

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Parental Guidance

Ahead of the Parents' Evening on Monday 18th January, we thought that it would be helpful to share some guidance outlining what we do and don't know about the current situation with assessment this year in order to ensure that your discussions are as productive as possible

What is the main purpose of the evening?

- To discuss the progress of individual students in each of their subjects and outline key areas for further development.
- It is good opportunity to talk about performance in the mock examination and discuss specific improvements that need to be made over the coming weeks and months.
- You may have specific questions about the work being completed during the lockdown; again, this would provide a good opportunity to discuss that.

Will staff be able to discuss how final grades will be awarded at the end of the course?

- Unfortunately not. Please avoid asking staff about the final grade process
- The reason for this is that we do not yet know how grades are going to be arrived at - it is unhelpful to both students and parents to ask staff to speculate.
- Staff will, however, be able to discuss the evidence behind each of the grades provided on the most recent data report. Please note that predicted grades were entered by staff before the Christmas break and were based on the assumption that students would continue in school learning and that final exams would take place.

Will students be returning to school?

- At present, we have no reason to doubt the expectation that Year 11 will return to school week beginning 22nd February
- This could well be subject to change, however, staff will be speaking as if students are going to return to school
- It's really important that you discuss any questions you may have about online learning as well due to the fact that there are a few weeks of this remaining.

Will there be any more mock examinations or assessments?

- As it stands, we are not planning any more full-scale mock examinations as a school as this would mean less time in the classroom/teaching.
- Individual departments will have further assessments scheduled to take place in class during the remainder of Year 11.
- This is an area that could change, depending on what Ofqual and the government decide that they would like us to do.

What can I do to help?

- Ask questions at the Parents' Evening and find out what needs to be worked on
- Avoid speculating about what may or may not happen – let's just wait to see what comes out over the next few weeks. We appreciate your patience on this.
- Ensure that students engage with the feedback from parents' evening
- It is really important that all students continue to engage fully in lessons whilst at home. We should expect that students will be back in school eventually and that they will be sitting some form of assessment.

Please remember that all appointments will take place online through the parents evening online system.