

Bexley Grammar School

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EMAIL SENT TO ALL PARENTS VIA PARENTPAY ON 16 MARCH 2020

Dear Parents,

Please note: Postponement of Year 10 Parents' Evening.

Our planned Year 10 parents' evening tomorrow would substantially increase the risks to our staff and the wider community. We have therefore decided, reluctantly, to cancel tomorrow evening and reschedule it later in the year. We will not be able to set a new date for this until we know more about the situation for schools in the weeks ahead.

BGS remains open as normal. We continue to receive daily guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England and will alert you to any change in our status as soon as we receive such information.

We are all, of course, very concerned about the public health situation which is changing rapidly on a daily basis. The welfare of your children and of our staff remains my top priority, particularly those few who have underlying health problems which make them more vulnerable.

Please continue to follow the published advice, just as we are following it in school: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public.

If your child shows symptoms, specifically **either a new continuous cough or a high temperature** (**or both**) - then your child must stay at home for seven days to protect others. This advice – 7 days self-isolation - applies to everyone. Please report any absence in the usual way by contacting the Attendance Office.

Our staff are being urged to take care of themselves and follow the same advice; as such it may be that some after-school clubs and activities will be suspended.

I will continue to notify you of any changes as they arrive via ParentMail (and the school website as appropriate).

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Steve Elphick Headteacher