

Bexley Grammar School

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Dear Parent

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening - Tuesday 15th June

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be held virtually between 4.00 pm and 6.30 pm on Tuesday 15th June. Please note: This evening will focus on current subjects that will be continued in Year 10 only. Teaching staff for new option subjects being taken from September 2021 will not be available (Ancient History, Business Studies, Economics and Psychology).

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 initial experience of this system with other parents' evenings has been 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 9 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 7th June and the booking system will close on Monday 14th June at 10am.

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.

Please complete your bookings by **Monday 14th June at 10am**. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mr Mackle Director of Studies, Year 9