



Dear Parents/Carers

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Parents' Evenings 2020-21

All our Parents' Evenings will be carried out remotely using Microsoft Teams. We are starting tonight with the Year 13 Parents' Evening. The dates for other year groups are:

Thursday 10 th December 2020	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28 th January 2021	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 11 th February 2021	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 th March 2021	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 th March 2021	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th May 2021	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 th May 2021	Year 7 Parents' Evening

Information explaining how to book an appointment and how the evening will work is sent out nearer to the time. In addition to Parents' Evenings, you will receive written reports about your child's progress and attitudes to learning during the year. We realise that this is new to some parents and, in fact, every year group has significant events coming up such as choosing options. Usually, Mr Askew and the Heads of Year hold information evenings for each year group to explain the year ahead. We cannot do that this year so instead each year group will have a video that aims to cover the same information. These will be released between now and the end of term. The Year 8 video is already available on the website.

Family access support – Citizens Advice

In these challenging times families may find themselves in need of additional support. We have been given the following information from West Oxfordshire District Council.

Citizens Advice can offer support and possibly supermarket vouchers to eligible families. The maximum value is **£250 per family**. West Oxfordshire District Council has financed this scheme using the '*DEFRA Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies*'

To be eligible, the person requesting a Food and Essential Supplies Grant must be:

- a resident in West Oxfordshire district and over the age of 18
- struggling to afford food or essential supplies due to the current Covid-19 situation.

A Citizens Advice advisor will talk to the person requesting the Food and Essential supplies grant about their benefits/finances and see if there is any way to improve their financial situation or if they have other advice needs.

For more information contact Citizens Advice by: Phone: 01993 892057, or Email: info@citizensadvicewestoxon.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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