



## CARLETON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Headteacher's update

I would like to thank everyone who has shared positive comments with OFSTED, on Twitter and direct messages to us over the last week. It has been uplifting to receive this acknowledgment and we are grateful for parents' empathy, encouragement and support.

### Parents evenings

The year 11 parents evening was due to take place yesterday evening, Thursday, 14 January. Unfortunately, due to a technical issue at School Cloud, we had to cancel at very short notice. This technical issue was experienced across the country by all school's using the School Cloud package. Please see the statement provided by School Cloud via the link below, that details the cause of the issue. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. <https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/parents-evening/>

As a result, we have rescheduled upcoming parents' evenings as follows:

- **Year 11** – will now take place on Thursday, 21 January. Please note, all appointment times will be at the same time that they would have been on 14 January, which means that you do not have to re-book any appointments. If this does pose any particular issues for any families, please contact the school and we will try and accommodate you the best we can.
- **Year 9** - will now take place on Thursday, 28 January.
- **Year 8** - will now take place on Thursday, 4 February.
- **Year 7** - will now take place on Thursday ,11 February.

Should you have any queries about parents' evenings, please contact the school.

### Consultation on Awarding of GCSEs

The Department for Education and Ofqual are expected to publish their consultation on how GCSEs will be awarded very soon. We shall share this information with Year 11 students and their parents when it is published.

### **Free School Meals**

We have changed our offering for free school meals during this period of remote learning. To ensure families receive the best value, moving forwards, we will issue vouchers to eligible families rather than food hampers.

### **Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing**

The pandemic and associated continued restrictions continue to affect our lives. It is hard to gauge the full impact the situation is having on young people's mental health and wellbeing, but we are committed to supporting families through these challenging times. Juggling working from home whilst supporting your child's remote learning can be difficult and has been a challenge for many families (including our own staff). Therefore, it is important that we all find time to unwind and for self-care. We have created a Mental Health and Wellbeing page on our website. This contains useful information, guidance and easy, ready-to-use resources and strategies. Please take a look; there is something for everyone.

<https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

Thank you, once again, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Cross'.

**Mrs J Cross**  
**Headteacher**