



Dear Parent/Guardian

Parents' evenings

During the lock down period communication continues to be crucial. Sixth form and year 11 parents' evenings will continue. These will be virtual evenings on Monday 18/1/21 (sixth form) and Monday 8/2/21 (year 11). Alternative arrangements will be made for feedback on partnership courses.

During the sixth parents' evening the Progress and Wellbeing Leader for the year, Mr John, will be available to discuss any issues with you. As Mr John teaches French he will appear under this subject.

Normal parent evenings will continue for the rest of the year:

Year 9 parents evening	Monday	01/03/2021
Year 10 parents evening	Monday	19/04/2021
Year 7 parents evening	Tuesday (Bank Holiday on the Monday)	04/05/2021

An opportunity to ask questions

We understand that questions about individual subjects can arise during the lockdown period. In order to give parents across the school the opportunity to ask specific questions we have allocated Wednesday afternoon 27/1/21 as an afternoon to ask. There will be no afternoon lessons but staff will be available for virtual appointments with parents.

This opportunity is an additional one. As this is a period open to parents for many school years, there are only a limited number of appointments per year group. We ask that you only use the opportunity to see teachers where you have specific questions - there will not be enough places for every parent to see every teacher. Registration details will follow and you will have the opportunity to identify any specific questions when registering. This will assist the teachers as they prepare for the evening.

Schooling during lockdown period

As a school we have received feedback from a number of parents during the lock-up about aspects of the provision - there is no consistent message with some parents stating that their children are very busy and others are not. We will be reviewing our provision over the next week to make adjustments from Monday 25/1/21 onwards. In order to make these decisions, we ask for your views. You can use the link below or the QR code to access the questionnaire.

<http://bit.ly/3bFtVdd>



External assessments

We are currently waiting to hear what the assessment arrangements for A levels, AS and GCSEs will be. We understand that this is a very uncertain time for year 11 and 13 pupils in particular. We will share the information with you when the information comes to us.

During the Summer 2020 assessment process there was clear government guidance not to share the final teacher assessment grades. Teachers will therefore not share the grades they are likely to record in the summer but may discuss the standard of class and homework, tests and other assessments. With sixth form and year 11 parents' evenings coming soon, I apologize for this restriction.

Welfare

Although the school site is closed to most pupils, we are still available by email or phone call. Contact details of key staff have been shared with you in the last bulletin. The current situation can have a negative impact on the wellbeing of any member of the school community but by working together we can try to minimize the impact. We are here as staff to support the welfare of pupils so if you have any concerns please contact the appropriate progress and welfare leader so that we can see what is possible.

I hope everyone stays safe and stay healthy,



Dr Rhodri Thomas
Headteacher