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Dear Parent

1. Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening (Core Subjects) Tuesday 24th January 4pm to 7pm

Year 9 Core Subjects Parents' Evening will be held virtually between **4pm and 7pm on Tuesday 24th January**. 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**. **This will be for the following subject areas ONLY: Mathematics, English, Science, Modern Foreign Languages.**

You are invited to book and attend **online video meetings** between 4pm and 7pm to discuss your child's progress with core 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 child to be present at these meetings so that they 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 child to join the meeting on another device under 'manage invites.'). **Appointments can be made from midday on Tuesday 17th January** and the booking system will close on Monday 23rd January at midday.

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

2. Year 9 In-person GCSE Options Parents' Evening (Option Subjects) Tuesday 7th February 4pm to 6.30pm

This face-to-face (in-person) Option Subjects Parents' Evening will take place in the school Hall between 4pm – 6.30pm, on Tuesday 7th February. A separate letter will follow shortly with details of how to book your appointments for this event, which will also include a short information session on the GCSE options process.

The Options Booklet, including an exemplar Subject Choice Form, will be issued to students in time for the 7th 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 21st February**.

Please complete your bookings for the Core Subject Parents' Evening by **Monday 23rd January at midday**. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Spencer
Director of Studies

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**
 - ❖ **Virtual Core Subjects Evening**

Tuesday 17th January - *SchoolCloud* appointment booking system opens at midday.
Monday 23rd January - *SchoolCloud* appointment booking system closes at midday.
Tuesday 24th January - **Virtual Core Subject Parents' Evening, 4pm to 7pm.**
 - ❖ **In-Person Option Subjects Evening**

Monday 30th January - *SchoolCloud* appointment booking system opens at midday.
Monday 6th February - *SchoolCloud* Appointment Booking System closes at midday.
Tuesday 7th February - **Options Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm in the school Hall** (Electronic options form will be sent to students after this Parents' Evening).
 - ❖ Tuesday 21st February - **Options forms must be submitted by this date.**