

17th March 2021

Dear Year 13 Parent/Carer,

RE: Amendments to Parents Evening Model 2020/2021

We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

We are writing to advise you on changes taking place to our traditional parents evening model. Under normal circumstances, you would have been given the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their performance in each subject. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are, unfortunately, unable to run such events at this time.

We recognise the importance of working together with families to ensure the best outcomes for our students and, as such, will be communicating key information on your child's progress via phone calls in lieu of face-to-face meetings. Between Thursday 18th and Friday 26th March, you will be receiving phone calls from your child's A-level subject teachers. The conversations on these phone calls can include, but are not limited to, the following points:

- Your child's engagement with remote learning
- Your child's performance in their December mock exam
- Your child's strengths, key targets and barriers to progress.
- How you can support your child's learning.

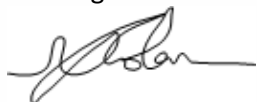
You will receive calls from your child's teachers during the school day and after school. We have provided teachers with flexibility so they can work around their teaching timetable. Please endeavour to answer calls from the school number but also from private numbers as teachers may be working from home. If you miss a call, teachers will try one more time on a different day and time.

We understand that following the government's recent announcements you will have many questions. To ensure these phone calls are focused on the individual progress of your child, we have compiled a frequently asked questions list (see next page) to address some common areas of concern; we will be adding to this so please check our website regularly.

In line with national guidance, we are working on a model for grading and assessment and will share this with you and all students over the coming weeks. We understand this is a time of uncertainty and will support students and families through this; thank you for your patience while we work on a fair and robust model. Next week, we will confirm the internal exams timetable, share details of any Easter holiday intervention sessions, and signpost key revision materials that students should use to prepare for their exams. This will include topic guides for each subject, detailing which parts of the course students should revise.

Should you have any further questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the sixth form team by emailing naziauddin@spwt.net

Best regards



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Parental Feedback 2020/2021 FAQs

Should my child be attending school?

It is now compulsory for all students to attend school every day.

Will there be any more remote learning?

Remote lessons will end as soon as students return to school. However, if your child needs to isolate due to awaiting a test after getting Covid symptoms or testing positive, he/she will be expected to join lessons or complete work remotely. The YTL/ SAC will provide information on this.

Will exams be going ahead?

The government has announced that there will be no A Level or GCSE public exams and that a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) will be used instead, as was the case last year.

How will a Teacher Assessed Grade be calculated?

Student's grades will be determined by a range of evidence. Students will be expected to sit a final assessment for each of their subjects in the summer term. This will be moderated by teachers and the exams board and will form an important part of the grading process. More guidance on this will be provided in due course.

What is happening with my Year 13 child's university application?

All students have submitted their UCAS applications. Universities have until 20th May to reply. Students will then have until June 10th to reply to their offers. For now, students don't need to do anything. They will be supported with this by the sixth form team.

When will my child leave SPWT?

Year 13 students will leave once they have finished all of their final assessments in the summer term. Exact timings will be communicated in due course. There may also be a period of "study leave" which means students will come in for assessments only.

When will the terminal assessments take place?

The dates for assessments is a key part of the grading and assessment process; we are still finalising this. We do know that the first two weeks back after the Easter holidays will have no assessments and will focus on revision.