

5 December 2024

Dear parents and carers

We want to thank those of you who took the time to share your feedback on the recent SKI Week. This input has provided valuable insights into the skills and knowledge our students demonstrate under challenging conditions. We look forward to sharing your young person's progress with you in the December reports, and you will also have the opportunity to discuss their results further during the upcoming parent consultation evenings.

As always, we are committed to ensuring these learning experiences are as meaningful and effective as possible. We are grateful for all parent support and constructive feedback, which has helped us identify ways to enhance future SKI Weeks.

Here are some of the **key steps we will take** based on your feedback:

Parent Involvement

We will hold a parent focus group during the planning stages to ensure we address the information and communication that you need to support your young person's success.

Improved Communication

While the assessments were planned with a long lead time, we recognise that some parents did not receive timely communication about SKI Week. We will ensure that all relevant details are shared well in advance through clear and consistent channels.

Better Scheduling

To maximise preparation time, future SKI Weeks will not be scheduled immediately following extended breaks (e.g. October half-term, Christmas, or Easter).

Reinstating Pastoral Time

Daily pastoral check-ins with tutors will be reinstated to provide students with additional support and guidance.

Clarifying Revision Expectations

Revision guidelines will be shared with greater clarity via Arbor to help students and parents plan effectively.

Informative Webinars

We will host a SKI/Exams webinar in the spring term to explain the purpose of SKI Week and provide practical advice on how you can help your young person achieve their best results.

Additional Support for Key Stage 4

While we aim to promote independence and self-regulation among our Key Stage 4 students, we recognise that some would benefit from additional support. We will provide more contact time within the timetable to assist these students in their exam preparation.

Key Dates

- **Assessment Webinar: SKI and Exams** – Tuesday 25 February (6pm-7pm)
- **Year 11 – SKI 2 (Mock Exams/Exam Practice):** Monday 10 March – Friday 14 March
- **Years 7–10 – SKI 2:** Tuesday 3 June – Friday 6 June

Thank you once again for your engagement and feedback. Together, we can ensure SKI Week continues to be a valuable and positive experience for all our students.

Best wishes

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