

3 October 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Progress Evenings

You may recall that last term we carried out parental surveys across all schools in The Education Alliance to gather feedback about progress evenings and how we conduct these moving forward. The feedback across the trust was largely in favour of continuing with online progress evenings, with many parents and carers citing the additional flexibility (especially around childcare), convenience and lack of waiting as the main advantages. Despite these comments, a significant proportion of parents also commented that they had missed the opportunity to meet with staff face to face at the school and would appreciate opportunities for in-person events.

We have therefore produced a hybrid model (below) for the year ahead to ensure that the parents of children in all year groups get chance to visit the school every year. We will also move back to face-to-face progress evenings at key times in your child's education: meetings in person will take place with Year 7 tutors at the start of your child's time at Driffield School & Sixth Form, as well as with their GCSE and A-level teachers in the first year of Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5.

Year	Progress Evening	Date	Face to face events at Driffield School & Sixth Form	Date
7	Online	23 Mar (X) 29 Mar (Y)	Year 7 Settling-in Parents' Evening	6 Oct
8	Online	27 Apr (X) 3 May (Y)	Personal Development and Careers Education evening	TBC
9	Online	12 Jan (X) 18 Jan (Y)	Year 9 Options Evening	30 Nov
10	In person	10 Nov (X) 16 Nov (Y)	Key Stage 4 Information Evening	2 Nov
11	Online	2 Feb (X) 8 Feb (Y)	Sixth Form Open Evening Key Stage 4 Information Evening Year 11 Steps to Success Sixth Form Induction Evening	20 Oct 2 Nov 2 Mar 11 Jul
12	In person	18 May	Year 12 Settling in Parents' Evening Next Steps Evening (UCAS & Apprenticeships)	6 Oct 15 Jun
13	Online	15 Dec	Next Steps Surgery Awards Evening	23 Feb 13 Jul

We will write nearer the time of each event to remind you how to book your appointments (online and for in-person meetings) and to confirm full details of the time and date of each event.

Throughout the year we will also be running a series of parental engagement events, designed to support your child as they progress through the school. Below is a summary of the planned events, and again we will write to you nearer the time to confirm specific details of each event.

Date	Time	Event
3 October	09:00 – 10:00 and 16:00 – 17:00	Reader Pen coffee session <i>For parents and carers of students issued with a reader pen.</i>
6 October	16:30 – 19:30	Year 7 Settling-in Evening Mind session: drop-in
17 October	09:00-10:00 and 16:00 – 17:00	Literacy Support Coffee Session – Meet the Team <i>For parents and carers of Year 7 and Year 8 literacy support students</i>
21 October	13:15 – 14:15	Supporting your child with reading for pleasure and reading with your child. Supporting your child with numeracy
1 December	16:45 – 17:45	Supporting your child with reading for pleasure and reading with your child & supporting your child with numeracy. Mind session: How to deal with anxiety
25 January	16:45 – 17:45	Mind session: Ways to wellbeing
2 March	TBC	Steps to Success Evening (Year 11) Mind session: Conversations about mental health
10 May	16:45 – 17:45	Mind session: <i>details to be confirmed</i>
14 June	16:45 – 17:45	Mind session: <i>details to be confirmed</i>

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



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