



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a wonderful first week back in school after October half term, it has again been an extremely positive start to a term and I would like to thank you for all your efforts in helping us to achieve this.

As we move through the year with Parents' Evenings for the different year groups, I would like to explain the rationale of choosing to have a mixture of 'in-school' and 'virtual' evenings.

During the pandemic we obviously had virtual Parents' Evenings for all year groups and then last year we had a mixture of both. Having listened to parents' views on the difference between having these evenings held in school, or virtually through Microsoft Teams there was not a consensus of parents who would like to have one or the other.

We can see that both formats have their merits and understand that parents will have their own preference. Some parents appreciate the flexibility of the virtual Parents' Evenings, conducting them from the comfort of their living rooms and keeping to timings etc. whilst some parents appreciate the personal contact of face-to-face meetings with the teachers in school.

Therefore, as a compromise to both views we have decided to conduct our evenings this year as follows:-

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Format</u>
Year 10	Thursday 17 November 2022	Virtual
Year 11	Thursday 19 January 2023	In School
Year 9	Thursday 2 February 2023	In School
Year 7	Thursday 16 February 2023	In School
Year 8	Thursday 16 March 2023	Virtual

We will canvas opinion after each evening to judge whether this compromise is the correct approach moving forward into future years.

We have already held our Year 10 'Guidance Evening' in school on 6 October 2022, where we only invite parents into school to discuss the relevant issues facing that particular year group and the approach for Guidance Evenings will be the same for all year groups, ie they will be held in school.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, it is always greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher