

24th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING – THURSDAY 8th October

We would like to invite you to the virtual Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 8th October, 1.15-7.00pm. This will give you the opportunity to discuss with teaching staff the current progress of your child along with strategies to improve his/her achievement. Year 11 Parents Evening always proves to be a valuable event as not only does it give your child the opportunity to share in their achievements with you and their teachers, but it also allows for staff to specifically guide and advise your child on areas to focus on in improving their overall progress. The benefit of holding these conversations in October means that there is time to support and encourage students before the mock exams which will follow in December. This provides time to develop a better understanding of the areas of weakness, and more importantly, how they can focus on them as part of their independent revision.

All students have been provided with an appointment card to make appointments with teachers for each of their subjects. Please can you let your child know what time you are available from so they can start to make appointments. It is imperative that your child makes appointments with every teacher to ensure that you receive a full picture of their progress and areas which perhaps require additional attention.

Where subjects are split taught, teachers will provide separate appointments. It is also important to note that some teachers may teach more than one Year 11 class, so they will endeavour to see as many parents as possible, however they may not be able to see everyone. We have decided to run a longer parents evening session to facilitate more appointments, but if you find that you cannot confirm a time convenient with your schedule, please contact the subject teacher directly. Details of teachers email addresses can be found on the school website.

All teaching staff will send a Zoom meeting link via Microsoft Teams for the appointment, which your child has access to on their subject class Teams. You will need to join these meetings using your child's Zoom login (school email address and the password they have set) before the time of your appointment, and the class teacher will let you into the meeting at your allocated time. We do ask for your support in ensuring that your child knows their login and password for Zoom well ahead of the evening. For any technical questions, please do not hesitate to email ithelpdesk@lymmhigh.org.uk. Alternatively, students may speak with their Form Tutors next week to ensure that they feel confident in using Zoom.

If there are any issues with the technology on the evening, please do not panic. This is a very different way of working and so we do ask you to bear with us if you do face any issues. It is our priority to ensure that all Year 11 students receive feedback on their progress and regardless of technology issues, we are committed to making this happen. If you do come into difficulties, simply email the relevant subject teachers who can then follow up with a progress phone call.

As a teacher of Year 11 myself, I will not be available for meetings linked to pastoral concerns. However, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor, Subject Teacher/Head of Faculty, or myself following the evening to arrange a convenient meeting time to discuss any worries you may have at this time.

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We look forward to seeing you, albeit virtually, on Thursday 8th October.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Taylor
Head of Year 11