

Parent webinars - Year 7 and 8

Dear parents and carers,

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you last week during our parent webinars and in particular I extend a very warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school community this year.

In case you were unable to attend the webinars, there are links below to the presentation that we shared with you. This letter also contains some frequently asked questions which came up in the live question and answers session at the end of the presentation.

Warm regards,
Ms Lloyd
Deputy headteacher

[Year 7 and 8 information evening presentation](#)

Parent webinar FAQs

1. Which days are students allowed to wear their PE kit in school?

Students can arrive to school in their PE kit on days that they have dance, PE and Ed-Extra (sports activity only).

2. Why does my year 8 child need to attend an options evening in year 8?

In year 8, your child will be asked to attend an GCSE options evening on 31st January and then indicate which subjects they would like to study at GCSE. The sooner we know which subjects they are interested in, the more chances we have to adequately staff those subjects and ensure as many students get their choices as possible. In year 9 they will begin one of those GCSEs and will have the opportunity to confirm whether the subjects they had indicated that they wanted to study in year 8, are still the ones that they wish to do.

3. Will assessment timetables and revision checklists be provided for my child before their mid year assessments?

Yes, your child will receive their assessment timetable two weeks before the assessments are due to start.

4. Will our child sit CATS tests?

No, children in year 7 will not sit CATs tests this year. The reason for this is that primary schools have been able to provide us with adequate prior attainment data following your



child's SATs tests. During COVID we did not have this data which meant we needed CATs tests to help us understand how to meet the needs of your child.

5. What are the canteen food prices?

These should now be available to view on the website under school dining.