

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings explained - Parent surveys regularly show a 50/50 split for preferring online or face to face evenings. There are benefits and drawbacks to both and therefore we take a blended approach. Through Year 7 to Year 13 there are three online events and six Face to Face. It is useful to understand the approach we take to the whole journey to understand the placing of evenings in the year.

The government allows a school to "direct" a teacher for 1265 hours a year, this does not include a teacher's planning, marking and work at home etc. Parents' evenings, along with teaching, tutoring, reporting and training are all examples of Directed Tasks, and so the time available is not unlimited to have multiple evenings dedicated to each year group or appointment slots longer than the 5 minutes, in the three hours each evening is given.

Our aim is that if there are concerns about learning for a child, we do not wait for parents' evening – a teacher or Head of Academic Progress will get in touch.

We know that conversation trumps any other feedback and so in Years 11, 12 and 13 there are two evenings for conversation with your child's teachers. These are your child's key exam years and so they are always placed well to lead to actions from mock exams and before the May/June external exams. The first evening for each year is face to face, with the second being online.

Year 7 also have two evenings. The first in October with the tutor to check in and end the transition process. The second, with each subject teacher, giving about 40 minutes of conversation face to face.

Year 9 evening is linked to the Options process and so is in school in February.

Year 8 subject evening, online, along with the Year 7 subject evening are then both placed to have time left in the year for students to act on any feedback.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Parents' Evening Dates

All dates are Thursdays.

Year 7 End of Transition – with the Tutor – 12th October in school.

Year 7 subject evening – 9th May in school.

Year 8 – 29th February online.

Year 9 with Options talk – 1st February in school.

Year 10 – 25th February in school.

Year 11 1st event – 14th December in school.

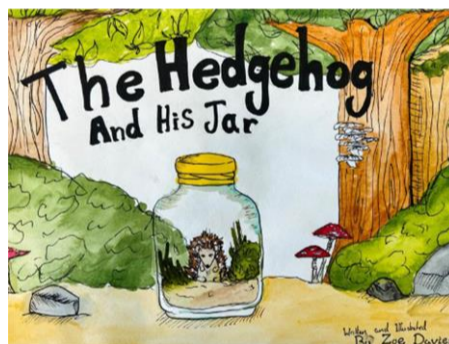
Year 11 2nd event – 21st March online.

Year 12/13 1st event – 30th November in school.

Year 12/13 2nd event – 7th March online.



A Level Art and Photography – Amazing Work



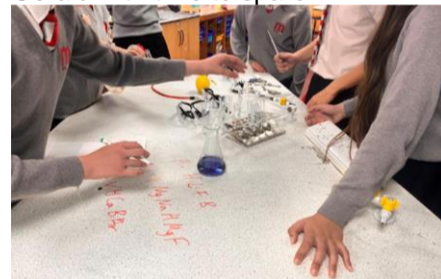
Lesson Gradings lead to Reward Points

Every time your child gets a lesson grade of a 1, they automatically gain 2 reward points. For every lesson grade of a 2, they gain 1 reward point.

Reward points can be seen on the Parent Arbor app and are worth real rewards – stationary, free lunch items or, for more points - an experience such as mocktails with the ICT staff or Amazon vouchers.

Our Rewards Shop is on our website [here](#) and details about rewards points can be found [here](#).

Students in Year 8 used their reward points in exchange for a Science Escape Room! They solved the puzzles and managed to save Gerald with time to spare!



FOCUS

Netball Report



Our Sixth Form Netball teams took to the courts to play local rivals Oswestry School in the first friendly of the year. We were evenly matched on the night winning 1 game each. A lovely start to the sporting year for our Sixth Form students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Open Evening, including Sixth Form – all welcome, Thursday 21st September
- Parent Learning Event - Welcome to GCSE – Thursday 5th October
- Year 7 End of Transition – with the Tutor – 12th October in school

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

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