



12th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Pupils' and Parents' Evening – Thursday 22nd October 2026

I would like to invite you and your son/daughter to a face-to-face Year 10 Parents' Evening which is being held on **Thursday 22nd October 2026**. The purpose of this Parents' Evening is to review your child's work so far now that they have started their qualifications in Year 10, but most importantly discuss the remainder of the year and how we can work together to support your child through this important time.

Following feedback from parents, we reviewed the way our Parents' Evenings were organised. We recognised that the previous booking system could sometimes be stressful, with appointments filling quickly and some parents feeling unable to meet with all the teachers they wished to see. In addition, the format of the evening itself could become busy and noisy, with limited privacy for discussions and appointment schedules often difficult to maintain. We felt that this was not always the best environment for building strong home-school partnerships or supporting meaningful conversations about how school and home can work together to help your child succeed.

For this reason, we are continuing with the Parents' Evening model introduced last year, which proved successful and received very positive feedback. There is no need to book individual appointments with teachers. Instead, parents should book onto one of two available sessions using this link: [Booking Form Y10 Parents' Evening](#), which will determine the time slot during which you can attend.

To make the most of the evening and maximise opportunities to speak with staff, we recommend arriving as early as possible within your chosen session. Parents who arrive later in the session may find it more difficult to meet with all of their child's teachers.

The time slots are stated below.

- **Session 1: 4:00–5:30 pm**
- **Session 2: 5:30–7:00 pm**

Please enter via the front entrance of school to sign in.

There will be up to 6 teachers to see in this time: English, Maths, Science, three option teachers, plus Mrs Bradbury (SENCO) where appropriate. There will not be an option to meet with non-examined subjects ie core RPE, Core PE and PD. Appointments will last five minutes and we have strongly encouraged staff to stick to these timings to ensure the evening runs to plan.

The event will be spread out using other areas, rather than solely in the main hall. This will improve the noise and stop overcrowding. You choose who you see and in what order. Where there is a parent already with a teacher you wish to see, we will provide seating to enable you to wait for a short amount of time until the teacher is free. There will be some waiting/queuing time, but this has to be expected.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. You will also have access to careers literature to provide helpful information and guidance regarding post 16 choices.

The pupils are working hard in lessons and already working towards their Non-Examined Assessments (NEA) in some subjects. They also have their first round of Mock Examinations beginning in April 2027; dates and a full timetable will be confirmed nearer the time. This event is vital in ensuring you understand how to support your child as well as areas they really need to focus on as we approach mock season.

I really hope you can attend and the changes to the evening make for an enjoyable visit to THOA. Your child's success benefits from open communication between school and home and this is a perfect opportunity to communicate.

I look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 22nd October 2026.**

Yours sincerely

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Mr A Wilks
Assistant Principal