



11th October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Stokesley School Parental Journey

Short read:

We have reviewed the times we inform you about your child's attainment and progress and the opportunities we give you to visit school. This has been completed taking into consideration your feedback over the last two years and the work I have completed with our parents forum. The new journey can be viewed by following the link below:

[Year 7 - Year 13 Parental Journey](#)

Context

Over the last two years, the pandemic forced all establishments, including schools, to consider new ways of communicating. Throughout this time, we engaged with you through virtual academic parent/carer evenings, broadcasts and regular newsletters. Your feedback was sought following every event over the last two years to help inform our decisions about how we move forward post pandemic. In addition to this, we started our parent forum group and they have met with me to enable us to hear their views on our key priorities. One of our main priorities has been streamlining and improving our parental journey from Y7 through to Y13. When devising our journey, we needed to consider the following:

- What information do we need our parents/carers to have to help them support their child to be happy and make positive progress?
- What information would parents/carers like to receive?
- When is the best time to hold events to maximise their impact?
- How do we schedule these events to ensure they support teaching and learning and do not detract from this or overload school staff at any point in the year, such as public examinations?

We believe that through this consultation, we have now produced a parental journey which supports our students at every step of their journey and are excited to share this with you.

[Full Parental Journey Y7-Y13](#)

Academic Parents' Evenings

The response from parents/carers from all year groups was overwhelmingly positive in favour of keeping this style of event. Over 90% of parents/carers felt School Cloud was the preferred option for conducting these events as it allowed for timely appointments, which were private and allowed for parents to join from different places such as work. Many people also felt the additional bonus of not travelling was better for the environment. Therefore, we have decided to keep these events as virtual, using the tried and tested system we have used throughout the pandemic. We are looking at how we can use the time wisely to maximise the information you receive about your child's progress and attainment.





Key Stage Stepping up events and parental support evenings

We also feel strongly that by keeping our academic parental evenings online that we also want to give parents/carers opportunities to visit school to have face to face contact with us. We wanted to introduce these events last year, but due to pandemic restrictions we had to wait until this academic year for them to commence. We are thrilled that so many of you chose to attend the following events over the last month and gave us such positive feedback:

Stepping into KS3 for Year 7, Stepping into KS4 for Y10, Y11 Parental Support Evening, Stepping into KS5 for Year 12 and our UCAS/Future Careers Event for Year 13. I have added some of the positive comments at the bottom of our letter.

Rewards Events

As well as academic and information events, we are keen to celebrate your child's successes with you. You will see that we are hosting events in different year groups where you may be invited to come and share your child's achievements.

Pastoral postcards

In addition to rewards events, academic parents' evenings and PRP reports (Progress Review Points where we share your child's current data with you) , we know from your feedback that you like to receive a personal comment about your child and their involvement in the wider life of the school. We have added a point in each year where your tutor will send you a postcard noting your child's achievements beyond the classroom.

All other events

There are other points which we have kept on our journey including our Open Evenings. You will see these placed at points throughout the seven year journey here at Stokesley School and Sixth form.

Individual year group journey's

For ease, we have also produced individual year group journey's which can be accessed here and on our school website.

[Year 7](#) [Year 8](#) [Year 9](#) [Year 10](#) [Year 11](#) [Year 12](#) [Year 13](#)

We hope that you find the journey easy to follow and you can clearly see where you will receive information along with support across the seven years. Should you have any queries or feedback, please email me on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org.

Yours faithfully,

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