



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parents Evenings

We are very keen to maintain our cycle of Parents Evenings, and we will keep to the published schedule, as we view them as an essential part of how we all support our students' progress. There are two exceptions to this: first, the **Year 10** Parents Evening, which will be **delayed by one week** to allow us to learn the lessons from the Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' evening and our trial lockdown days this week; second, the Year 12 meeting will be slightly later than published to allow more teaching time before the UCAS predictors. The schedule for Parents Evenings this year is therefore:

Year 7: Thursday 11th March

Year 8: Thursday 25th February

Year 9: Thursday 5th November

**Year 10: Thursday 15th October**

Year 11: Thursday 21st Jan

**Year 12: Thursday 15th July (delayed by 2 weeks)**

Year 13: Thursday 19 November

Until further notice, we will run our Parents Evenings by meeting online. We are going to stick to the normal procedure as far as possible, but the individual meetings will be via Google Meet. The process will be as follows:

- Students will have an appointment sheet to take round to their teachers and to use to book 5-minute slots.
- As usual, teachers with several classes will not have enough time to see every student's parents. Parents and carers should get in touch with the relevant teacher for a separate phone call if they do not manage to book one of the available slots.
- A few days in advance of the Parents Evening, a table of Google Meet links will be circulated to parents by the Year team. These links will be different from any links your child may use on their Google Classrooms, so parents and carers will need to refer to the letter from Year teams.
- At their appointment time, parents should log on to the relevant Google Meet, and the teacher will admit them to the meeting.
- It is important that parents log in with their own email, rather than a student's school email address in order to allow the teacher to let them in.
- Timings will be tight, so we ask parents and carers to stick to the appointments, and realise that teachers will have to move on to a different call at the end of the five-minute slot. It goes without saying that we expect conversations to be professional and courteous.

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## Assessment points this year

The current situation has required some adjustments to our normal assessment schedule. We need to balance the requirement to get students learning again without over-testing, with the requirement to get solid data, especially for exam years. Departments will of course hold ongoing low-stakes assessments in the normal course of teaching the syllabus.

### Assessments for Years 7-10 and 12

Assessment Point 1 is coming shortly, and is therefore going to be Cheney Learner Characteristics only, without test data, in order to give an idea of how students have settled back into school. These show, for example, how well a student is managing with homework or with their personal organisation. Future Assessment Points will contain grade data, and we are moving them to the end of each term in order to give students some solid work to be tested on. You can therefore expect reports at the following times:

- AP1 (Cheney Characteristics only): October half term
- AP2: end of Christmas term
- AP3: end of Easter term
- AP4: end of Summer term

### Assessments in Year 11

- AP1 (Cheney Characteristics only): October half term
- AP2 (GCSE mock exams): end of Christmas term
- AP3 (GCSE 'small' mocks): March 2021
- GCSE exams in May and June: no decision has yet been published or shared with us by Government or Ofqual about delaying the exams.

### Assessments in Year 13

- AP1 (UCAS predictors): October half term
- AP2 (A Level mocks): February 2021
- A Level exams in May and June: no decision has yet been published or shared with us by Government or Ofqual about delaying the exams.

Kind regards  
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Headteacher