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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

Please read this letter carefully as it contains some important information regarding your child's GCSE courses and preparation for life beyond school.

Parent Evening - Thursday 12 November

We are unable to run this as face to face appointments, but it is important to us that we are able to discuss your child's progress and well-being. Therefore, we are trialling video meetings via the INSIGHT app with tutors only. These will be five minute appointments.

To book the meeting on INSIGHT, select the 'General' tab and then 'Parents Evenings'. Full guidance is included at the end of this letter.

This will be our first time trying this and inevitably we may encounter the odd technical hitch so please bear with us. We hope it is a model that can work and enable us to keep working closely with you throughout lockdown. It will not replace face to face meetings but will be better than not meeting at all.

If you do not have access to a camera on a phone or other device for the parent evening, we can make a phone call instead. Please let us know if this applies to you.

Our IT Services Team will send all parents a reminder of their log on details over the next few days.

Preparing for the parent evening appointment

Please look at your child's current grade projections with them in advance of the meeting. These can be found under the 'Assessment' tab on INSIGHT which can be viewed by students and parents with the app. These grades are predictions entered by teachers at the beginning of term of the grade your child is likely to achieve at the end of the year if they continue to work as they are.

If your child is taking additional GCSEs outside of their main timetable, their projected grade may not be visible yet.

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Mock examinations

Mock exam week is the week beginning 23 November 2020. In addition to this, students have been taking shorter mock exams in English, maths and science. The timetable for the mock exam week is included with this letter.

We currently expect GCSE exams to run in the summer, but this could change. Last year Centre Assessed Grades were used to award GCSEs and other qualifications. The process for awarding these is very robust and is based on evidence from schools.

If exams do not run, the evidence will come from mock exams and student books. This means that student work throughout the year is even more important than usual and must always represent each child's absolute best. Therefore, it is vital that students are working hard in school and at home to continue to make strong progress towards their grades.

Revision and Remote Learning

A reminder that all student learning is also available on the student area of our website. This includes links to revision and videos produced by teachers to support with learning. Year 11 students should be regularly revisiting these lessons to secure their understanding and confidence.

Period 6s

Period 6 sessions began before half term. These are part of our curriculum for the students targeted and are therefore not affected by the national lockdown. They will continue as planned.

College applications

Many of you have been accessing the virtual open evenings. We have also had presentations in school from colleges. Please make sure your child is completing applications for college or apprenticeships. Careers interviews are running in school to continue to support with this.

Remember, your child can apply for as many colleges and courses as they wish to at this point. If they are undecided, it is fine to apply for a few courses and secure interviews before making a final choice.

Finally, I hope you and your families are well and once again adjusting to the national changes. Tutors look forward to speaking with you next week.

Yours faithfully

Ella Capaldi
Head of School



[Guidance for booking parent evening appointments on INSIGHT](#)

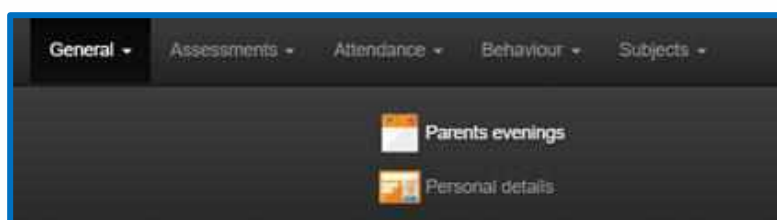
You can access and make an appointment for Parent Evening via your INSIGHT app or through the browser.

If you are using a browser, please access the INSIGHT via the link provided: <https://insight.pcs.hants.sch.uk:444/>

Reminder: Your username is the email you signed up with.

Book an appointment

At the top of the page, select the general tab and parents evening.

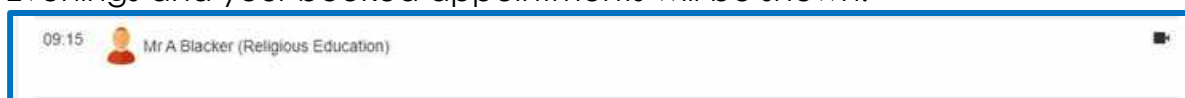


Once you are in the Parents Evening page there will be a list of available staff on the right of the page and a list of their own bookings on the left.

A list of available appointment times will appear next to each staff member's name. Users click on an appointment to reserve it. A green tick will appear next to each staff member that the user has an appointment with.

Starting the Parents Evening

On the day of the Parents Evening, navigate to General > Parents Evenings and your booked appointments will be shown.



There will be a video icon next to each appointment, click the video icon, a Connect button will appear which will start the video meeting in a new tab.

Recommendation: Have your webcam and microphone setup before starting the meeting.



Yr 11 MOCK 1 TIMETABLE - NOVEMBER 2020

	MON 23 NOV	TUE 24 NOV	WED 25 NOV	THU 26 NOV	FRI 27 NOV
	AM Reg.	AM Reg.	AM Reg.	AM Reg.	AM Reg.
1	ENGLISH LITERATURE Line up 08.35 Start 08.50 End 10.45	OPT A (1) Line up 08.35 Start 08.50 End 10.45	RE Line up 08.35 start 08.45 End 10.45	MATHS 3 Line up 08.45 Start 09.00 End 10.45	ENGLISH IGCSE Line up 08.35 Start 08.45 End 10.45
2	Yr 11 3rd Break 10.45 - 11.00	Yr 11 3rd Break 10.45 - 11.00	Yr 11 3rd Break 10.45 - 11.00	Yr 11 3rd Break 10.45 - 11.00	Yr 11 3rd Break 10.45 - 11.00
3	PE Line up 11.00 start 11.15 End 13.00	OPT B (1) Line up 11.00 Start 11.15 End 13.00	OPT B (2) Line up 11.00 Start 11.15 End 13.00	OPT A (2) Line up 11.00 Start 11.15 End 13.00	Normal Lessons
4	Yr 11 3rd Lunch 13.00 - 13.25	Yr 11 3rd Lunch 13.00 - 13.25	Yr 11 3rd Lunch 13.00 - 13.25	Yr 11 3rd Lunch 13.00 - 13.25	Yr 11 3rd Lunch 13.00 - 13.25
5	Normal Lesson	PM Reg.	SCIENCE 3 Line up 13.25 Start 13.35 End 14.50	STATISTICS Line up 13.25 Start 13.35 End 14.50	SCIENCE 4 Line up 13.25 Start 13.35 End 14.50
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