

July 2026

Dear Students, Parents & Carers

Free NHS MenB Vaccine

As you may be aware from recent news reports, it has been confirmed that all young people born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 (current Year 13 students) are eligible for a free MenB Vaccine to help protect against meningitis and septicaemia.

Two doses are required, with the second dose to be administered at least 4 weeks after the first. To help make this available to our students, we are hosting a dedicated vaccination day in college on **Wednesday 26 August** with appointments available from 10am onwards. This is being provided in conjunction with Holden's Chemist (Bentley and Scawsby).

Students do not necessarily need to receive both doses from the same provider. Therefore, students who are leaving home to start university can receive their first dose in college and could complete the course either with Holden's Chemist or through another participating pharmacy or healthcare provider closer to their university.

During the appointment, students will be provided with:

- Information on the new NHS MenB vaccination programme and eligibility criteria
- MMR catch-up vaccination awareness
- Advice on registering with a GP when moving to university
- Managing repeat prescriptions away from home
- Information on contraception options and accessing contraception services while at university

IMPORTANT!

To be included in the vaccination day, please register your interest here as soon as possible:

<https://holdenschemistexpress.co.uk/menb-vaccine/>

Yours sincerely,



Helen Jackson
Principal

FREE NHS MenB Vaccine

PROTECT YOURSELF BEFORE UNIVERSITY

The MenB vaccine helps protect against **meningitis** and **septicaemia**. It's now available free on the NHS for eligible young people and students.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for a free NHS MenB vaccine if:

-  You were born between **1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008**
(current Year 13 students)
- OR
-  You are under 25 and starting university, higher education or residential further education for the first time in 2026/27
You may need to show evidence of your place.

 If you are unsure whether you are eligible, scan the QR code or visit the link below to check.



2 DOSES FOR PROTECTION

- ✓ 2 doses are required
- ✓ Second dose at least 4 weeks after the first
- ✓ First doses available until **31 December 2026**
- ✓ Second doses available until **31 March 2027**



CLINIC DATE AT COLLEGE

Wednesday 26 August 2026
at New College Doncaster



CAN'T MAKE IT AT COLLEGE?

You can have your first dose with us and your second dose at any participating pharmacy or healthcare provider after you've moved to university.



CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY & REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR code or visit:

 holdenschemistexpress.co.uk/menb



SHARE WITH PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Make sure your parents see this information so you don't miss out.



NHS APPROVED

The MenB vaccine has been used in the UK for many years and has a strong safety record.



FREE ON THE NHS

There is no charge to you if you are eligible.



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