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Tuesday 1st April 2025

Year 9 Options Evening/Parents' Evening

Dear Parents and Carers.

The Green Room Windsor warmly invites you to a two-part event on **Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 6pm**:

- Year 9 Options Evening
- Year 9 Parents Evening

The event will begin with an Options Evening, where **next year's School Timetable and Curriculum Offer** will be detailed and staff will present on various Options Courses that we will be asking Year 9 pupils to select and specialise in. Pupils and parents/carers will get the opportunity to learn about how the courses will run, what qualifications are attached to them and what the expectations of each course are. There will also be a Question and Answers section to this portion of the evening.

Once this portion of the evening concludes we invite parents/carers to remain on to participate in the second half of the event, the **Year 9 Parents Evening**.

Re: Format for Parents Evening

Traditionally, Parents Evenings have focused on providing academic updates from individual subject teachers. While this approach can be valuable, The Green Room Windsor recognises that it often leaves limited time for deeper discussions about your young person's overall experience, well-being, and development. As a school, we are committed to a more holistic approach that reflects our therapeutic and pastoral ethos.

The Green Room Way

Instead of meeting with multiple subject teachers, we invite parents/carers to a single 45-minute session with a key staff member who knows your young person well. This session will be divided into three focused sections:

1. How are they in your world? (15 minutes)

 This is your opportunity to share insights about your young person's experiences, strengths, and challenges at home.

2. How are they in our world? (15 minutes)

 We will share observations about your young person's engagement, progress, and well-being at school.

3. Action planning (15 minutes)

 Together, we will agree on two key actions: one to support your young person at home and one for school. These actions will help create a unified approach to supporting your young person's needs.

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Why This Matters

This format ensures that:

- Your voice is heard, and your insights are valued.
- We can work together to build a clearer picture of your young person's overall needs and strengths.
- Practical and collaborative actions are agreed upon to support your young person's growth and well-being.

Preparing for the Evening

To make the most of your session, we encourage you to:

- Reflect on any recent achievements or challenges your young person has experienced at home.
- Think about any questions or concerns you'd like to raise.
- Be ready to share ideas for how we can work together to support your young person.

Which Staff Member Will You Meet With and At What Time?

Staff members will choose you! In the weeks preceding Parents Evening I will be asking members of staff to put themselves forward to meet with parents/carers that they either feel like they already have a well established relationship with or that they would like to use Parents Evening as a starting point to begin a point of connection. However, all students will have been discussed in the Staff Meetings preceding Parents Evening, so you can be sure that the member of staff that you meet with will be representing the thoughts and views of the school as a whole.

Staff Members will be in touch via telephone prior to Parents Evening. Reception will contact you to confirm your attendance.

We are confident that this approach will provide a meaningful and supportive experience for you and your young person. Our goal is to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring that we are working together to help your young person thrive.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about the new format, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Parents Evening and working together to celebrate and support your young person's journey. Please let us know if you will be able to attend by sending a response to office@thegreenroomschool.com or calling the office at 01753 866711.

Thank you very much and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Callum Flanagan Head of School

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