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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the messages of support and for the commitment you have shown in helping your children access their learning remotely.

It is our intention to proceed with the Year 11 Parents' evening scheduled for Thursday 21 January. The evening will run from 3:45 pm until 7 pm (final appointment at 6:50 pm) and all appointments will take place remotely, through Google Meets. Next week, we will share access codes with you for each member of staff you are booked to see. During their live streamed lessons this week and next, your child's subject teachers are setting time aside to book appointments.

Please take into account that we will need to be strict on timings, allocating 5 minutes for discussion. The booking sheet emailed on Wednesday indicates 10 minute slots, which will enable you to navigate between Google Meets and request access to each scheduled appointment. It is preferable for staff to interact with you with your camera enabled, so can I respectfully remind you to be mindful of the background on your screens.

During the course of the evening there will be three opportunities for you to access a Question and Answer session with Mr Pavey (Headteacher) and myself (Head of Student Progress). This will be left as open access, so you will not have to wait for permission to join. As we can only admit a maximum of 100 into each Google Meet we are asking that you log into just one of our Q&A time slots. This will be the link to access the Q&A <https://meet.google.com/dxu-jyth-suz>

Each Q&A session will be 20 minutes in duration at the following times:

- 1) 3:45 pm – 4:05 pm
- 2) 5 pm – 5:20 pm
- 3) 6:40 pm – 7 pm

We want to make this experience a positive one in spite of the current climate, celebrating achievements and progress whilst holding students to account if standards of online engagement have dropped. This is your child's opportunity to receive personal feedback and set targets with their teachers that will support them to reach the centre assessed grade they aspire to achieve. We will also endeavour to answer any questions you have, although please be aware we might not have all of the answers immediately.

Best wishes

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