

30 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening**

We would like to invite you to the Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening which will be held on:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 3.30 pm until 6.40 pm**

Due to the current restrictions in place we have opted to use a new web-based appointment system. This App will allow you to book appointments with the relevant teachers and for you to then speak with these teachers remotely. The App is designed so that it can be accessed from any device such a mobile phone, tablet or PC. Once you have chosen the teachers you would like to speak to, the App is able to automatically book your chosen appointments. It limits consultations to 5 minutes per teacher which should mean that the evening will run smoothly and to time. Instructions on how to book your appointments will be sent on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. On this date you will also be able to access the latest set of Attitude to Learning information via Go 4 Schools system.

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) will also be available to speak with parents/carers between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm. Miss McAlpine and your child's Tutor are also available to discuss any concerns that you may have surrounding your child's education.

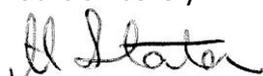
The 2021 Year cohort will have a very different experience of GCSE qualifications. When we return after the Easter break teachers will be assessing students in all GCSE and vocational subjects. This assessment process is ongoing as we compile portfolios of historic evidence alongside new pieces of work. The types of assessment will differ from subject to subject, in line with examination board recommendations.

We have been instructed by Ofqual and the Joint Council for Qualifications to assess student performance holistically, rather than on the basis of a Single Assessment. As such, we will not be assigning grades to individual pieces of work. Any scores or annotations on individual pieces of work are there to help teachers build their case for a holistic grade and cannot be used in isolation as evidence for a grade.

We are bound not to discuss grades with students or parents/carers under any circumstances until grades are published in August and we also have a duty to report any external attempt to influence our decision making. We will continue to do everything we can to give every Year 11 student the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in each of their subjects.

This is the last time you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's performance with every individual subject teacher and gain a measure of his/her general progress in college. It is very important that you make every effort to attend and support your child in their final months at college.

Yours sincerely



Miss H Staton

Deputy Headteacher

**Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening ~ please detach and return to your child's Tutor**

Name of Student: ..... Tutor: .....

\*I/we acknowledge receipt of the Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April and I/we will be attending.

\*I/we will not be able to attend due to:

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Signed: ..... Parent / Carer

\*(please delete as appropriate)