



14th December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 8 Subject Parents' Evening

We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from you about our virtual parents' evenings last year. 93% of our parents / carers who completed our feedback wanted this system to remain in place. Considering your views and the current situation regarding the pandemic we will be hosting our Year 8 Subject Parents' Evening virtually.

The event will take place on **Thursday 6th January 2022** with appointments starting from 3:30pm. We very much hope that you will be able to join us, along with your child. You will meet your subject teachers to discuss your child's progress. You will also find out how to further assist your child throughout this crucial year.

The school will be using the same system we introduced last year, allowing you to easily book your online appointments. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your bookings. Appointments are now open and will close on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 3:30pm.

As Head of Year, Mrs Metcalfe is available for appointments. We may request that you make an appointment with her if we have a specific issue we would like to address with you. However, if you like to make an appointment regarding a specific pastoral need you wish to discuss, please contact admin@stokesleyschool.org.

A small number of staff teach a large number of classes of Year 8 students, especially in philosophy and ethics, music, drama and art. This is the same every year but we would recommend that if your child is considering taking one of these subjects at KS4 or you have a particular concern that you do make an appointment with your child's teacher.

If you are unable to make an appointment with any member of staff, please let our admin team know. We will then ask staff if they have any concerns. If there are, we will share these with you after the event.

Please visit <https://stokesley.schoolcloud.co.uk> and login with the required information to book your appointments. A short guide on how to make appointments and additional support for set up of video calls can be found on our website (see links below) :

<https://www.stokesleyschool.org/key-information/schoolcloud/>

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

We fully appreciate that some of our parents / carers may wish to receive support in accessing your appointments and may struggle with access to internet connection. To support you with this, we can offer you assistance within school. You will still attend your appointment virtually, but you may do so by using one of the school computers with the assistance of our IT team. If you would like to access this support, please email admin@stokesleyschool.org directly and a member of the team will contact you.

In order to make the consultation as effective as possible, please ensure your child attends each meeting with you, bringing along a pen or electronic device to record any action points given. You should also remember to have your child's planner which will contain a copy of their latest academic report. **Each appointment will last four minutes.** The video call will automatically end at this point, this allows appointments not to run over for the next parent / carer who will be waiting.

If you have any concerns about making virtual appointments or require any further support with bookings please contact admin@stokesleyschool.org . If you have any queries regarding anything else covered in this letter, please contact our Head of Year 8, Mrs S Metcalfe, on s.metcalfe@stokesleyschool.org or myself on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org.

Yours faithfully

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