



## Consultation and Review

In considering a wide range of decisions about the future of the school, the Warden and Fellows of Winchester College are mindful of their duty to secure the best possible future for a school where many of them studied and which they all now serve as custodians of the past, the present and above all the future.

In his letter of 9 February, the Warden explained that there would be opportunities for members of the Winchester community to give their views on making a success of the changes which the Governing Body have approved.

We have already received over 100 submissions to [vision@wincoll.ac.uk](mailto:vision@wincoll.ac.uk). The submissions will be considered by a sub-committee of the Governing Body, which will identify the principal issues of concern. These will be addressed in the virtual meetings for parents, organised by year-group, which the School intends to set up in March. Each meeting will consist of an introduction and an explanation of the main points at issue.

The meetings will be designed to address any practical questions that may not have been addressed in previous correspondence. They will also invite suggestions about key features of the School in the future: the nature of boarding and of boarding facilities, the best curriculum for a changing world (including making the most of Div), and the skills which parents consider most necessary for the workplace of today. Parents will be invited to raise in advance by email issues they would like to see addressed. Each meeting will be followed by the opportunity to provide feedback.

Meetings will take place in the evening on Monday 22 March (JP), Tuesday 23 March (MP), Wednesday 24 March (V Bk) and Thursday 25 March (VI Bk). Only one evening has currently been assigned to VI Bk parents, whose sons will not be in the School at the time of the changes which have generated most correspondence. A link to book a session and details of those arrangements will be circulated in a forthcoming newsletter. Every effort will be made to accommodate each application, with Friday 26 March held in reserve in case of exceptional demand.

Before then, Housemasters will talk to each year group affected by this change. Boys may send questions in advance, and answers may in some cases be sent immediately, but meetings will also be held in person when the School resumes. A number of other consultative groups will also be convened, not least by the Headmaster and Second Master with the Prefects.

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