

4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent/carer

### Open Evenings

We held two very successful open evenings last week, and have been hosting visits from families with children in year 6 during the school day this week. Our students have again been exceptional ambassadors for the school. I received many positive comments from visitors, typified by one parent who wrote:

“Without exception, I found your staff and students to be an engaged, positive and dynamic force...They weren't reciting scripts but talking honestly and openly and with such confidence.”

I am grateful for the contributions so many students made on both the open evenings.

### Goal-setting

Our goal-setting evenings will take place on Thursday 12 October and Tuesday 17 October between 16:00 and 18:30. Please book a time to meet with your child's form tutor on one of those dates (instructions attached).

During both evenings we will be running a rolling programme of presentations giving you more information about the coming year. All sessions are suitable for parents of children in all years, with the exception of the curriculum sessions. These will be:

Time	Presentation	Topic
16:00	Curriculum– years 7-9	Overview of curriculum for the year, including introduction to preferences (options) process
16:15	Parentmail	Introduction to online payment system, including canteen
16:30	Supporting learning	Identifying strategies for parents to support learning
16:45	Go4Schools website	Introduction to the new portal for parents to view information about progress, curriculum and behaviour
17:00	Curriculum– years 10-11	Overview of the curriculum for the year, including information about changes to exam specifications
17:15	Curriculum– years 7-9	<i>Repeat session</i>
17:30	Parentmail	<i>Repeat session</i>
17:45	Supporting learning	<i>Repeat session</i>
18:00	Go4Schools website	<i>Repeat session</i>
18:15	Curriculum– years 10-11	<i>Repeat session</i>

You are welcome to come and go to any of the sessions you would find helpful. These will be held in the lower college impact room on each site.

### Training Days

Due to the training needs of our staff it has become necessary for us to move the training day for staff originally planned for Monday 2 July 2018 to Monday 30 October 2017. This is the Monday following the coming half term. **School will be closed to students on this date.** Term dates for the year can be found on the new school website at <http://ewsacademy.org.uk/important-dates/>

I apologise for any inconvenience this causes, but hope that you will agree it is important for us to use these days as effectively as possible to ensure all children make good progress.

Yours faithfully



**Mr J Bennett**  
Headteacher