

12th October 2020

Dear Parent Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

We are fast approaching the end of our first half term in what has been unusual times locally, regionally and nationally!

Due to the current local circumstance and likelihood of further imposed restrictions, we are unable to run our usual face-face parents evenings during this autumn term. The schedule of parents evenings for this term would have included the following:

- Year 7 Target Setting Evening
- Year 10 Target Setting Evening

Year 7 Target Setting Evening

As you may be aware, Year 6 pupils did not sit their KS2 SAT exams this year. The outcomes of SATs are used by schools and the government to calculate expected attainment at the end of secondary education. To enable us to calculate our own expectations and targets, Maths and English teachers have been conducting SATs style assessments during the last couple of weeks. For English, this has involved participation of pupils in a National Writing assessment strategy in order to accurately assess pupils ability and standardise against a national cohort. In Maths, teachers have used 'past' SATs papers to mirror the rigour and challenge of KS2 assessment and, again, provide an accurate assessment of attainment.

We will be publishing Year 7 targets shortly after half term, these will be reported to parents with further information.

Year 10 Target Setting Evening

Similar to Year 7 targets, Year 10 targets are calculated at a national level, based on the KS2 SATs outcomes for that cohort. Last year we launched our 'Target ranges' for all pupils. These are still based on calculations from KS2 SATs outcomes. They provide a minimum expectation (lower end of the range) and aspirational (top end of the range) target for each pupil, for each subject. The target ranges stay with pupils throughout their 5-year curriculum journey. We will be publishing confirmation of Year 10 targets shortly after half term, these will be reported to parents with further information.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for any further updates and key information.

Take care.

Yours sincerely,

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