

June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 12 Students

I hope you are well and looking forward to a more normal summer. This letter is to confirm the following important Sixth Form dates:

- Yr 12 Parent's Evening: Thursday 17th June 2021 – virtual meeting**
- Next Step Development Day: Friday 2nd July 2021**
- End of term for Year 12: Friday 23rd July 2021**
- Start of term for Year 13/14: Monday 6th September 2021**

Parent's evening on Thursday 17th June 2021 is a chance for you to find out about your son/daughter's progress and discuss mock exams in each of their subjects. This year we are running Parents' Evenings virtually from home. You will be able to use any device that has an internet connection e.g. laptop, desktop or even a smartphone. No App is required to be installed and all calls are encrypted. If you do not have access to a device to enable you to make a virtual appointment, please contact Jan Cockings on jcockings@budmouth-aspirations.org who will be happy to assist. To book an appointment slot with your child's teachers please follow this link:
<https://budmouth.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

For more information on how to book and attend a video call appointment, please have a look at the following links to the Parent Guides:

[Parents-Evening-How-to-make-an-appointment](#)

[Parents-Evening-How-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call](#)

Next Step Day on Friday 2nd July will start at 10am to allow students a bit of a lie-in after their rescheduled Prom celebrations the night before. The day is designed to help students explore what to do after Sixth Form and begin to prepare strong applications. It is compulsory for all students. In the present economic climate, it is more important than ever that students take the time to prepare strong and timely next step applications. We have found the following to be important: **strong exam results; extra-curricular experience / work experience** related to the skills required to do the course applied for; a **strong personal statement**, showing the student has researched carefully what they want to do next and finally, **applying in good time**. There is evidence to suggest that applications sent early receive more attention.

I know staff are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 17th June.

Yours sincerely



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