



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Wednesday, 6th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As previously stated, Year 13 Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday, 13th January. The event will be from 4pm to 7pm.** 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 your son/daughter'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! The appointments will be opened for booking at **4pm on Friday, 8th January** and will close at **3pm on Wednesday, 13th January.**

I attach two guides which will help you to book the appointments and access the video call meetings. The trials we have run show it is relatively simple to book and run the appointments, but please bear with us as it is the first time we will have used such software for a parents' evening. 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

Dr M J Airey
Head Teacher