager who can support you with this.

3. School Counsellor Support

As you may know, we benefit from an in-school Counsellor. Pupils can request a 'drop-in' meeting with the Counsellor. If you wish to **opt out** of your child receiving this support, should they request it, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/fheN1Cgg64> For longer sessions of counselling support, we always seek your consent.

4. Online Safety

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting pupils' wellbeing, we'd like to remind parents and carers about the importance of monitoring their child's online activity. Regularly checking social media habits and interactions can help keep young people safe and encourage positive digital behaviour. The attached letter provides more detailed guidance and practical tips on how to support your child in navigating the online world responsibly. A very useful website for parent guidance and advice is: www.nationalcollege.com

We are very grateful for your continued support and partnership in helping to keep our school community safe.

If you have any further questions about your child's pastoral care whilst at UoBS, please contact their Pastoral Manager in the first instance.

Kindest regards,

Mr J Bennett – Assistant Principal (Character, Conduct and Welfare KS3)

Miss C Exton - Assistant Principal (Character, Conduct and Welfare KS4)