



# DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. The event will be from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.**

Given the current situation, we are unable to run this in its usual format but are excited to announce that we will be using an online platform called 'schoolcloud' for the meetings. The platform allows parents to book appointments with their child's teachers and will also host the meetings as video calls. It is accessible on any digital device (e.g. laptop, smartphone, tablet/iPad). Meeting times will either be 5 minutes or 10 minutes, depending on the subject. It is necessary to vary it according to the numbers expected for each subject. One excellent feature of the platform is that appointments are automated and will run exactly to schedule. Both teacher and parent will need to keep to time, as the clock will count down and cut you off when it reaches zero! We trialled this system with our Year 13 Parents' Evening and whilst it may take a while for parents and teachers to get used to keeping within the time slot, especially if it is 5 minutes per teacher, overall we received lots of positive feedback about the evening and new system.

The booking system will open for appointments at **4.00pm on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January** and will close at **3.00pm on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

I attach two guides which will help you to book the appointments and access the video call meetings. The response to our trials was encouraging and indicated that booking and logging in for appointments is a relatively straightforward process. However, we in the early stages of usage so please bear with us; if for some reason something goes wrong, I am sure we will find a way to feedback to you on the progress of your son/daughter in other ways (e.g. email) at another time.

As usual, we encourage your son/daughter to attend the virtual meeting with you.

We hope that this alternative Parents' Evening experience will run smoothly and although in virtual format, will prove to be just as helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher