



25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update 33: Parents' Evenings

It will soon be a full year since we could last offer you an opportunity to come into the school and speak face-to-face with the staff who teach your son or daughter. We have tried to develop telephone calls and emails as a substitute, but with only patchy success.

I have written previously, as some of you will remember, describing my reservations about an alternative that we have yet to use, the online parents' evening. These were based on reports I have had from schools which have experimented with the system.

Despite this, I have come to think that we should try it for ourselves. For all its limitations, it may turn out to be the most effective substitute that we can offer. I will be writing again with the practical arrangements, but in the meantime you may want to make a note of the relevant dates. We expect the sessions to run from 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm.

Thursday, 4 th February	Year 12
Thursday, 11 th February	Year 9 (The Year 9 Options Process will begin on 3 rd February with the final choices due in straight after half term. Mr Brook will be sending you more details about this shortly.)
Thursday, 25 th February	Year 10
Thursday, 22 nd April	Year 8

I have held back from naming dates for Years 11 and 13 as it would be more valuable if we knew what method of assessment the government had decided to use this summer. In the meantime, of course, we continue to be ready to discuss by email or telephone anything connected with your son or daughter's time at school.

Yours sincerely,

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