

22 April 2021

Dear parent/carer

Year 11 Parents' Event Thursday 29 April 2021

On Thursday 29 April 2021 we will be hosting our Year 11 Parents' Event. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with each of their teachers. During the event, your child's teachers will share with you information about their engagement in lessons, upcoming deadlines and the subject plan for their remaining weeks in school including further assessments. At this stage in the Centre Assessed Grades process, we will not be in a position to share predicted grades with you but teaching staff will share the grade that your child is currently working at. This grade will take into account assessments completed to date and will form part of the evidence in generating your child's GCSE grade. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to consolidate, revise and further assess students in order to gather further evidence for their overall GCSE grade.

In order to ensure everyone's continued safety, these events will be held virtually. We will be using new software, 'School Cloud Parents' Evening', to book and host the online Parents' Event.

At home, you will need an electronic device with camera and microphone capabilities (such as a laptop, tablet or smartphone) alongside a broadband connection or mobile telephone connection with data.

Prior to 29 April, you will be required to book appointments with each of your child's subject teachers.

You can book these appointments by:

Clicking this direct link, [SchoolCloud - The Dukeries Academy](#)

By visiting <https://thedukeries.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Should you have any problems booking your appointments via the booking systems, please contact our reception staff who will be able to support with the booking of your appointments.

The booking system for both events will open at midday on Friday 23 April and will close at midday on Wednesday 28 April.

Please note for the Parents' Event that if your child has more than one teacher for a subject, you will only need to see one teacher per subject. When you have booked all your appointments, please keep a note of your times for reference on the day. Appointments will be available between 9.05am-6.00pm, depending on teaching staff availability during the day.

Prior to your first appointment on the day, you will need to have returned to the link for your appointments. When you log back in, your appointments will be available, and you can select them at the appropriate times throughout the day. Please note that each appointment will be **five minutes** long and the software will end this once the timer reaches zero. This is important as it ensures that all students and their families have an opportunity to discuss their progress. If anything becomes unclear throughout the event which requires more than this length of time to discuss, please arrange with the teacher another opportunity to discuss further.

We recommend that you optimise your bandwidth on the evening to ensure that the video call is the best possible quality. If you are using a broadband provider, we recommend that all other devices which make use of the bandwidth are switched off. This includes other laptops, tablets or phones not being used for the video call, smart CCTV or doorbells, and Smart TVs. By turning these off, you prevent the dilution of the bandwidth and ensure that the call is the best quality that you can. We also recommend that you either use an ethernet cable where possible, or remain close to your WIFI router if you are using wireless. If you are using a mobile phone network provider then we recommend that you find the optimum location within your house to get the best reception.

In addition to the step by step guide we have attached further advice on how to book and attend appointments. This can be found by clicking here;

[Video Appointments: Parents - How to attend appointments over video call - SchoolCloud Parents Evening \(parentseveningsystem.co.uk\)](https://parentseveningsystem.co.uk/parents-evening-appointments-over-video-call)

Or by visiting <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parentshow-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>.

Yours sincerely



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