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Dear Parent / Carer of S4, S5 and S6,

Since the pandemic we have looked at creative ways to engage parents and our family steering group have been instrumental in this. This session we have trialled our Meet the family events in the playground for our new S1 which were very successful and well attended. We have continued to use the Microsoft Teams functions for general information sharing, themes have included course planning, exam success, assessment arrangements and transition arrangements. The website is updated regularly with copies of the presentations for parent perusal. Parent Council sessions have been really well attended and have been set up in a virtual way which has been really appreciated.

As you will be aware we have not been, under the current guidance, been able to hold Parents' evenings as we would want since march 2020 Recently we have received updated authority guidance about Parents' evenings this session. The information we have received includes the following;

- We do not expect parents' evenings in schools to take place in their pre-pandemic format before March 2022 when the position will be reviewed again.
- We will therefore develop an alternative approach to discussing pupils' progress with parents and carers. We will liaise with parent council and propose involving discussions via phone call.
- For some families, it may be in the best interest of the child to have a face to face meeting with parents and carers, we currently do this and will continue to do so.

As per our school calendar we are scheduled to have our senior targeted parents input this month.

Although this will not be able to happen face to face, we will through our tracking systems, and feedback from departments use a targeted approach to identify young people in S4, S5 and S6 who would benefit from further support. This will be through evidence of the latest tracking data.

The criteria will include;

- If departmental tracking data/professional judgement suggests a student is currently underachieving
- If a student is not currently on course to achieve an award at the current level
- If there are issues regarding effort which are currently affecting progress
- If a student has externally assessed coursework outstanding
- It would be beneficial for information to be given in the tracking report in greater depth

This will not involve every pupil in our senior school. Instead this will be where we can target early support and intervention. Parents will be contacted by the end of this week if their young person is to be discussed further.

Following this, next week our house teams, Pastoral Care or Depute of the House will offer feedback through a phone call; an allocated time for each house will be sent out alongside the invite.

It is our hope that we will be able to engage parents with quality information to support moving forward.

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Longer term planning Parents' evening moving forward

Moving forward in the session we are proposing that the dedicated year group parents' evening will be for all parents and carers to engage, we will use the teacher Booker system where parents can book a slot with individual subject teachers with timed phone calls on the evenings dedicated as below.

Further information will follow nearer the times of the evenings.

Stage	Current Date on Whole School Calendar
S4-S6 targeted (criteria based)	Thursday 21 st October
S1	Thursday 18 th November
S3	Wednesday 1 st December
S4	Wednesday 9 th February
S5/6	Thursday 24 th February
S2	Wednesday 16 th March

We really value the partnerships with parents and look forward to working together this session.

Yours in partnership,

Louise Edgerton
Head Teacher

