

Our Ref: AHI/Parents' Evening

28th September 2023



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Dear Parent/Carer

I want to thank all Year 7 parents who attended 'Year 7 Settling In Evening'. It was great to hear how the children have adapted to secondary school so quickly and thank you for your support in this process.

Parents' Evenings – Years 7 to 11

Please see the below dates of the Parents' Evenings this academic year. All Parents' Evenings will be from 4.00 until 7.00pm:

- Year 7 – Wednesday 10th April 2024
- Year 8 - Wednesday 21st February 2024
- Year 9 - Thursday 14th March 2024
- Year 10 - Tuesday 16th April 2024
- Year 11 - Wednesday 11th October & Wednesday 17th January 2024
- Year 12/13 - Wednesday 31st January 2024

We will be switching to the online booking system for Parents' Evenings after the October half-term.

Year 11 Parents

You are invited to your child's Year 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 11th October 2023 from 4.00–7.00pm.

The evening provides an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress.

Your child's teachers are now making appointments for the evening. It would be extremely helpful if you could let your child know the time slot you require for the appointment so they can make these accordingly with their form tutor. Please find attached an electronic copy of the appointment sheet which indicates the appointment times.

All appointments must be made by Monday 9th October 2023 please.

Entrance to the Parents' Evening will be via the staff entrance, which is accessible via the main staff car park off the Lichfield Road. Parking will be available on this car park from 3.55pm. Details regarding the location of your appointment will be provided upon arrival.

If you require any further information regarding the format of this Parents' Evening, please contact postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.



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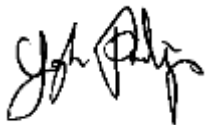
Key Stage 4 FFT Grades - FFT Baselines - what do they mean?

Your child has a baseline grade for each of their subjects, which we expect them to achieve or exceed in their GCSE results. Year 11 pupils have been made aware of what these grades are and they appear on the reports sent home. The **Fischer Family Trust (FFT)** processes the National Pupil Database for the Department of Education and provides data and analyses to all schools in England and Wales. They provide grade predictors for pupil attainment at the end of Key Stage 4 and Wednesfield Academy use these to inform the setting of ambitious and aspirational targets for pupils.

FFT is based on KS2 scores - the non-for-profit organisation look at the GCSE scores of all the pupils who got the same scores as your child when they were in Year 6 and then use that to work out the probability of your child getting particular grades at GCSE. These datasets are updated each year.

FFT benchmarks are based on how similar pupils nationally performed in the subject last year (similar pupils are defined as similar prior attainment, gender and month of birth). It is important for all pupils to remember their baselines are not the ceiling on what they can achieve, and many will hopefully surpass their baseline.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
Headteacher

