



11 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter contains information about:

- Year 11 parents' evening
- Year 11 report and predicted grades

Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening Thursday 4 January 2024 - Online appointment booking and Year 11 second report

We will be holding our Year 11 parents' evening via video call. This will be hosted on the web-based parents' evening system we use for booking.

The booking process is now open. 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 3 January. Appointments will be available between 4pm and 6.30pm. 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.

To start the virtual parents' evening, you go to the same place that you made the bookings <https://sohamvc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. We recommend that you login 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. For further guidance about using the software, please go to [Video: Parents - How to attend appointments over video call - SchoolCloud Parents' Meetings \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](#). If you have any difficulty with web browsers or compatibility, please look at the trouble shooting guide: [Video: Troubleshooting Issues - SchoolCloud Parents' Meetings \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](#)

As usual we welcome the students to join the meetings.

If you require any assistance logging in or do not have access to the internet, please contact Mrs Arnold on sarnold@soham-college.org.uk. Mrs Arnold can help you to book appointments or arrange for you to come into school to use a computer if necessary.

We have used this software with great success for a number of years now but we do recognise 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. If there are issues connecting on the day, please email me at eslingsby@soham-college.org.uk.



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The key feedback from the parents who have taken part in our previous evenings is to log in early; you can then 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 do in 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 11 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 Angela Bocking, Key Stage 4 SENCo. The appointments will be double length, so 6 minutes.

Year 11 Second Report

The second Year 11 report 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 report will give you a quick update on the progress and attitudes in lessons 'at a glance'. It will also contain your child's **predicted grades** that will be used in their post-16 applications. **Any queries about predicted grades should be directed to teachers as soon possible.** Please note that parents' evening will be too late to discuss predicted grades.

Students have been completing their post 16 applications over the past term and have submitted them to have predicted grades and tutor references added. All applications will be sent to the colleges by the school on 15 December. Please report any problems or concerns to Mr Oakhill immediately noakhill@soham-college.org.uk

The report will also give you information about:

- Current grade – the grade achieved in any assessments so far in the course
- Attitude to learning
- Attendance this academic year
- Behaviour this academic year

There will be a full report available on 22 April 2024.

If you have any enquiries about the report, please contact Mr Reay Creay@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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