

HLN/SMF

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Dear Parent/carer

Following our Year 11 Parents' information evening, I write to provide updates on some key events for students in Year 11.

Open Evening

We are delighted to confirm that our Sixth Form Open Evening will go ahead in school on Thursday 21 October. For the event to go ahead safely, we have introduced a booking system to allow us to control the number of visitors on the site at any time. To ensure all students are able to attend the open evening, we ask that only one parent/carer accompanies each student. We also ask that all visitors wear a face covering while on site, unless medically exempt.

Each booking includes a Headteacher's address, after which you will be free to visit the subject areas that are of interest to you. Please make sure that you arrive in time for the Headteacher's address as we cannot guarantee a space in a later presentation.

Please use the link below to book your seats, using the password 'hgs' to access the event. Booking is open now for HGS students, and will open on Tuesday for students of other schools.

Book Now

A virtual Open Evening will run on the school website at the same time if you are unable to attend the event in person.

November Mock Examinations

Year 11 Mock Examinations will begin on Wednesday 3 November. Students should attend school as normal during the exam period, but will be allowed to revise when not in an exam.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 during the exam period but is well enough to take their exams, please contact the exams team who will arrange for the student to sit the exams.

Summer Examinations

The Department for Education have recently released the results of their consultation on changes to assessment in Summer 2022 in light of the disruption caused by the pandemic. The full results of the consultation are available here.

The changes to assessment vary depending on the subject, and teachers are currently adapting their plans to take account of the changes. A key change for many subjects is that some advance information will be provided, by February 7 2022 at the latest, to support students in their preparation. We will, of course, adapt our plans as soon as this information is published.

Yours faithfully

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