



SBL/THO

14th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to outline some changes that we are making to parent/carers events this year, in order to continue to improve communication between you and the school.

Instead of year group parents' evenings like previous years, we have put together a different model for our new Excellence Evenings that will be happening throughout the year. We hope that this will offer more flexibility to families and make it easier to be in regular contact with our families.

This half-term, all families will be contacted by your child's form tutor, whether it be by phone, on Teams or in-person in school for a smaller number of families. We hope this contact helps your child to have a strong start to this new academic year, allowing you to build a relationship with their form tutor, who should be the first person to contact in school when you have any concerns.

As the year goes on, there will be a total of four evenings in school when we will be looking to arrange longer meetings with form tutors, so you can request an in-person meeting if you want one by getting in touch when we remind you of an upcoming date. In some cases, we will be in touch with you if we feel that a meeting is needed due to anything that we see in school.

Finally, in July, we will have a more traditional Excellence Evening, which is an open invitation for a short meeting with a form tutor, as well as a chance to see your child's work from across the year.

We also have specific evenings for post-16 students and Year 11 students to meet with subject teachers, and an evening for Year 9 students to support their options choices for Year 10.

All of the dates are below, but we will be in touch to remind you closer to the time.

We hope that this approach means that we can have the right communication at the right time, but you do not need to wait until an Excellence Evening to have contact with the school. We welcome contact at any time, so please get in touch and we will make sure that you are contacted back by the person who can help you most effectively.

Thank you for your continued support at the start of this new year and we look forward to working with you in 2023-24.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Blower
Deputy Headteacher – Curriculum



Excellence Evenings 2023-24:

Excellence Evening 1 – **Thursday 19th October**

Excellence Evening 2 – **Thursday 22nd February**

Excellence Evening 3 – **Thursday 18th April**

Excellence Evening 4 – **Thursday 4th July**

Other Events:

Post-16 Excellence Evening (subject teachers) – **Thursday 14th December**

Year 11 Excellence Evening (subject teachers) – **Thursday 18th January**

Year 9 Options Evening – **Thursday 1st February**

