

# Tonbridge Grammar School

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Dear Neighbour,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a peaceful break over the Summer period. As is customary, I have shared with you a copy of our calendar for upcoming events - specifically those events which generate visitors (parents and prospective parents) to the School. My apologies that this is being circulated when we are already a few weeks into the new term – the start of any new Academic Year is always a very busy time, but this year we had had to overcome some unexpected IT issues which proved both challenging and time consuming!

Some events, including Parent Consultation Evenings, will continue online where we recognise that the value of the event is not compromised by its remote delivery. Open Events for Year 7 and Sixth Form continue to be “in person”, but we have continued to revise our arrangements to support the safe management of visitors to the school site. This year we have split the Yr. 7 Open Days (historically our busiest events), into three separate mornings and one early afternoon in the Autumn, with a further event scheduled in the Spring of next. We feel this minimises the impact on local residents and reduces the impact on parking and traffic in the surrounding roads during the evening rush hour.

The Sixth Form Open Event has been scheduled for after the October half-term and will still be taking place in the evening. This event is generally smaller than the Year 7 ones, but we will continue to monitor ticket applications and will review our arrangements if necessary.

Historically the School has hosted bi-annual Residents’ Meetings, as feedback from our neighbours welcomed regular opportunities to discuss their concerns and raise any issues directly with the School. However, more recent feedback and diminished attendance at these meetings indicate that the focus by the School on managing our larger events better has reduced the impact of our activities on our local neighbours. In recognition of this, I am proposing to reduce the bi-annual meetings to just one in the Spring. Once we have selected a date for this, invites will be circulated.

If any local resident has an urgent concern that they wish to raise with the School, please continue to use the [neighbours@tgs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:neighbours@tgs.kent.sch.uk) email address, and your enquiry will be acknowledged promptly.

Yours sincerely



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