

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 9 Subject Parents' Evening

This term's Subject Parents' Evening for Year 9 students will be held on Thursday 14th February from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

The focus for the evening will be to discuss the progress that your child has made at Charles Read Academy.

Parents will have an opportunity to discuss specific areas of interest with individual subject teachers.

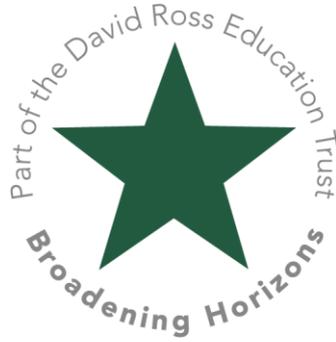
In order to have a successful parents evening there are several steps that you can take:

What should I do prior to the night?

1. Re-read the last progress report as this gives the best picture of how your child is progressing in school.
2. Talk to your child about each subject and find out what the particular areas for development or areas of concerns are. These questions and queries can be the start of the conversation with the teacher.

What questions should I ask the teacher?

3. If you have any questions or queries start with them as this is your opportunity to get your questions answered.
4. Attitude to Learning – If this is 3 or lower on the report, you need to discuss ideas of how to improve attitudes to learning.
6. Homework – Ask how often it is set and what sort of tasks it may be.
7. Targets and Grades – If there is a difference between target and predicted grades then ask why there is?
8. Is my child making enough progress to achieve their target grade?



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On-going Support for your Child

We want to encourage you to get directly involved with your son/daughter's learning and revision by supporting them with recall and retrieval practice.

Your child learns a great deal of information during the course of their school day, week and year. The very best way to support them with that learning is to help them recall that information regularly. Research has shown that asking them to explain what they covered in English, Maths or Science, for example, on a particular day and following this up a week later and then a month later and testing it will help to strengthen understanding and the ability to call upon that knowledge at a much later date. If your child has a revision guide, knowledge organiser or homework sheet with information, quizzing them on that subject matter will be of great benefit to your child's understanding and will support the work they undertake in their lessons.

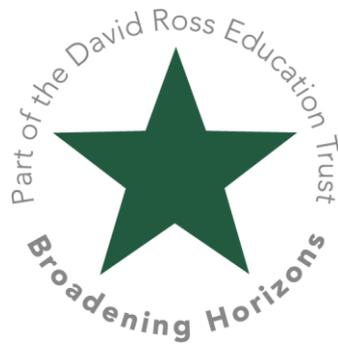
We are aiming to make the Parents' evening more effective and efficient. With that in mind we are going to trial a 5 minute signal letting staff and parents know that their time has elapsed and that it is time to move on to the next appointment.

We would welcome some feedback on this arrangement before you leave. There will be comment cards in the foyer.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday next week.

Yours sincerely,

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