



**HEDINGHAM SCHOOL  
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Dear Parent/Guardian

As always, I hope you are all well and managing to cope with all your challenges, in particular, the pressures of 'Home Learning'. We are now approaching a half term break which will provide us all with a respite from our computer screens. In this letter, I will update you about future events taking place over the next few weeks.

**Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews and "Next Steps" Meetings - Wednesday 10 February**

We are holding individual meetings with all Year 11 students next week to discuss their intentions beyond the end of this academic year. For many, this will be a discussion about appropriate Sixth Form programmes within our Hedingham School Sixth Form. For others, it will be an opportunity to provide guidance and support with apprenticeships or applications to alternative education providers. This is an exciting next step for students and we hope to support them all with the choices that they intend to make.

**Engagement - Review Day - Friday 12 February – Years 7-10**

On Friday 12 February we are holding a review day for students in Years 7-10. This will consist of a 10-minute meeting with the child's tutor or the member of staff who has been involved in monitoring the welfare of your child. This will be an opportunity to discuss the current engagement data with yourselves. In general, we have been extremely pleased with the efforts of students during this half term and this has been recognised through regular welfare checks. However, we feel that this will provide you with a view of engagement in each subject area and discuss ways that we can support you and your child going forward.

Home Learning will continue on this day but students will be provided with assignments or pre-recorded work. This will allow form tutors to have productive conversations with yourselves. Appointments will be made through our Parents' Evening Booking system and via Teams (guidance enclosed).

**Year 11 Academic Review Day (Monday 22 February)**

We will be running a review day on Monday 22 February. This will be an opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers. Appointments will be in 10-minute slots and will be available from 9.00 am to 3.15 pm using the normal Parents' Evening Booking system. Parents will log on using the following information:

- Browse to [hedingham.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](https://hedingham.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)
- Enter your details with email address and your child's details
- Press the Log in button and follow the instructions
- Once you have completed the process, a confirmation email will be sent

**This will go 'live' from Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 6.00 am.** These will be important meetings for parents and students to focus on current engagement levels and areas for development. As you are aware, we are conducting a series of topic-based assessments in which students will need to prepare for. Information related to the first assessment task will be circulated to students and parents next week.

**Year 9 Guidance Choice**

- Monday 22 February – Options Presentation by Mr Finch, Deputy Headteacher, at 2.15 pm via Microsoft Teams.
- Monday 22 February to Friday 26 February – Subject Presentations during lessons.
- 4 March – Year 9 Guided Choice Parents' Evening via our website

As you can see, there is a series of events planned to ensure that parents and students are fully informed about the options available for students. A more detailed programme will be circulated to Year 9 parents next week.

### Sports Challenge

Mrs Cook and Mrs Sergeant will be offering an opportunity for students to take part in the school Sports Challenge event over the next two weeks. I hope to see many students taking part and look forward to viewing some of the activities. It would also be great to see some of our parents involved!

### Half Term Arrangements (15-19 February)

The school will be closed over the half term holiday. Therefore, there will not be any on-site provision for key worker children. Home Learning will also end on Friday 12 February and resume on Monday 22 February. This is a recommendation from the DfE to allow all staff and students to take a well-earned rest.

If there are any critical worker families who are unable to manage their childcare during this week due to work commitments, please contact the childcare brokerage service on [ey.comms@essex.gov.uk](mailto:ey.comms@essex.gov.uk)

Hopefully, the information in this letter has provided you with some clarity in relation to the next few weeks. It is a busy time for us all but our main priority, as always, is to ensure that we work together to keep our students focussed and support them whenever we can. As stated, earlier in the letter, Home Learning provision will continue to operate whilst the other events take place, however, there may well be a modification in relation to delivery and tasks set for the two review days.

Mr Finch will also be writing to you with the fortnightly remote learning update.

Thank you for your support. Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



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- Parents' Evening Booking System Guidance
- Teams Video Call Guidance

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