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Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th July 2021 3:30pm – 7:30pm (For **ALL STAFF** except the two listed below)

Appointments for Mrs Walmsley (English), Mrs Smith (Music) **ONLY** are on

Wednesday 7th July 2021 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Online Appointment Booking

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to invite you to attend our Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening next Thursday. This will give us a chance to speak to you and your child about their learning in this very disrupted year; both when they have been in school and during lockdown.

The school ran it's first virtual Parents' Event for Year 11 in January and it was a huge success. The SchoolCloud system allows parents/carers to make virtual appointments using an easy to use booking system. You choose your own appointment times with teachers and then you will receive an email confirming your itinerary. Teaching staff will be available for most of the time slots from 3:30pm to 7:30pm, though they will have some breaks built in.

An end of year academic report with your child's effort grades and 'On Track' indicators will be emailed to you on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the Parents' Evening.

Using a mobile phone is perfectly fine and there is no need to download any apps as the system will work through your internet browser. However, using video will count towards data plans, so we would suggest you remain on wifi where possible.

3 minute appointments for each teacher can be made from tomorrow morning, **Thursday 1st July 9am until midnight the day before appointment day**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date then please contact the school office.

Teaching staff will have a maximum of 52 appointments over the 4 hours. Due to the focus on year groups being taught in bubbles to prevent transmission this year, some staff have several classes in the same year group. Consequently, teachers of subjects such as Computing or PSHE have too many students for all parents to make an appointment. Given attendance levels at the previous virtual parents' evenings being slightly down on the usual face to face evenings, we are confident that all parents will be able to make appointments with their child's English, Maths or Science teachers.

Therefore, all appointments for the Year 8 Parents' Evening will be made on a first come, first serve basis.

Please visit <https://montgomeryacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments is on the school website. The link is

https://files.schudio.com/montgomeryhighschool/files/documents/covid/Virtual_Parents-Evening_helpsheet_-_making_appointments.pdf

We will also send a paper copy of this letter home with your son or daughter today.

Login to the system with the following information:

- Parent Title, First Name, Surname and email address
- Student First Name, Surname and Date of Birth

The system is linked to our school system so will only allow parents/carers who give the information on our system access to make appointments. Please let us know if you have any problems. We suggest that you make appointments for Maths, English & Science first.

Notes to parents:

- No Religious Education, PSHE or Literacy appointments are available to book on the system due to the number of appointments this could mean for certain staff. However, Religious Education appointments can be booked by emailing Mr. Chandler (Curriculum Leader of Humanities)

m.chandler@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

- If for any reason you are not able to make an appointment with your son or daughter's English/Maths/Science teacher then please call the school on (01253) 356271
- If you would like a pastoral appointment then please email Mrs Gilderdale (Year 8 Progress Manager)

l.gilderdale@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

who will book an appointment with herself or Mr.McMullan (Year 8 Pastoral Manager)

- Feedback for students who have extra Literacy lessons will be from your child's English teacher
- Appointments for **Mrs Walmsley (English)** and **Mrs. Smith (Music)** are on Wednesday 7th July as these staff are unavailable on the Thursday.

If you do not have access to the internet at the moment, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

