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Dear Parent

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be held virtually between **4.00pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 8th February**. We will be using **SchoolCloud**, which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. You will then meet teachers via video calls managed by **SchoolCloud**.

You are invited to book and attend online video meetings between 4.00pm and 6.30pm 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. (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 31st January and the booking system will close on Monday 7th February 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.

We are currently in the process of updating the options process presentation for 2022. As soon as it is available you will be notified and it will also be posted on the school website.

The Options Booklet, including an exemplar Subject Choice Form, will be issued to students in time for the 8th February. This booklet outlines the courses on offer and explains the choices which will need to be recorded on the form. The actual Subject Choices will be collected electronically via a Google Form which will be sent to students just after the Parents' Evening. In order that we can begin planning our timetable requirements for next year, students should **complete and submit the electronic form in conjunction with their parents by Tuesday 22nd February**.

In the meantime, the Year 9 team will be talking to students in order to explain the option system. The students will also be given guidance and advice during PSHCE, Power Day 3, assemblies and lessons. In this way they should be confident that they understand how to make appropriate choices.

Please complete your bookings by **Monday 7th February at midday**. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mr Skinner
Director of Studies, Year 9

Please see the following support:

- Please visit <https://bexleygs.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.
- A video guide to how the meetings will run: [Parent Guide for Video Appointments](#).
- **Key dates**
Monday 31st January - *SchoolCloud* Appointment Booking System opens at midday.
Monday 7th February - *SchoolCloud* Appointment Booking System closes at midday.
Tuesday 8th February - Virtual Parents Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm (Electronic options form will be sent to students after the Parents' Evening).
Tuesday 22nd February - Options forms must be submitted by this date.