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Dear Parent/Carers of Year 8 and 10 Students

After three academic years that have been significantly disrupted by the impacts of the global pandemic we are now able to cautiously look forward to a return to more normal times.

In education we can see both in our own school and from the national picture that the pandemic has had an impact on young people in a variety of ways and presented them, and us, with challenges that students before them have not had to face. Amongst the things that has been lost has been regular face to face contact between parents / carers and schools, particularly at key times such as at transition from primary school or during the decision-making process for GCSEs. This has undoubtedly affected how students have settled into secondary school life and / or left many families anxious about meeting the challenges of GCSE's.

In addition, at BGLC we have a new Headteacher who has not had the chance to speak to whole groups of families about his plans and ambitions for the school nor to explain some of the changes that you will have seen or heard relayed by your children.

In order that we are able to address some of these issues and so that we can start to rebuild strong supportive relationships between school and home we are asking parents / carers of all students in Years 8 and 10 to come to school for a meeting after half term. Families will be allocated one of two time slots on either Thursday 16th or Thursday 23rd June. On that evening we are asking that 1 parent/carer attends with their son or daughter. As well as a presentation from Mr. Teece and Mr. Godwin families will be given some specific information about their own child's current position in school.

While the hall space prevents us from being able to invite 2 parents/carers with each child, where there are specific reasons that two parents might wish to attend please contact us and we will attempt to cater for such requests.

If families are not able to make the time slot they have been allocated please contact ggodwin@brookvalegroby.com, and in most cases we will be able to move the time to the alternative week. Families who don't attend will be sent a further request for a catch up session before the summer holidays.

The value of clear communication and a shared understanding of what is needed to support success in school between students, families and school is widely recognised. We trust that you will be keen to support us and your son or daughter by attending these meetings in order that we can work together to minimise the impact that the pandemic has had on our children and on their future success.

The dates and time of meetings are as follows:

Thursday 16th June - 5pm Year 10 - Surname of child A to L

Thursday 16th June - 6pm Year 8 - Surname A to K

Thursday 23rd June - 5pm Year 8 - Surname of child L to Z

Thursday 23rd June - 6pm Year 10 - Surname of child M to Z

Yours sincerely

G Godwin

Senior Deputy Headteacher