



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am pleased to be able to set out the proposed timetable for reports and parents' evenings for this academic year. Understandably, you are keen to have feedback about the progress of your child, due to the pandemic, this has been severely disrupted. It is regrettable that there has been limited information available and that not all parent's evenings have been with subject specialists. Now that the academic year is underway, it is looking more likely that normal service can resume. Please be mindful that the situation can change rapidly, and we will communicate any necessary changes as early as is practical.

Parents' Evenings:

Parents' evenings will take place on our on-line system. Appointments will be with subject teachers and last 5 minutes. Feedback from last year indicated that parents were keen to have subject specialist appointments and we very much wanted to return to this as soon as possible. We are aware that some parents wanted longer time slots but regrettably this is not feasible with the number of appointments that are required. The 5-minute periods, as were used pre-covid, will remain in place. As the appointments automatically terminate after five minutes the meetings are very business-like, which many parents appreciated. If you have need for a more in-depth discussion please contact your child's teacher via email at the time of need and avoid waiting until the parents' evening as this is primarily for the teacher feedback and a brief exchange of information.

For Year 7 pupils, the change from a main teacher to many subject teachers can remove some of the personal touch of parents' evenings. This is an unfortunate outcome of the change in academic approach and the scale of secondary compared to primary school. If you need to discuss pastoral issues please contact the form tutor initially and they will be able to assist.

Year 7 Parents' Evening	28 th April 2022
Year 8 Parents' Evening	10 th February 2022
Year 9 Parents' Evening	18 th November 2021
Year 10 Parents' Evening	16 th June 2022
Year 11 Parents' Evening	20 th January 2022

Year 7, 8 & 9 reports: In the last week of each term, a report containing Attitude towards Learning grades and Independent Learning grades will be sent home via Edulink. The report will also show progress in the Key Concepts that are being studied for each subject in that term. You will be provided with a 'baseline attainment level from the Year 7 CATs' for context regarding progress. The schemes of work and Key Concepts are available on the school website.



Year 10 and 11 Reports: Year 10 receive two reports during the year; 14th January and the 6th May. Year 11 receive two reports; 3rd December and 11th March. The report will contain Attitude towards Learning grades, Independent Learning grades and a grade range for the final GCSE. Although a specific grade is most people's preference, the research shows that these are at most 50% accurate due to the large number of factors affecting performance in examinations. A range is far more reliable and it also reminds students that the most important factor in determining which grade is achieved is student attitude and preparation.

Key assessments:

Towards the end of Key Stage 3 pupils have formal assessments in English and Maths. These are in May and June and you will be informed of the exact times and dates nearer the time. These are in addition to the regular formal and informal class assessment activities that take place throughout the year for all subjects.

Year 10 will have a two-week assessment period, commencing 21st March. The intention is to have formal assessments in the gym. The assessments provide valuable feedback on progress and areas for development, both for individuals and for staff planning. We do not use the term mocks as this has a negative psychological effect on many of the pupils. The assessments may use some exam material and allow pupils to familiarise themselves with exam procedures but it is too early to give accurate indications of final GCSE performance. These are formative assessments that we use to help pupils in their development through the course and pupils should be aware of this context.

Year 11 mocks preparation has been underway for a while and so the beginning date of 1st November has been shared already. The two-week mock examination period will familiarise the pupils with the logistics and mental preparation required in the real exam period. Please be advised that at this stage not all course content has been completed and pupils should listen carefully to the feedback that staff give. It is not uncommon for some pupils to feel they have not performed as well as they would like. Please encourage your child to try to view the process positively; maintain their confidence and note that with a positive approach they will improve: the real exams are still nearly six months away, there is time.

Yours sincerely

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