Message from Mr Maltby





Good morning,

I am writing today to update you on the revised calendar for Parents' Evenings. I recognise that for many of you, a significant period of time has now elapsed since you were last able to speak with your child's subject teachers. I have now rescheduled the dates to ensure that <u>all Parents Evenings will take place next term</u>; ahead of Easter.

I want to thank teachers for agreeing to some calendar date changes at this stage in the academic year. I also want to thank the IT team for ensuring that we have the technology available to make our remote Parents' Evenings possible. Further information regarding how this technology will function will follow.

The revised dates (please see attached) have been re-scheduled using the following guiding principles:

- I am fully committed to ensuring that Year 9 have all the information needed to make the best informed decisions around options. I am working with Mr Lay to ensure that the Year 9 Parents' Evening in January aligns with having comprehensive information regarding the range of our curriculum options available to both parents and students. Further details regarding the options process will be sent to Year 9 parents before the end of term, alongside a timeline of opportunities which will be provided to allow students to experience new subjects ahead of the options deadline.
- Year 11 Parents' Evening will follow January mock exams so the feedback will provide the most current information regarding the academic progress your child is making.
- All Parents' Evening align with progress data drops so that discussions with teachers can focus on the most current progress data we can provide. I believe conversations with subject teachers on outcomes are more informative than subject report comments. Therefore, my rescheduling of Parents' Evenings this year also means that reports issued later in the academic year will solely include an overview from your child's form tutor alongside an update on academic progress data from subject teachers. Year 11 students will also be presented with a new Record of Achievement at the end of the academic year; which I also hope will be an event open to parents to attend.
- If at any time during the academic year you have concerns about academic progress, you should inform Mr Hart and we will provide the additional guidance you require. Mr Hart's email address is Philip.hart@holbrookacademy.org.
 Any concerns or questions that parents of Year 11 students may have at this time regarding vital college / sixth form applications, should be addressed to Mrs Tinker denise.tinker@holbrookacademy.org
- If you are unable to access our remote Parents' Evening, then there will opportunities to receive feedback over the phone or in a reasonable manner that best suits your individual needs.
- There will also be further details of Parent Information Evenings which will be scheduled for the Summer Term. We hope that we will be able to hold these meetings on site and they will be an opportunity for you to meet with the leadership team and key individuals within our pastoral team. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming the parents and carers of our current Year 7 students for the first time.

Holbrook Academy is fully committed to opening our school site to all parents and carers again as soon as that is possible. However, I also want to reiterate that if you need guidance and support at this current time, the school will respond quickly to your questions or concerns. We look forward to connecting with you all remotely in the Spring Term and hope to be able to do so in person before the end of the academic year.

Please continue to take care,

Tom Maltby Headteacher

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Assessment Dates / Parents' Evenings: 2020/2021

Year 7

9th November **Progress Report 1** Progress Report 2 10th February 23rd February Parents' Evening 7th June **Progress Report 3**

Year 8

2nd November Progress Report 1 1st March Progress Report 2 Parents' Evening 11th March 21st June **Progress Report 3**

Year 9

23rd November **Progress Report 1** 18th January Progress Report 2 26th January

Parents' Evening (including Options)

14th June Year 9 Review

Year 10

16th November **Progress Report 1** Progress Report 2 8th March Parents' Evening 23rd March 7th June **Progress Report 3**

Year 11

4th November Progress Report 1

26th January Progress Report 2 Incl Mock Results

4th February Parents' Evening 22nd March **Progress Report 3** 10th May Final Report 4