
Tom Haines – Head of Student Progress, Year 8

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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 8 Parents' evening scheduled for Thursday 25 February. 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. The week after half term, 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 after half term, your child's subject teachers are setting time aside to book appointments. If your child does not see their teacher in this time, appointments will be made either through Google Classroom or through direct contact with you. If you are missing an appointment with a teacher who you would urgently like to see, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please take into account that we will need to be strict on timings, allocating 5 minutes for discussion. A booking sheet is being shared today with your child which indicates 10 minute slots, enabling 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, you are welcome to drop into my virtual office if you want to discuss any pastoral or academic concerns that you have regarding your child. You can find the link here: <https://meet.google.com/jbv-bgyw-iub>

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 help them continue to progress in their learning during this time of change. We will also endeavour to answer any questions you have, although please be aware we might not have all of the answers immediately.

Kind regards,

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