

21st January 2025

Dear parent/guardian

As you are aware, Brymore has recently adopted a new management system called Arbor. Unfortunately, due to the transition timeline we had to postpone the Year 11 Parent Consultation, which was due to take place immediately after the Christmas break. Consequently, we have had to do some re-arranging throughout all year groups to ensure that all students can still access a Parent Consultation this academic year.

Please see the new Year 11 Parent Consultation date below. Further information about booking appointments with individual teachers will be released soon.

Year 11 Parent Consultation - 24th February 2024

On 24th February we would like to invite Year 11 and their parents to our second **Raising Achievement event from 3-4pm in the Main Hall**. In November 2024 we had our first Raising Achievement session which focussed on the science of revision, how to organise revision as well as the most effective strategies to use when revising. This follow-up session, only nine school weeks before exams begin, will be led by the Heads of Department for English, maths and science and give more specific information about how and what to revise for each element of their respective courses. It will focus on how to raise achievement, specifically how to secure that all important grade 4 or above. Students who can secure a grade 4 or above in both English and maths will be able to access Level 3 courses, without having to re-sit English, maths, or both, during their time at college. Without achieving these grades, students will likely spend an extra year or even longer at college before receiving their next qualifications. Ultimately, this session is designed with parents in mind. We want to support you to support them; we know the next few weeks will be intense for the boys, parents and staff - we're all in it together.

Following this event, **from 4-7pm, we invite students and parents to attend an in-person parent consultation in the Teaching Block**. We hope at this point (potential Arbor teething problems aside) that students and parents will have received mock exam grades or will do so during the consultation. It will be a chance to speak with staff directly to unpick these results, ask any follow-up questions from the preceding session, and to both have a clear understanding about what needs to be done to ensure that your son achieves the grades they both need and deserve come the summer term.

When the booking goes live, please book promptly to avoid disappointment. Should you be unable to attend please do contact the relevant individual members of staff directly to receive feedback and they will endeavour to facilitate this. **Please note**, that although every student in Year 11 is taught by both Mr Lines and Mr Underwood, there is no need to book an appointment with both members of staff. Students should have been made aware who they need to book an appointment with however, to avoid confusion, those in Set 1 need to see Mr Lines and Sets 2 and 3 can see either member of staff.

Yours faithfully

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