

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 9th December, we will be holding our parents' evening for Year 11. This will start at 16:00 and run until 18:00. All appointments can be booked through the Arbor Parent Portal. If you need assistance with getting this set up, or are unable to access it at home, please contact Miss Lewis or Miss Evans for further support.

Prior to the event, you will receive a report for your child. This report will show you your child's target grade for each subject, their predicted grade for the end of the year and the results in the recent mock exams that were sat.

The target grades are calculated using a combination of the following methods. If the school has key stage 2 SATs information for your child, we use this metric as one aspect to form the grade. If we do not have SATs data, the school has previously run an assessment called a CAT4 test to help with the process of reaching this target. We use a national benchmarking system called Fischer Family Trust to then create a target based on national attainment patterns before we then discuss with teachers to ensure that targets are ambitious, yet realistic for each pupil across all their subjects. Targets will vary across subjects to ensure that individual strengths can be recognised and championed.

In the report, your child will receive a predicted grade. Teachers have formed this judgement using the data they currently have for their subject, which will include a combination of current assessment data and attitude to learning. You may be aware that the government have advised that they fully intend to continue with a more 'normal' GCSE assessment window this academic year, which we hope is the case, however they have also asked schools to ensure that a plan B is in place. Should the school need to go to Plan B, these predicted grades may differ from a final teacher assessed grade situation, as more data would be collected to improve the sample needed.

A summary of these announcements can be found by following this link:

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/exams-2022-ofqual-confirms-plan-b-details/>

During the parents evening all meetings will be held in the school hall, where we will provide refreshments, but also have a selection of Post 16 providers who will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have regarding your child's next step in their education.

We will continue to follow our COVID protocols to ensure that we can maintain your safety and allow you to see first-hand the work that your child has created.

Subject meetings will be limited to 8 minutes each and we will need to ensure that they do not exceed this. Please do not be offended if your child's teacher ends the meeting promptly. If you would like to have a longer discussion with your child's teacher, please do book another meeting with them, at a time convenient to you both.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 8th December at noon.

Many thanks, as always, for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', is written over a light gray grid background.

Phil Arnold

Principal