



# PENDLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have agreed to be part of a pilot programme to develop a partnership with the UCLan School of Medicine and Dentistry. This will involve student doctors (in their final year) working with us on placement days and we have some exciting ideas as to how this could develop.

For example, in the future we are hoping to provide our KS4 and 5 students with mock surgery visits which will support their preparing for adulthood pathway, including Developing Independence and maintaining Good Health. The medical students would also like to meet with parents and carers and discuss/share their experiences, particularly as parents of a child with SEND and how it feels to be on the other side of the doctor's desk. Other opportunities will be to contribute to our current programme of parent courses, on a variety of health-related topics, support students and pupils with health information linked to our PSHE curriculum and experience the wide variety of daily, medical linked practice, that is carried out in the community.

The first student doctors will be visiting us on January 30<sup>th</sup> with their Tutors: Dr Catja Schmitgen and Dr James Fleming. We are aiming to set up a programme of events throughout the day for the doctors. If you would like to be involved in future parent (mock) surgery's, be willing to share your experiences or simply have any questions about the initiative discussed above, please email me at [jchatburn@pchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jchatburn@pchs.lancs.sch.uk).

I will send out further information on any workshops planned at a later date.

Yours sincerely

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