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### **First dose of the HPV immunisation to students in year 8**

Dear Families,

Vaccination UK's Waltham Forest team of nurses will be visiting **Walthamstow Academy** on **Thursday 6th October 2022** to administer the first dose of the HPV immunisation to students in year 8.

The HPV vaccine helps protect people from being infected by the human papillomavirus. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life. For more detail on the exactly what the vaccine protects against, please click the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet/information-on-hpv-vaccination>

**To provide consent for your child to receive the HPV immunisation at school you must complete the e-consent form HERE – <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2022/walthamforest>**

**The deadline for completing this online consent form is end of the day on Friday 29th September 2022.**

**\*\*If you do not want your child to receive the immunisation, you MUST complete and submit the form, ensuring you fill in the DO NOT CONSENT section on the appropriate page. Please note: Young people and children under the age of 16 can consent to their own treatment if they are believed to have enough intelligence, competence and understanding to fully appreciate what's involved in their treatment. This is known as being Gillick competent and this form of consent may be obtained by the nursing team for any students where parents have not completed and submitted a form and are not reachable by phone on the day of the immunisations.**

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