

Questions and answers

	School response
Why are there no double periods on the timetable? My child is doing Hospitality and Catering GCSE and it would greatly benefit from a double lesson, as would some other subjects. once a fortnight a double lesson etc? I know that catering for example, children are asked to tidy away during lunch times. A double lesson would really help engage children.	Where this may be possible for some creative and practical subjects, it is not always the best option for some of the facilitating subjects where spaced learning is more beneficial. The option blocks are created from the choices students make. Our software then creates the blocks based on the best fit to ensure most students get all their choices with few subject clashes. If an option block ends up comprising a substantial number of practical subjects, it is possible to create double lessons, otherwise the timetable unfortunately remains the way it is.
I would also like to know why there is very little ICT for my year 7 child. 1 hour per fortnight in the timetable and no ICT homework is shocking given they will grow up in a world full of tech. I know you use technology when studying other subjects but I feel more time dedicated purely on ICT as a subject would be hugely beneficial.	There are only two designated IT teachers within the school and in order that all students have the opportunity for some IT lessons they have one lesson in Year 7 and 8 and then two in Year 9 a cycle. As the teachers teach over 12 classes with an average of 24 pupils in a class this means they have 288 pupils to manage, making it impossible to organize and manage homework for Key stage 3 lessons. As they progress into Year 10 there is a choice of Computing and IT courses on offer and then those students who are really keen on the subject can develop their skills further.
Homework being issued on weekends in their downtime. Inconsistency with issuing of negative behavior points for forgetting equipment	<p>We apologise for homework being set at the weekends. We have asked staff to make sure they set homework during normal working hours on weekdays.</p> <p>I'm sorry that staff are not being consistent with issuing negative behaviour points for forgetting equipment. Having the right equipment is essential for students to get the most out of each lesson and we fully urge and expect students to arrive at school equipped for the day.</p>
Parents evening as in virtual. Why it is not face to face ? This is the only opportunity for parents to meet all (most) of the teachers who would have / had been teaching/ teach my child. Also an opportunity to see how denefield school organised in general. Virtual parents evening is limited of time and not always with the device / best internet connection and not enough time to understand teacher and parent (vice versa) as there is no other opportunity for a parent to meet the teachers except on parents evenings. Is this not possible to resume since after COVID? Face to face is a very important for the parent, the child and the teacher as being there together to discuss/ share that moment. Child/	<p>Some parents would prefer face-to-face, some parents don't like the cut off after five minutes.</p> <p>But there are a similar number of parents who prefer the convenience of the online format.</p> <p>Appointments were always five minutes but sometimes some appointments dragged on which delayed things for others and staff.</p> <p>The plan is to continue with the online format for now. We do lose something in terms of connectedness but the increased efficiency works well. We will explore whether there are other events that might be in person for each year group.</p> <p>Unfortunately this does pose a logistical problem.</p>

Could we do both online and in person to reflect parent choice?	
Is there a Y8 trip to Ypres?	Not yet. We would like to run one.
Satchel used to send a notification when homework was set and when it was due. Can ClassCharts do this?	This question has been noted and the Query is with ClassCharts.
Any other business.	<p>Parents have agreed that the weekly Videocasts are well received.</p> <p>Some parents like to read – this has been noted and transcripts will be turned on.</p> <p>The Weekly newsletter will not return as not enough people were reading it.</p>