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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this half term, we take a moment to reflect on the many successes we have achieved as a school community. Our Year 11 students have commenced their GCSE examinations, and students across all year groups have been engaged in their Summer assessments. Throughout this period, the dedication, focus, and exemplary behaviour of our students have reflected the high standards we uphold as a school.

We were also proud to celebrate our annual Culture Week once again. This important event in our school calendar provides a valuable opportunity to recognise and celebrate the individuality and diverse cultural backgrounds of our students and staff. The week was marked by a wide range of activities, including year group and whole school assemblies, PE and dance sessions, language lessons, art competitions, and curriculum-linked projects. A highlight for many was the variety of cultural dishes served in the canteen, offering a true taste of our school's diversity.

As we plan ahead for the next academic year, we are reviewing the format of our parents' evenings for pupils in **Years 9 to 11**. Since the pandemic, we have held parents' evenings online. This approach has proved successful in many ways—allowing for punctual, focused conversations and greater flexibility for working families. However, we are aware that some parents have expressed a preference for a return to face-to-face meetings, particularly as it allows for a more personal connection, the opportunity to visit the school and to meet teachers, Heads of Year, and the senior leadership team in person.

We value your feedback, and if the consensus of our parents is in favour of returning to in-person parents' evenings for Years 9 to 11, we will look to implement this from next year. Before making a decision, we encourage you to consider some of the **key positives** associated with both formats:

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Positives of Online Parents' Evenings

- Convenient for parents/carers to attend from home or work
- No need for travel or childcare arrangements
- Strictly timed appointments keep the evening running smoothly
- Higher attendance rates from parents/carers in all year groups.
- No long queues waiting to see a teacher.

Positives of Face-to-Face Parents' Evenings

- Allows for more personal interaction and relationship-building
- Easier to have sensitive conversations
- Opportunity to visit the school and see your child's learning environment
- Face-to-face meetings may feel more meaningful for some families

We would appreciate it if you could indicate your preference by [clicking on this link](#) and completing the short survey. If the consensus is in favour of face-to-face meetings for Years 9–11, we will confirm this change.

Survey Link

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



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