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Dear Parents

Following the recent information we have received from the Department for Education with regards to the awarding of GCSE grades this academic year, we would like to invite you to attend the Year 11 Parents' Evening which will take place online on **Thursday 22 April from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**.

As I am sure you are aware, the decision to award students centre assessed grades will place utmost levels of importance on the final weeks of study for our Year 11 students. With this in mind we would like to offer you the opportunity to speak to your child's subject teachers with regards to how they are working and what they need to do over the coming weeks to improve their academic outcomes.

Please be advised that this is not the time to speak to teachers about the grades your child may be awarded, nor will any specific data be given out at this time. However, should you seek clarity with regards to how GCSE grades will be awarded this year please visit the JCQ website and refer to the guidance provided for parents and students, which can be found via the link below:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

All appointments will be booked and held online through our Parents' Evening System (instructions for setting this up are attached to this letter). Appointments will be 5 minutes long: as these are online, the appointment will cut off after 5 minutes and will allow you 1 minute before your next appointment.

If you need assistance booking online appointments please contact [data@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:data@smithdonhigh.org.uk).

This will potentially be the last formal opportunity for the parents of Year 11 students to speak to subject teachers directly, therefore I really encourage you to support your child with your online attendance at this evening.

We look forward to talking to you soon.

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Knott**  
Assistant Headteacher