



T H E
GLASGOW ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

As stated in the calendar, the Parents Evening for parents with children in S2 is on Wednesday 8 February, between 5.00 and 7.30 pm. We very much hope that you will be able to come to the Dining Hall on that evening to meet as many as possible of those on the staff who teach your daughter or son. Members of staff who teach S2 will be available, without appointment, to discuss your child's work. Tutors will also be available to talk about your child's progress in more general terms. Please consult the school report when deciding which teachers it will be most important for you to see. Please also feel free to bring your son or daughter along to be present when you meet teachers. There is much emphasis these days on helping children take responsibility for their own learning and we are accordingly very happy that increasing numbers of Senior School pupils now attend Parents Evenings with their parents. This was a new move for the school a couple of years ago, but it has long been custom in some other Senior schools and it is our feeling that it is generally useful for children and parents to hear the same information and share the chance to discuss it.

Although there will inevitably be some queuing, we are hoping to reduce congestion by asking some parents to arrive at 5.00 and others at 5.45. May I please suggest that you arrive at 5.00? The evening will end at 7.30 and you are particularly asked not to keep members of staff behind after this planned finishing time.

In order to accommodate as many parents as possible, it is hoped that each interview with a teacher will last no more than five minutes. Please make a separate appointment, by telephone through the school office, if you feel that longer is required or if you are unable to meet a teacher you would particularly like to see - a few members of staff may teach more pupils than there is time to discuss properly in one evening.

These days exams change every few years. S2 are due to sit new or modified ones when they reach S4 and S5. Once the teams working nationally on these modified exams reveal more about them this year, we too will be working towards them to ensure that we take them in our stride. We are unusually fortunate in having a very high number of highly experienced SQA Senior Examiners, exam-paper writers and markers amongst our teachers: they will be at the centre of enabling the new exams to function, so we will be particularly well placed to know all about these exams once they are unveiled. Mr Farrelly, our Assistant Rector with responsibility for attainment, learning and teaching will be writing to you in due course about these qualifications and you are welcome to speak to him if you have any questions, either at the Parents Evening or at any point in the future.

We look forward to meeting you on 8 February.

Yours sincerely, Rector