

Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening and Options Video

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On **Monday 8th February**, we will send a video presentation describing the process for selecting GCSE options. The presentation should describe all the possible GCSE options that can be taken on top of the core subjects, and explain the timelines and process to select the correct options. Obviously, we would have liked to see you all in person to go through this important stage in your son's education but we hope that the video will clarify everything. Mr O'Neil and Mr Tilley will be available for appointments during the Year 9 Virtual Parents' Consultation Evening to discuss any general issues or questions that arise. Mr Payne (PE) and Mrs Banks (Economics/Business) will also be available for specific subject queries, due to these subjects not being studied in KS3. Mrs Jones (Drama) will also be available to discuss Drama as a GCSE option.

On Wednesday 10 February we shall be holding our Virtual Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening.

This will be a virtual Parents' Consultation Evening using the video meeting facility within Parent Evening Booking System. The booking of appointments operates in the same way as it would for a conventional evening. You may have used the online booking system for previous Parents' Consultation Evenings and to access the system, you will need to visit https://strs.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ or use the link from the *Parents* page of the School's website. I attach a full guide explaining how to make appointments using the system:

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You will not be able to make any appointments for the Parents' Evening until the evening goes live at **7.30 pm on 1 February.** To log into the system you will only need your name and email address along with the name and date of birth of your son. Appointments for Mr O'Neil, Mr Tilley, Mr Payne, Mrs Jones (Drama) and Mrs Banks will go live at 7.30 pm on 8th February and these appointments will need to be made using the 'manual' booking option under Head of Year.

Appointments can be booked up until midnight on 9 February and for first the few days after the evening goes live on 1 February, you will only be able to make a maximum of six appointments with this restriction will be removed at the end of the school day on 4 February. When the evening goes live, you may find that some teachers have already booked an appointment with you on the system; if this is the case they will have done so in order to reserve a slot for pupils they may particularly wish to discuss - you are at liberty to change or cancel this appointment.

For the evening itself, you will need a device with a camera that is web-enabled and an internet connection in order to participate. For instructions and requirements for joining video appointments, please see https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call

The evening runs from **5.00 pm** until **8.00 pm**. Each appointment is five minutes in length and the system automatically limits appointments to the time slot allocated and does not allow the appointment to be extended; we therefore ask you to prioritise the issues you wish to discuss within this time limit.

It would be particularly useful for your son to attend the video appointments with you as they are clearly central to the discussions about their progress during Year 9 (uniform need not be worn).

Yours sincerely

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