

Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

14th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Virtual Parents Evening March 27th

I am writing to inform you that our second and final Year 13 parents evening will be virtual and **will only be for targeted students that have underachieved in their trial examinations.** You will be notified if you are required to attend parents' evening, a week before, as the data will need to be analysed following our marking deadline. If you would still like to meet with your young person's teacher, please contact them to arrange an alternative time.

As we approach the A Level examinations, regardless of the subject we recommend that your young person:

- Plans their independent study, they have access to empty study timetables. Five hours per subject, per week of independent study is recommended. The same applies during non-term time.
- Topic lists should be used to ensure course coverage when revising.
- Transforms learnt content into a different format, for example mind maps, summarised notes or flashcards.
- Retrieves information from memory (active recall), this can be done using several different strategies including **completing exam questions**, completing quizzes, using flashcards, and/or writing what they remember about a topic and then using resources to develop their understanding of content they had forgotten, sometimes referred to as 'blurting.'
- Does not have access to their mobile phone when studying, as this may act as a distraction.

Additionally, if your young person is engaging in paid work, we kindly request your cooperation in discussing with your young person the number of hours they engage in paid work. Extensive part-time work can make it difficult for students to study effectively, a temporary reduction in hours as we approach the A Level examinations is advised.

We hope that this information will support you in supporting your child. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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