

23rd June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We welcomed back Year 10 last week to interviews with senior and middle leaders. These were well-attended and their socially distanced bubble lessons have begun onsite this week. These have been a great success! Only Year 10 students with underlying health conditions or those living with parents who are shielding should be remaining at home.

Following the success of these academic review day meetings, I am pleased to announce that we are going to run the same meetings for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. These will provide us with an opportunity to connect with your child and check on their well-being. It also allows us to support them with their learning and identify what else we can do to help them. These meetings will also allow us to share GCSE subject choices with Year 9 students.

The Government updated their guidance on 15th June, with the following announcement: “We have updated our guidance on secondary school provision to reflect the fact that, in addition to secondary schools welcoming year 10 pupils for some face-to-face support, where possible, schools may invite pupils in other year groups in for a meeting before the end of this term.”

The year 10 meetings were extremely beneficial and with several social distance and hygiene measures in place, we believe that we have done all we can to reduce the risk of transmission whilst staff and students are on site. Hand sanitizers are stationed at every entrance and all tables and chairs used by students and staff continue to be 2 metres apart.

A text message will follow inviting your child to a meeting with details of when exactly this will take place. They will be 30-minute slots. Parents wishing to attend may accompany their child. The days will be as follows:

Wednesday 1st July – Year 9

Wednesday 8th July – Year 8

Wednesday 15th July – Year 7

Some families have had difficulties with access to our online learning, so I wanted to share some further guidance. Live lessons continue to be delivered. Your child’s timetable of lessons can be viewed on MS Teams and SMHW. These can be viewed via their websites or you can download applications onto computers or mobile phones. The link for the MS Teams application is here:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>. The SMHW link can also be found on our website: <https://evelyngraceacademy.org/> If you are experiencing any difficulties with access to work set on SMHW or live lessons on MS Teams please contact the school on info@evelyngraceacademy.org

We are waiting on further DFE guidance around re-opening in September and as soon as we have this I will write to you again with the necessary details. Currently, we are expecting a full return to school, but the details will follow.

.. Yours sincerely



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