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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from our school calendar that the Year 12 Parents' evening is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Parent and teacher consultations are key events for schools, as well as parents, and are of benefit to both parties. However, they can involve teachers and parents being in close contact with others in large numbers, inside, over a long period of time. Whilst we do not want to compromise on the offer we provide to families as a school, we understandably have to abide by the current government restrictions and Public Health England recommendations. As such, we are unable to facilitate the normal face-to-face arrangements this year considering the risks of COVID-19 transmission during these events.

At Netherthorpe, we feel it is important that as parent/carers you still have the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue with someone about the progress of your child since their return to school. We do not believe that a written report would facilitate this as it only allows a one-way dialogue from teacher to parent. As a number of parents/ carers may not feel confident in speaking to staff via an online platform, we have decided to conduct these meetings via telephone.

In addition, subjects will provide parents with some subject/ key stage specific information sheets that will detail ways in which you can support your child and engage them further with their learning. The school has adapted curriculum plans and are working hard to ensure no child is disadvantaged by the closure.

### Arrangements for Parents Evening

- All calls will take place week commencing **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 between 9am and 3pm. Please note: in Psychology these calls may continue through to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February due to the size of the cohort and staff available**
- Please **click on the link below** to indicate that you would like to receive a progress call from your child's class teachers. There will be an option for parents wishing to take calls to indicate if there is time period when they would be unavailable. **We ask that this is completed prior to 9pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January in order to schedule the event.**
- If you wish to speak to the Head of Section, you will also have an opportunity to indicate this on the form.

**Link to request progress phone calls:**

Y12 link: <http://bit.ly/Y12parentseve21>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr G Mason, Director of Sixth Form on 01246 472220.

Yours sincerely

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