



12 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter has information about:

- **Year 9 short report**
- **Year 9 parents' evening**
- **KS4 Options**

Year 9 second report

The second of our reports for Year 9 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 a quick update on the progress and attitudes in lessons 'at a glance'. It is largely based on their first term's work. I hope it will inform conversations with teachers at parents' evening or be of use if you are unable to meet with a particular teacher.

Subjects will report on:

- End of year target for each subject. This is an externally generated target and a general guide to what would be a good level of progress
- Aspirational target - grade if the previous target was not sufficiently challenging. This target is selected by the teacher of the subject based on the previous year's performance and performance so far this year
- Current grade – the grade achieved in any assessments so far in the course
- Attitude to learning – how well your child approaches each lesson
- Attendance this academic year
- Behaviour this academic year
- Progress towards target – whether or not the teacher thinks your child is on track to meet their target at their current rate of progress

There will be a full report on 15 July 2024.

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening - Thursday 29 February 2024 - Online appointment booking

We will be holding our Year 9 parents' evening by video call. This will be hosted by the parents' evening system website we currently use for booking.

The booking process is unchanged from normal parents' evenings, and 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 28 February. 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.



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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.

To start the virtual parents' evening, go to the same place that you made 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 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 \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](https://parentseveningsystem.co.uk)
2. [Video Appointments: Troubleshooting Issues - SchoolCloud Parents Evening \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](https://parentseveningsystem.co.uk)

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

We have used this software for a number of years and are aware there 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 join 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 9 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.

Technology appointments at parents' evening:

Due to the nature of subject rotations in technology, it is possible your child's current technology teacher is not a teacher of the option they would like to choose. If that is the case, and you would like to particularly speak to a product design or food and nutrition teacher, please contact Sarah Arnold at sarnold@soham-college.org.uk with your preferred subject and approximate time and we will endeavour to make an additional appointment for you.

Options

The options process is now well under way. Students will continue to be given information about the subjects they can take in Key Stage 4 but should be proactive in speaking to older students and their class teachers if they want to know



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more. For new subjects such as: business studies, media studies, health and social care, and some of the art options, it is important students know the details of the course and what is required of students who study it. We want students to understand how courses are examined and how they will spend their time in lessons. Details about the options process and all the subjects can be found on the school website: [Soham Village College - Key Stage 4 Option Choices \(sohamvc.org\)](http://sohamvc.org). The deadline for choices is Friday 22 March so there is still plenty of time for consideration.

If you have any enquiries about the report, please contact Mrs Spain 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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