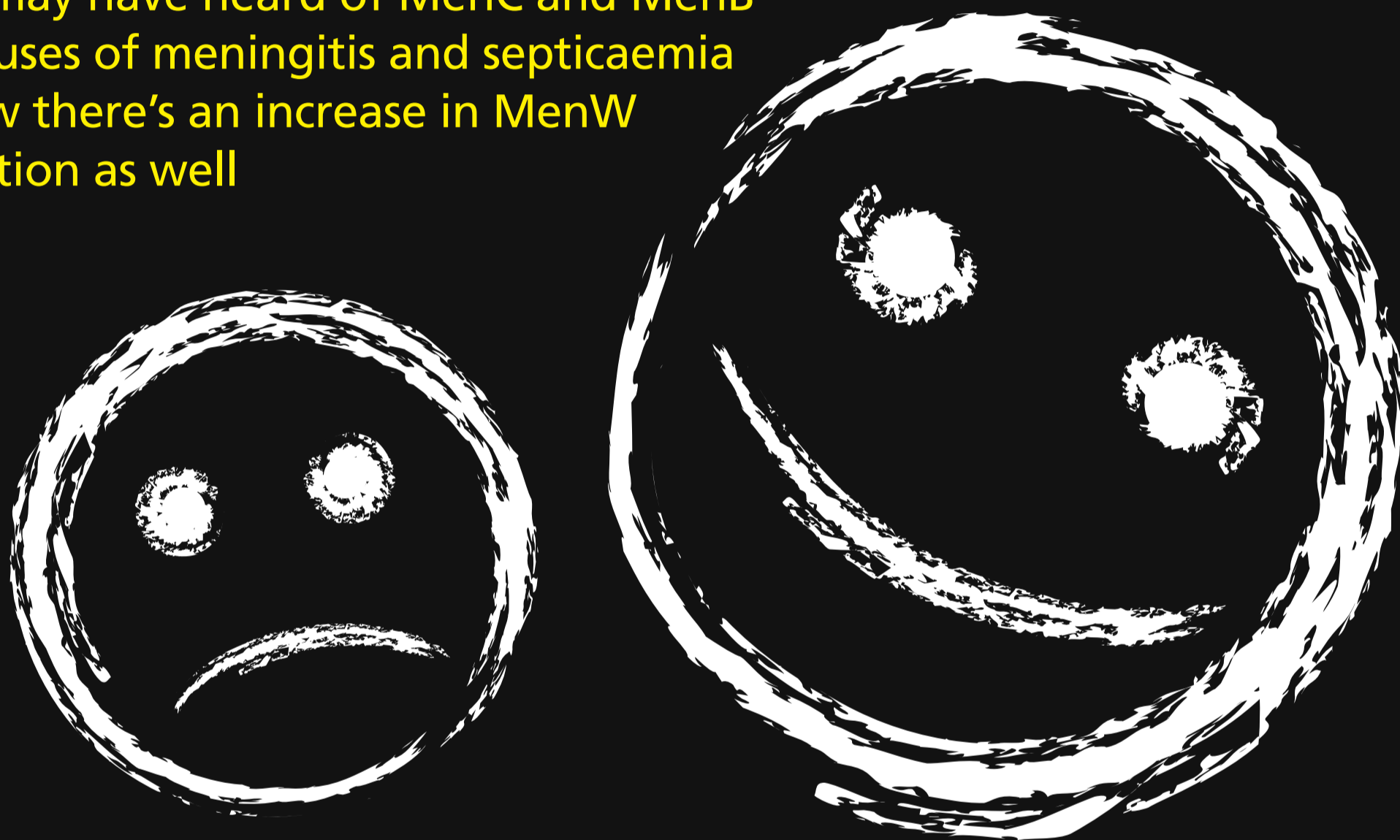


New information for students
in schools and sixth form colleges

MENINGITIS AND SEPTICAEMIA

You may have heard of MenC and MenB
as causes of meningitis and septicaemia
– now there's an increase in MenW
infection as well



- Meningitis and septicaemia can kill very quickly
- Cases caused by meningococcal W (MenW) bacteria are increasing in the UK
- All age groups are being affected but teenagers and young adults have a higher risk of meningococcal disease
- A vaccination programme is being introduced to provide added protection against MenW and to reduce the spread of the disease to others
- The MenACWY vaccine that will be used will protect against 4 meningococcal groups (A, C, W and Y) and will start in schools in September 2015
- Even if you have already had a MenC vaccine you should have the MenACWY vaccine
- If you're in school years 9 to 13 (aged 13-18 years) you're in a high risk group, so make sure you don't miss out on your vaccination
- Look out for the vaccination team visiting your school – you will be contacted when you are due to be vaccinated
- If you are going to university in 2015, go to your GP to get the vaccination before you go but if you miss out register with a GP at uni and get the vaccination there

For more information, speak to your school nurse or your doctor, or visit
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations, www.meningitis.org or www.meningitisnow.org