14 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents' Evening Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 March 2025

I am pleased to confirm that Parents' Evening for Year 8 will be held on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 March 2025. This presents an ideal opportunity to talk with your child's teachers about their options for GCSE courses.

Parents' evenings remain virtual 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.

You will be able to book appointments for parents' evening from **Wednesday 26 February at 6.00pm**. You should only book **one appointment per subject**. Appointments on the two evenings will be from 3.30pm – 7.00pm. 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.

Due to the carousel rotation of students in Key Stage 3 covering Food & Nutrition, Textiles, and Design Technology (Product Design, Graphics and Systems & Control), teachers have had limited contact with students. As a result, we are asking parents/carers to **only book an appointment for the subject which your child is interested in taking forward as a GCSE option** (Design Technology/Food/Textiles). The appointment does not have to be with your child's current teacher. If your child is interested in studying Design Technology then you should book an appointment with either Mr Simmonite, Miss Fenton, or Mr Francis; for Food & Nutrition you should book an appointment with either Mrs Mitchell or Miss Miller; and for Textiles you should book an appointment with Mrs Welch or your child's Art teacher. If there are no appointments available, we encourage you to join the waiting list for the subject your child is interested in for a GCSE option.

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 have any issues with the new platform, please contact our Network Support team at networksupport@theweald.org.uk with details of any issue and 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,

Ms T Day
Assistant Headteacher