

12 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Parents' Evening Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March 2024

I am pleased to confirm that Parents' Evening for Year 7 will be held on both Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March 2024 using the online School Cloud platform.

Following the consultation with parents & carers earlier this academic year, this parents' evening is the first trial of a dual date parents' evening. One of the frustrations, highlighted in the consultation, for both staff and parents/carers, was the lack of flexibility around the single date especially for part time staff and subsequently the lack of appointments available for parents/carers. To increase the availability of staff for parents evening, staff will either have their appointment quota on one evening, or spread over both evenings. To provide you with an early indication of the evening staff members are available please see the table at the end of this letter.

The year 7 parents' evening presents an ideal opportunity to talk with your child's teachers about their progress, how they are settling into lessons and coping with the diverse workload.

Parents' evenings are held virtually using the School Cloud platform. To access the School Cloud platform the web address is https://wealdschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/. To login you should first enter your details followed by your child's details which we have on our system. This login process will match the records to provide you access into your personal portal. The email address is used for the system to send confirmation and a notification to you prior to the parents' evening. If you have trouble logging in, at first try full names with no abbreviations. If there are still issues, please contact our network support team using the details at the end of this letter. It is recommended that you attempt to log into the system prior to the bookings opening.

You will be able to book appointments for parents' evening from **Tuesday 19 March at 6.00pm**. You should only book **one appointment per subject**. Appointments on the evenings will begin from 3.30pm. A video demonstration for how to login, book and join appointments is available here.

Within the School Cloud platform there are various functions available which we encourage you to use either before or during the meetings:

- A note can be written with your booking for the teacher to read prior to the evening, for example you may wish to highlight a discussion point you would like to cover.
- The ability to test connections, sound, video prior to the parents' evening.
- The ability to send a link to another adult in advance to join the meeting .
- If sound or visuals are lost, there is a chat function with the teacher so the meeting can continue in an alternative format.
- A reminder email will automatically be received 1 hour before your first appointment.

While we have done everything we can to ensure that it goes smoothly, we would ask for your understanding and patience in the event of any technical difficulties. It is also really important to ensure that you have conducted a connection and audio test prior to the meetings. This is available within the portal. You will need a reliable internet connection in the location where you will be holding

the meetings, and to ensure both sound and webcam settings are functioning on the device to be used for the meetings. If you are connecting to the meeting using a mobile device it is recommended you have a WIFI connection rather than using 4G.

If you experience any technical difficulties and require support before the parents' evening, or you need access to a stable internet connection or device to support your attendance to the virtual parents' evening please complete this short form. Alternatively, please contact our Network Support team (networksupport@theweald.org.uk) with details of any issue and your contact details.

A reminder letter will be sent prior to the evening and you will receive an email 1 hour before your first appointment with a link to aid the login process. Following the parents' evening you will receive a link to a questionnaire to ask about your experience.

Many thanks for your support of the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Mowforth

Assistant Headteacher

Staff availability - Year 7 Parents' Evening 2024

Tuesday 26 March		Wednesday 27 March	
Staff	Subjects taught	Staff	Subjects taught
Mrs K Charman	Computing	Mrs K Charman	Computing
Ms J Rigby	English	Ms J Rigby	English
Ms T Day	German	Ms T Day	German
Mrs H Gardner	History	Mrs H Gardner	History
Miss L Osborn	Music	Miss L Osborn	Music
Miss S Drake	Music	Miss S Drake	Music
Miss B Johnson	RS	Miss B Johnson	RS
Mr G Cook	RS	Mr G Cook	RS
Mrs K Booth	Science	Mrs K Booth	Science
Dr S Cosham	Science	Dr S Cosham	Science
Mrs N Welch	Art, Technology	Miss E Doidge	Art
Ms S Adeniyi	Computing	Miss S Beck	Art
Dr T Gooda	Drama	Mrs C Tester	Art
Miss N Newington	Drama	Mrs E Palmer	Art
Miss J Hindhaugh	English	Mr G Massett	Computing

Mrs F Topps	English	Mrs K Charman	Computing
Mrs J Duncan	English	Mr B Francis	Computing, Technology
Ms J Rigby	English	Mrs K Elmer	Drama
Mr G Jenkins	English, Drama	Miss B Reed	English
Mr S Hudson	English, Drama	Miss P Morley	English
Mrs C Newbold	French, German	Mrs D Calvin	English
Miss S Gibert	French, Spanish	Ms S Egan	English
Ms T Day	German	Mrs C Djogo	French, German
Mr A Braidwood	History	Miss S Austin	French, Spanish
Mr T Aschettino	History	Mrs V Duffield	French, Spanish
Mr T Brixey	History	Miss C Power	Geography
Mr B Simpson	Maths	Miss W Bearder	Geography
Mr L Erricker	Maths	Mr G Keller	Geography
Mr W Malone	Maths	Miss V Chessun-Lawrence	Geography, RS
Mrs R Burns	Maths	Mrs H Gardner	History
Mrs L Heather	Maths	Mrs S Beard	History
Mr P Edge	Maths	Mr A Brown	Maths
Miss L Osborn	Music	Mr M Cordery	Maths
Miss S Drake	Music	Mrs G King	Maths
Mr I Gardner	Music	Mrs J Pelling	Maths
Miss B Johnson	RS	Mrs L Martlew	Maths
Mr G Cook	RS	Miss L Osborn	Music
Dr J Smith	Science	Miss S Drake	Music
Dr S Cosham	Science	Miss B Hayes	PE
Miss F Elston	Science	Miss S Goacher	PE
Mr M Yates	Science	Mr D Sands	PE
Mr S Millward	Science	Mr N Everest	RS
Mrs A Melhuish	Science	Dr S Cosham	Science
Mrs K Booth	Science	Mr N Dixon	Science
Mrs M Judd	Science	Mrs K Booth	Science
Mrs S Robinson	Science	Mr P Lewis	Science, PE
		Miss B Miller	Technology
		Miss R Fenton	Technology
		Mr R Simmonite	Technology

 $^{^{*}}$ If your child's teacher does not appear on this advanced notice list, please log into the School Cloud portal when the booking opens to check their appointment availability.