



8 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 Parents' Evening

I am writing to share that we are altering the date of the Year 9 parents' evening from Thursday 15th January to **Thursday 5th February**. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused and am hopeful that by giving several weeks' notice, arrangements can be altered. I am conscious of the many commitments that our parents/carers need to juggle.

The main reason for the change is to ensure we have sufficient time to prepare for the options part of the evening. It is our custom to hold our options evening talks and information sharing at the same time as Y9 parents' evening. This allows parents to ask questions directly of subject teachers, and to save both parents and teachers from a separate evening event in school. You are probably aware that the government has recently released a review of the curriculum, and we want to ensure that our curriculum aligns fully with this. While we don't anticipate any significant changes to our model, there are discussions that need to take place both at trust level and at leadership level, and we need to plan in additional time for these discussions to occur.

I am also conscious that from a staff wellbeing point of view, running two evening events in consecutive weeks at the start of the new term is not ideal.

The event will still run **3.45-6.45pm**, with additional information sessions taking place around the parents' evening appointments. Full details of the evening will be shared in the new term.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Bedford
Headteacher