

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 7 PARENT TUTOR EVENING AND INFORMATION EVENING**

Under normal circumstances at this point in the term, we would be writing to invite you into school to meet with your child's tutor at our Year 7 Parent Tutor and Information Evening, which was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Unfortunately, this year we are going to have to do things a little differently as government guidance means that we cannot run traditional parent evenings at the moment. DFE guidance on this says "Due to the current social distancing measures, we recommend that traditional parents' evenings (that is where parents come into school to meet their child's teachers) do not take place for the time being." This would be the case even without the recently announced additional local restrictions.

Although we cannot invite parents into school for this event this year, we still value our relationship with parents very highly. In fact, this relationship is probably even more important than usual in the current circumstances. We have therefore decided to replace the usual in-school event with the following arrangements;

- Instead of coming into school to meet with your child's tutor, you will receive a telephone call instead. In most cases this will be a phone call from your child's tutor, but for some students it may be more appropriate for another member of staff to contact you instead. We will try to make these phone calls either during the school day, or shortly after the school day, but we will not call you after 6pm in the evening. Please therefore be prepared to receive a call from an unknown number during these times. The calls will be made between Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please note that we will contact you – you do not need to contact the school to arrange anything yourself.
- The aim of the phone call is to establish a point of contact between yourselves and your child's tutor. Your child's tutor will introduce themselves and talk about how your child has settled into the school. At this stage they will be unable to provide detailed subject specific feedback (that will come later), but they will be able to say how things are going in general. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions, or to raise any concerns that you may have.
- In addition to the phone call from your child's tutor we will also be sending out some general information which we hope that you will find useful too. This will include information about the Curriculum in the core subjects (English, Maths, Science) as well as about our 'iLearn' course and e-safety This will be in the format of a short presentation (similar to the one about Transition) which will be made available via the school website. We will alert you to the availability of this presentation.

We are disappointed that we cannot meet you all in person at the current time, particularly since we know that you have already missed out on many of the usual events associated with the Transition process. We hope that you will still find these alternative arrangements useful and informative. We also hope that the situation nationally will change for the better soon, and that we will be able to invite you into school for the Full Year 7 Parent Evening which takes place in April next year (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021). You will also receive regular updates on your child's effort and progress via a termly Progress Report. These will be issued in December, April, and July.

Yours sincerely

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