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25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Calendar Changes

The start of term has been an enormous success and we are grateful for all of your support in making sure pupils attend school every day. It is a pleasure to walk around school and find classrooms alive with learning again, with pupils engaged and evidently making accelerated progress; moving forward from such a long time out of the classroom during lockdown.

As we have settled back into the new school year, we want to ensure that parental events such as parents' evening are as meaningful as possible for pupils, parents and staff. Our original calendar published three parents' evenings which were due to take place before October half term. However, recent self-isolation of some pupils due to two positive COVID-19 cases, and the scale of the internal processes for assessing pupils in order to shape our acceleration curriculum, I am writing to inform you that we have pushed back the dates of Year 11, Year 13 and Year 8 parents' evenings. These will now take place virtually, via an online meeting platform on the following dates:

Year 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday 12 th November 2020, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 19 th November 2020, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 26 th November 2020, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Each event will take place virtually via an online platform. The platform will launch appointment times that you can book with each of your child's teachers ahead of the evening. We will contact you with further information ahead of the event(s) you will be required to attend. If you are unable to engage virtually and would prefer a face to face or telephone appointment, we will provide these where we can. Again the specific information relating to each event will be shared a little later in the term.

Please save the above dates as we hope to maintain the excellent attendance we have enjoyed in the past, at parents' evenings this year as they are so important in our partnership work with you in support of your child's education.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, queries or feedback, please contact your child's Head of House. For ease, here are their email addresses:

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Exeter House	Mr Hanson	r.hanson@decschool.co.uk
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Yours sincerely,

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