

Bexley Grammar School

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Dear Parent

Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening - Tuesday 4th May

Year 10 Parents' Evening will be held virtually between **4.00 pm and 6.30 pm on Tuesday 4th May** (not 27th April as mentioned erroneously in a previous email checking the accuracy of data we hold on our system).

We will be using *SchoolCloud*, an intuitive and easy-to-use online appointment booking system which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. You will then meet teachers via video calls managed by *SchoolCloud*. Our first experience of this system with our year 12 parents' evening this week was very positive and it may prove to be an improvement to our traditional parents' evenings for many of you.

You are invited to book and attend online video meetings between 4.00 pm and 6.30 pm to discuss your son's/daughter's progress with subject staff. In order to fit sufficient meeting slots into this time frame, each meeting will last for 4 and a half minutes. It can feel very abrupt when the system cuts off after this time so please be prepared to operate efficiently! I should like your son/daughter to be present at these meetings so that he or she can be involved in any discussions with teachers. In order to facilitate this, Year 10 students will finish school at 3pm on that day. (If you are not able to be together in the same room, you can invite another parent and or your son/daughter to join the meeting on another device under 'manage invites.')

Appointments can be made from midday on Monday 26th April and the booking system will close on Friday 30th April at midday.

Please visit https://bexleygs.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointments from midday on Monday. Your login will be authenticated by your *title* and your *surname*, which must match the data we hold.

Please see the following support:

- Attached, a short *Parents' Guide for booking appointments*.
- A video guide to how the meetings will run: Parent Guide for Video Appointments.

Mrs Caley-Gardiner, our careers advisor, is also available to offer careers and/or university advice and guidance. Please make an appointment in advance if you wish to meet with her.

Please complete your bookings by **Friday 30th April at midday**. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs A Boulden Director of Studies, Year 10