

Week beginning Monday 7th December 2020 (Week A)

Important dates

- Cambridge Technical Exams- many of you have exams after Christmas. Please create a revision timetable this week.
- Forward notice.... Mock Exam Week: These will take place in the week 8th-12th February (in 6 school weeks)

To prepare please keep going over work you have done in class and Year 13s please make sure you are going over Year 12 work.

- Exams: This week the government made clear exams will go ahead in the summer with some adjustments which we will find out about in January.
- > Subject mentoring continues again this week- please see later on in the Bulletin which subjects are this week
- > Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day- pay £1 please for Save the Children
- Friday 18th December: Start of Christmas Holidays (we finish at the end of period 3- no UCAS club as school will close early)
- Friday 15th January (6pm): Final date for sending UCAS applications but ideally we want them all sent by Thursday 17th December (6pm).

Please Note!

 The ICT suite in the Sixth Form Centre goes quiet after school at 3.30 pm each day. This is to give you an extra facility to work in, without distraction, as we start heading for some January exams and coursework deadlines loom.

Please note!

- Please wear your lanyard at all times in school if you have lost yours or it is broken please see Mrs Booth
- Please use the sanitary bins provided in the toilets for all used sanitary items



Charity Matters.....

We have received news from the Comic Relief fundraising team that the Kimberley School has made it into the top 100 of schools for fund raising. This is a massive achievement and certainly goes to show that all your hard work really does benefit those less privileged. How nice this is to be recognised and to use their words 'genuinely incredible work'

A massive thank you bought and proudly
You raised



to everyone who displayed their poppy £208.48

Our next Charity Event is on Friday 11th December



Please pay £1 and wear you Christmas Jumper to raise money for Save the Children





Safety matters

 Please don't let anyone in to school using your lanyard....only yourself.

A number of students aren't wearing their lanyards- this is a safeguarding requirement so please do so.

Thank you for continuing to wear your face masks and please remember to observe the 2m distancing



guidelines around school.



- If you forget your mask please see Mrs Booth, but do be aware that we have limited funds to keep supplying them. (If you can donate 50p if you need one – that would be great).
- Please wipe down the tables and chairs after lessons or when you have been using them, you can use the wipes or sanitising spray in the room.
 PLEASE REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER EATING AND REGULARLY THROUGH THE DAY
- Wiping down: please wipe the keyboard/ table before you work on it
- Please also remember that you should not closely congregate together during break and lunch.
- When working in the Common Room or any classroom you should work facing forwards at all times.
- Please stay in the 6th Form areas at break and lunchtime if you are on site. Please do not go to the main canteen.
- Please don't share drinks etc. and please think about how you are standing when chatting- are you too near? Please keep to the safety advice.





 Please be very quiet when moving around main school during lesson changeovers- especially at the moment as Year 11s are completing their mock exams.



The New 6th Form Centre

 Please continue to use the bins provided for your rubbish including chewing gum as this is really hard to remove from surfaces and looks horrible. We have a litter picking devise that you are welcome to borrow, so if you see litter and are willing to help keep the place as perfect as possible come and borrow it!

- **Toilets:** Thank you for following the 'lid down' policy- please continue to do so.
- Eating in the IT suite: Due to safety measures we are aware there aren't enough seats in the Common Room so we understand that until this changes some of you will need to eat upstairs in order to sit down. As the floor is carpeted in the IT Suite we really need a complete 'no crumb policy' up there please. Please wipe the table before you sit down to eat and wipe as you leave as lessons take place in there. We have put more chairs in there and tables. There is no reason to sit on a table so please don't ©
- Please also don't turn chairs around, unless you are keeping a 2m distance.

Study periods

Thank you all for respecting our quiet study period in the Common Room and in the IT suite.

Remember, if you need a quiet place to study, the Common Room and IT suite are open until **6.00pm each day**. It has been great to see so many of you using it already to work in before and after school.

If you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, during study periods or after school please see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space for you. Please don't use the Meeting Room without permission and please don't eat in there.





<u>Signing in and out</u>: Please make sure you take a few seconds to sign into the Common Room when you arrive and sign out when you leave the school premises (for example if you are going out for lunch). This will help us to have a clear idea of who is in school should we need to evacuate in an emergency.

Use of the Internet in school... it is for study use ...

You are probably aware that we are having some problems with the internet provision in the 6th Form centre. Therefore, please don't use your phones to access anything that isn't necessary for your studies as this is, our IT technicians tell us, having an impact

We know many of you use your phones to access websites to help with your studies, but please be aware that the ICT staff can see what you are downloading – please don't sit and watch films downloaded from Netflix or endless YouTube videos. This time is valuable study time to do homework, write up notes, research etc and is affecting those who need access to the internet for academic purposes. Thank you.

Role models: Please set a good example at all times

Please do not use your phone publicly when moving around school. As Sixth Formers, you play a big part in setting the work ethic around school. If younger students see you on your phones then they may feel that this is acceptable behaviour.

Dress Code

Just a reminder to all sixth form students that although there is a non-uniform policy, appropriate clothing is expected to be worn, school is a professional environment and the way we dress needs to reflect this.

Joke of the week:

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?



Jacob Jennett, Ryan Patel and Ciaran Smith— 10th December

Lauren Thorpe — 11th December





Year 13 - UCAS applications..... 43 applications have now been sent.......

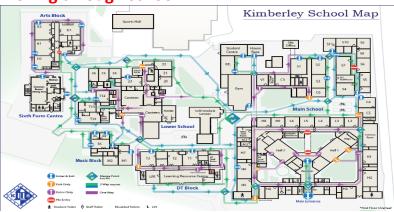
Miss Iwanczuk and I are trying to be available at breaks and lunchtimes in the IT Suite as well as after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please see your tutors with your Personal Statements so that they can check them to save time.

Please talk to Mrs Booth and Mrs Livings, as well as subject teachers about references, to discuss when you are hoping to get yours sent off.

We do have until 15th January as a final deadline, so if you haven't made a start you may like to discuss with Mrs Livings the option of sending after Christmas

<u>The one way system</u>: Please note the direction you must go around main school when wanting to leave school.....turn left on entry and keep going around.

Please, please be aware that lessons are going on all day around school- you must move quietly around when leaving and moving. Please wear a mask when moving through school.



Main school can be accessed via the main reception however it will only be possible to either enter reception or turn left on arrival:

- During the day students will only enter main school via the rear door (facing the gym) and will
 turn left to pass the language classrooms and then all the way around until H4 where they will
 have no choice but to exit by the doors adjacent to the boy's toilets.
- Access via the door adjacent to the boy's toilet is only permissible to students who have lessons
 in H4 and H5. Students should line up outside the toilets on the markers and will be collected by
 staff teaching in these areas.
- H6 and C5 classrooms use their own external entrances/exit doors





6th Fo<u>rm centre one way reminder</u>

Sixth form

Students requiring access to lessons should enter the Sixth Form Centre via the main entrance and use the front staircase, keeping to the left within the corridors. Students should exit via the rear staircase to reduce congestion. Students requiring access to the common room should enter via the side door opposite the Art block. They should either leave by the rear exit to the garden or go through to the foyer and up the stairs to access lessons.

If you need to speak to a member of staff please use the window at the office or the office door from the common room observing the 2m rule and wearing a face mask if you want to talk to a member of staff. Face masks need to be worn in the foyer, stairs and corridors of the new centre

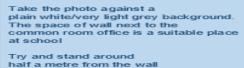
A message for Year 12s about their photos on their lanyards which are their Year 11 uniform photos....

Would you like to update your photo on the school system?

We know that some of you still have old Year 11 photos on there are, and now look different so we have asked to see what can be done about this. At the moment, it will just be updated on the system, not on lanyards.

Mr Draycott has kindly offered to update your school photo with one you email to him, if you follow the rules outlined here.

Email your photo to reprographics@kimberleyschool.co.uk from your school email address.















Joke Answer

The Christmas alphabet has No-el!!





Financial help in the Sixth Form

<u>Bursary</u>: If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please use the following link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjl0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1JJSkg4Si4u

If you have received free school meals in Year 11 or your parents have an NHS Exemption certificate you will certainly be entitled to a monthly payment from school to help you. Additionally, if your parents earn less than £20,000 you will be entitled to help (If the household income is less than £25,000 you may also get some help. If you have received free school meals in the past you are entitled to them again, from the 6th Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

Careers Advice

We have the careers advisor in school for some extra sessions before Christmas on Wednesdays. If you would like an appointment please see Mrs Booth

Emails

Please keep checking your emails, this is a vital tool for helping us communicate important information to you. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

SMHW

You should all have login details for this, please see Mrs Booth if you have forgotten yours

<u>Ready to Learn:</u> Please prepare properly before your lessons. Subject staff will set work for forthcoming lesson. If you fail to do this you will not be ready to learn and your progress, given the amount of sheer content at A Level, will be seriously affected. Please be, '*Ready to Learn'*.

<u>Hot drinks-please don't walk around</u> with hot drinks unless they are in a covered top cup-all it takes is for you to be bumped in to and someone could get burnt.





<u>Please do not take holidays in term time:</u> Please do not book holidays during term time. Please talk to your parents about this. Year 12 break up for the summer on 23rd July next year so please ensure your parents know this.

Subject Support

Media Support

Miss O'Brien has offered additional support with Y13 in her classroom Weds B Period 1,

There will be reading materials, the computers and paper/printers etc. should you need them too.

Don't miss out on extra help!

Maths support in school: A very important message from Mr Jolly

Additional Mathematics Support Sessions

When?

Monday 7th December: Year 13 only - Calculus Methods with RJ in LR1 15:15 - 16:00

Thursday 10th December: Both Years - Mathematics Drop-In session. Meet in Room 29 at 15:10

Monday 14th December: Both Years - Problem Solving with RJ in LR1 15:15 - 16:00

What?

Monday sessions are additional revision lessons, where a whole topic is recapped, with a specific focus on how the key learning points are applied to exam style questions. As with any lesson, you are expected to make detailed notes and complete practice questions during these sessions.





Thursday drop-in sessions are designed to give you the opportunity to get detailed, individualised support with your independent study. BEFORE the session you should identify your own areas of weakness or misunderstanding by completing independent study. Then, at the session, you can talk one of our Mathematics Teachers about how to fix these problems. You are expected to bring you own further practice questions to the session so that you can immediately practice implementing the advice you have been given.

Safety

Monday sessions are conducted in such a way that the same safety protocols for normal lessons can be applied.

Thursday sessions may require that mini bubbles of students and teachers work in separate rooms and this will be coordinated at the start of each session (depending on the attendance for that session).

Subject mentor sessions on the timetable for this week are as follows:

Wednesday: History, Media

Thursday: Photography, Psychology

Please make the most of these opportunities Year 12. Year 13s are putting a lot of thought in to the sessions and really want to help you.

Other opportunities...

Medicine and Dentistry Opportunities

Applications for the King's College London <u>Online Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series</u> are now open. The lecture series is **open to students from across the UK for the first time**.

Over the course of the lecture series students will hear from a variety of guest speakers from different areas of medicine and dentistry. Last year's lectures were given by GSTT clinicians and included topics such as Psychiatry, Trstiauma, and General Practice. They will also learn about the different elements of applying to medicine and dentistry including the UCAT, Personal Statements, and Interviews. Lectures will be held online on Wednesday's at 6-7pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2021. The first three lectures will take place on 03 February, 10 February, and 17 February. The remaining nine lectures will take place in Spring, Summer and in the run up to applications in October.

For more information about eligibility criteria and to apply, <u>students should follow this link</u>. The deadline to apply is **10:00 Monday 18 January**.

The Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series is kindly sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Barbers.

NHS opportunities

Are you interested in the opportunity to have a live 20 minutes virtual Q&A session with an NHS member of staff from one of the following areas:

- Training, Education & Development
- Pharmacy
- Human Resources





- Finance
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Emergency Surgery

We can't do a practical live session with you but each member of staff will talk about their role and their career progression. Students can send in questions beforehand to be answered at the session.

Please see one of the sixth form team if you are interested

Future Doctors Week - Online

April 12th - April 16th 2021

Online Medical Work Experience and Application Masterclass Course.

Click on the link for more information

https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/future-doctors-week-online

Do you want a Healthy planet? What about this challenge

Sherwood Forest Hospitals provide outstanding healthcare in Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark, Sherwood and parts of Derbyshire and Lincolnshire. We work with 5,000 colleagues in our three hospitals – King's Mill, Newark and Mansfield Community. The National Health Service (NHS) is committed to taking action on climate change and improving public health along the way. The NHS has launched its own grassroots campaign 'For a Greener NHS' to encourage staff and hospitals to cut their impact on people's health and the environment.

The Trust's Climate Action Team is working for a greener NHS and are reviewing the health implications of climate change.

Brief

This project is for junior and secondary school students. We would like students to run a campaign or create a project to raise awareness of how healthy people can help towards a healthy planet. This could include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Air quality
- Alcohol & drugs
- Diet
- Exercise
- Mental health
- Recycling
- Sexual health
- Smoking





Tree planting.

Following the campaign/project students are asked to create a short PowerPoint presentation to explain what their objectives were and how they met these objectives and submit their entry into a competition.

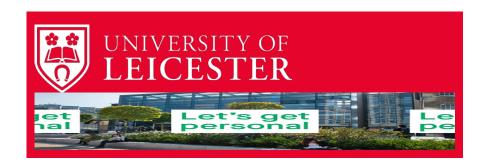
Deadline for submission of entries:

31/03/21. The entries will be shortlisted by the Climate Action Team and the winning team will receive a prize.

Email entries to:

sfh-tr.nottsworkexperiencehub@nhs.net

Year 13 Personal Statement help.....are you struggling to get going?



Personal Statements.....

This is a vital part of your UCAS application, and it's what really distinguishes you from everyone else. Other people will have the same GCSEs and the same predicted grades as you. What is it that makes you different and special and the sort of student that your chosen university (hopefully Leicester!) will really want?

Our academics say...

We asked the Admissions Tutors in some of our subjects for tips and advice, and they identified six key things to consider when writing your personal statement:

- 1. Sell your enthusiasm and your passion for the subject
- 2. Show you have the right character
- 3. Use your past experience
- 4. Be confident, stand out from the crowd
- 5. Talk about your aspiration
- 6. Pay attention to detail

Read more advice from our Admissions Tutors.

Our students say...

We also asked Charlotte, one of our student ambassadors, for her tips, which you can read on her





blog.

Charlotte says: "It is so much better to go into greater depth on a couple of points than to skim quickly over a lot of things."

Remember...

Don't expect to knock your personal statement off in one go. There's an old saying: 'writing is rewriting'. Most people write far more and longer than they need to, so take out the waffle and the bits that aren't relevant. Use plain English where you can. Don't try to show off - you'll get no extra points for using longer words!

When you're completely happy with your personal statement – print it out and proof read it. Then get other people to proof read it. Then proof read it again.

Want to know more?

We've designed a pool of activities to help give your statement that additional boost it needs to score a 10 on the judges scorecard.

More opportunities....Year 12 and 13

Please see below an amazing set of 'virtual opportunities' where you can find out about a possible future career pathway/course.

The Young Artist Programme



- Master your medium
- Brand your talent
- Pitch to experts
- Curate an exhibition



23rd - 24th January 2021





The Young International Development Expert Programme



- Execute a humanitarian project
- Pitch sustainable strategies
- Advocate climate commitments
- Complete post-disaster evaluations



30th - 31st January 2021

And a great set of 'Educational opportunities': Please see below a set of free <u>lectures</u>

Gresham College's free public lectures (running since 1597).

Our lectures are delivered by world-class experts in fields ranging across the arts and sciences. For teachers, they are highly relevant to the school and post-16 curriculum. For students they are a resource for careers advice, EPQ projects and UCAS statements. They are currently held online, and we have a searchable back catalogue of 2,500 free digital lectures on our website (ordered by school subject at www.gresham.ac.uk/schools).

2020-21 LECTURES:





ASTRONOMY

A series called <u>Cosmic Vision</u> by Astronomy Professor Katherine Blundell, and another by Visiting Professor Roberto Trotta, <u>The Unexpected Universe</u>.

BUSINESS / ECONOMICS

A series on <u>The Psychology of Finance</u> by Business Professor Alex Edmans; a series on <u>Intergenerational Justice</u> by Visiting Professor Martin Daunton.

CLASSICS

A three part series on **Great Thinkers** by Visiting Professor Edith Hall.

ENGLISH

The <u>Powers of the Novel</u> by Visiting Professor John Mullan, a one-off lecture on <u>Offensive</u> <u>Shakespeare</u>, a series on 'classic' film, <u>Exploding the Film Canon</u> by Visiting Professor Ian Christie.

GEOGRAPHY

Two short series about the environment, <u>Our Connected World</u>, and <u>How to Build a Just and Prosperous Planet</u>, by Professor Jacqueline McGlade.

HISTORY

A fascinating series on <u>Evil Women</u> in history by Professor Joanna Bourke; a series on <u>England's</u> <u>Reformations</u> by Professor Alec Ryrie; a <u>Black History Month</u> series; a series about <u>Darwin</u> and his impact by Visiting Professor Jim Endersby and lots of <u>one-off lectures</u>.

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<u>Great Ideas From Computer Science</u> by Professor Richard Harvey, which includes algorithms, data, programs and networks; a lecture on <u>AI and Humour</u> by Visiting Professor Yorick Wilks.

LAW / POLITICS / CITIZENSHIP

<u>Death, the State and Human Rights</u> by Professor Leslie Thomas QC will discuss police restraint and inquests into deaths in custody (Black Lives Matter); <u>The Politics of the Courtroom</u> by Visiting Professor Thomas Grant will weigh the balance between politicians and the courts.

MATHEMATICS

Gresham Professor Sarah Hart will look at <u>Mathematics in Music and Writing</u>, Professor Kevin Buzzard will ask <u>Will Computers Outsmart Mathematicians</u>, Dr Kit Yates discusses <u>The Maths of Life and Death</u>.





MEDICINE

<u>Major Debates in Public Health</u> by the Chief Medical Officer for England Professor Chris Whitty, and <u>Performing Medicine</u> by Visiting Professor Roger Kneebone includes a lecture on knife crime.

MUSIC

<u>Russian Piano Masterpieces</u> by Music Professor Marina Frolova-Walker; <u>100 years of BBC Radio</u> by Visiting Professor Jeremy Summerly; Dr Xenia Pestova-Bennett will look at <u>Toy and Cyborg Pianos</u>.

News Item of the Week:

The Covid vaccine is approved...who will get it first?

By Philippa Roxby Health reporter

The UK has become the first country in the world to approve mass use of a Covid vaccine for people aged 16 and over.

<u>Immunisations with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine</u>, approved by the British medicines regulator, the MHRA, could start early next week for people in some high-priority groups. The first delivery of vaccines has now arrived in the UK.

Nine groups of at-risk people have been prioritised to have the vaccine in the first phase, with care home residents and workers at the top and frontline health workers and the over-80s next.

However, logistical challenges with ultra-cold storage and transportation of the jab means getting it to care homes may take a bit longer.

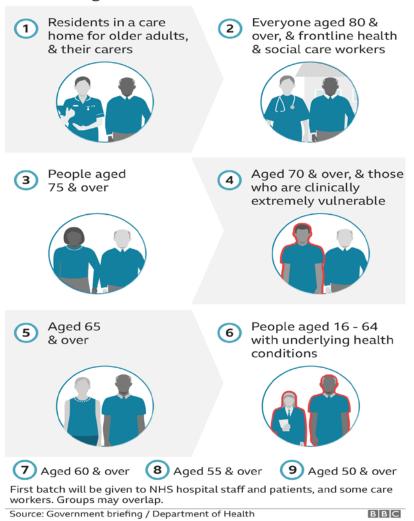
Prof Jonathan Van-Tam, England's deputy chief medical officer, said there would be "blending of the top two groups" because of technical issues with a "delicate" vaccine.

And he suggested that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, which is waiting for approval from the UK regulator, would be easier to roll out in care homes and would "hopefully be approved before Christmas".





Who will get the Pfizer vaccine first?



When will I get a vaccine?

Broadly, vaccines will be given to the most vulnerable first, as set out in <u>a list of high-priority</u> groups from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation above, starting early next week.

The UK is expecting 800,000 doses - enough for 400,000 people - which will be shared out fairly across the four UK nations.

- Scotland has already said it is receiving 65,000
- Northern Ireland will get 25,000
- Wales will start vaccinating people on Tuesday

Each nation is taking a similar approach, carrying out vaccinations, initially, from hospital hubs.

The first people vaccinated are likely to be the over-80s, workers in care homes and NHS staff, including the vaccinators themselves.





As soon as there is clarity on how smaller batches of the vaccine can be transported safely, care home residents will be next on the list - probably from 14 December.

People will be vaccinated twice - 21 days apart - and full immunity starts seven days after the second dose.

The nine priority groups - around a quarter of the UK population - are thought to cover 90-99% of those at risk of dying from Covid-19, according to the JCVI.

The older you are, the higher your risk of becoming seriously ill or dying from the virus - and that risk rises sharply beyond 70. People with underlying health conditions are also vulnerable to the virus.

The second phase of vaccination, which won't start until well into 2021, will focus on the under-50s.

Local NHS and public health teams will be given some flexibility to allocate vaccines to other atrisk groups, including people from ethnic backgrounds and deprived communities.

Where will I get a vaccine?

You'll be invited to book an appointment to get a vaccine as soon as it's your turn, probably by letter.

Vaccinations will take place:

- in hospital hubs, around 50 of which are in England, initially
- in thousands of GP surgeries as stocks become available
- in sports stadiums and conference centres acting as major vaccination hubs
- care homes will receive stocks too when logistics are confirmed

The NHS is recruiting 30,000 volunteers to help with the rollout, including lifeguards, airline staff and students - who will be trained to give the jabs.

media captionHow will the new Pfizer vaccine work?

I'm pregnant - should I be vaccinated?

For precautionary reasons, and because the vaccine was not tested on pregnant women during the trials, the official advice is that you should wait until after the birth of your baby.

There is no suggestion the advice is based on any safety concerns with the vaccine.

Pregnant women are likely to be low down the list of priority groups anyway because of their age, and may only be offered a vaccine in the second phase in 2021.

Can I pay to be vaccinated sooner?

No - this vaccine is being rolled out free to people via the NHS.





You can't jump the queue by paying for it, but there should be plenty of vaccine to go round.

Will the Covid vaccine be safe?

The UK medicines regulator does not authorise any vaccine unless it believes it is safe.

The MHRA assesses all the data, ensures a vaccine works and that all the necessary trials and checks have been completed.

It studies:

- lab and clinical trial results
- manufacturing and quality controls
- product sampling
- testing of the final product

The regulator is doing this as quickly as possible without cutting corners, because these vaccines are a priority.

Drug companies making the vaccines have been sending trial data to the regulator regularly since their trials started, which has also shortened the process.

The MHRA also seeks advice from another independent body, the Commission on Human Medicines, before advising the government on a potential vaccine.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the fastest ever to go from concept to reality, taking just 10 months.

The Oxford-AstraZeneca team has now sent all the data on its vaccine to the MHRA for approval, as has Moderna, and other vaccine developers will follow.

In the event the UK has a choice, the JCVI would advise which vaccine should be used for different groups of people.

- Your Questions Answered: Will I need a vaccine passport?
- Covid vaccines: Who decides if they are safe?

Where is the vaccine made?

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, the first to be approved in the UK, is being manufactured and distributed from Belgium.

The first consignment has now arrived in the UK and will be sent out to hospital vaccination centres across the four nations.

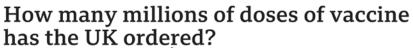
<u>The vaccine has to be packed in specially-designed "thermoboxes"</u> containing dry ice which store the vaccine at freezing temperatures of around -70C, necessary to keep it stable.

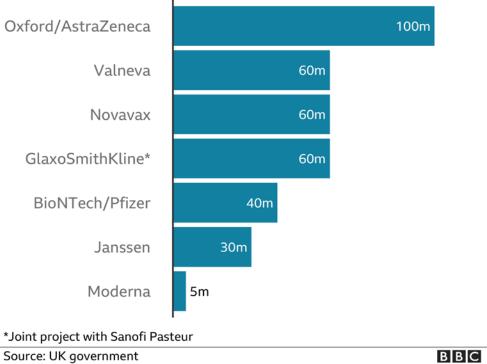
It can only be moved once from there, and must be kept in batches of around 1,000 doses.





At that point, it's a race against time - they can be kept at fridge temperatures (2-8C) for five days and up to six hours in a cool bag to enable them to be taken to care homes and other sites.





Will everyone be vaccinated?

The eventual aim is that as many people as possible over the age of 16 receive a Covid-19 vaccine.

That would be more than 50 million people - a huge challenge.

There is no timeframe on this momentous task, but it's clear that's the long-term plan in 2021.

The NHS has plenty of experience delivering vaccines to huge numbers of people, for example this winter's flu jab should reach 30 million.

A Covid vaccine won't be compulsory though - no other vaccines in the UK are, and experts say this approach doesn't help create confidence in the vaccine.

At present, the government has ordered seven different types of vaccine and expects to receive 355 million doses, including 100 million of the Oxford/AstraZeneca one.

If everyone needs two doses, that would certainly be enough for every adult in the UK.





Quote of the week

BE THE PERSON THAT MAKES OTHERS FEEL SPECIAL. BE KNOWN FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY.

