



20 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this letter, there is information about:

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- Year 8 parents' evening

Year 8 second report

The second of our reports for Year 8 students is now available through Go4schools. This can be accessed through the front page of our website: <https://www.sohamvc.org/page/?title=Go4Schools&pid=1053>.

The purpose of this snapshot report is to give you an overview of your child's progress and attitudes in all their subjects, based largely on their first term at the school.

The report includes for each subject:

- End of year target - an externally generated target and a guide to what represents a good level of progress
- Aspirational target - a grade selected by the class teacher if the externally generated target is insufficiently challenging
- Current grade - the grade achieved in assessed work
- Attitude to learning - how well your child approaches each lesson
- Progress towards target - how likely the teacher thinks your child is to meet their end of year target at their current rate of progress
- Attendance this academic year
- Behaviour this academic year

A third report with written comments will be available on Monday 17 July 2023.

Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening Thursday 30 March 2023 - Online appointment booking

We are looking forward to hosting the Year 8 Parents' Evening by video call.

Booking is now open, please visit <https://sohamvc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to make your appointments or go to <https://www.sohamvc.org/page/?title=Bookings+Appointments&pid=1204> for additional guidance. Bookings need to be completed by midnight on Wednesday 29th March. Appointments will be available between 4pm and 6.30pm.

Our aim is for all parents and carers to be able to book appointments with the core subjects, English, maths and science. Please be aware that some teachers of other subjects teach multiple groups in year 8 which means that it is not possible for them to have appointments for all the students they teach. If you particularly require feedback beyond what is



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included in the second report, please contact the teacher directly and they will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Appointments are 3 minutes long and will run to the second! This is part of the software and there is no way of going back or extending the call. If this is the first parents' evening you have attended at secondary school, you will find it significantly different to primary school. Please do not worry if you don't ask all you were planning to. If there is anything you wish to discuss further, please contact the teacher directly to continue the discussion. This evening is an opportunity to meet some of your child's teachers. There should be no surprises and no significant new information as Go4Schools provides daily updates and you would have been contacted already if there were any concerns.

To start the virtual parents' evening, visit the same page that you used to make the bookings <https://sohamvc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. We recommend that you log on in good time and click 'start video appointments'. This will display your video and a countdown to your first appointment time. Joining early allows you to check your video is working, there is no way of starting an appointment before time so don't worry about being on it too early. Please read the attached guidance to find out what to expect, the best device to use and what to do if you have any difficulties:

1. [Video Appointments: Parents - How to attend appointments over video call - SchoolCloud Parents Evening \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](#)
2. [Video Appointments: Troubleshooting Issues - SchoolCloud Parents Evening \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](#)

As for all our parents' evenings, we welcome the students to join the meetings.

If you require any assistance logging in or do not have access to the internet to book, please contact Mrs Sarah Arnold at the school to make appointments for you: sarnold@soham-college.org.uk. Please note, it will also be possible to come into school to use a computer if necessary; if you would like to do this, please contact me directly.

We have used this software for a number of years and are aware that there are occasional technical difficulties – there will be over 2000 individual meetings happening in just a few hours! I apologise in advance for any issues you do encounter. If there are any issues with an appointment, please email the teacher and arrange to catch up at some other time.

The key feedback from the parents who have taken part in online parents' evenings is to log in early, check your video is working, and check the microphone - it will be coloured green to indicate audio is working.

One of the big advantages of parents' evening being run in this way is that for some of you, it will be possible to attend from the comfort of your home. Please bear in mind that parents' evening is a formal meeting and it should take place in an appropriate setting wherever you are attending from.

The SEND department will be available for school consultations during the Year 8 parents' evening. If your child is on the Special Educational Needs register and you wish to speak with the SENCo, please book an appointment with Inge Tucker, Key Stage 3 SENCo. The appointments will be double length, so 6 minutes.

If you have any enquiries about the report, please contact Mrs Spain at espain@soham-college.org.uk. If you have any queries about the online parents' evening booking system, please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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