



21 October 2021

Dear parent/guardian and student

Sixth Form Parent/Student Consultation Evening - Thursday 11 November 2021, 4.00pm - 7.30pm

On the evening of Thursday 11 November, we look forward to the opportunity to discuss your son/daughters progress with you. This evening is a vital opportunity for you to meet **virtually** with members of staff and to consider with subject specialists how the next ambitious steps in their academic career can best be achieved.

It is an expectation that all students and parents attend this evening. We strongly advise that your son/daughter is with you when discussing their progress with their teachers. We find an adult dialogue is most productive to ensure success. We therefore ask that you remind your son/daughter to make arrangements with their employers if they need to take time off work. Your son/daughter will be expected to lead the discussion about how they feel they are progressing and what they need to do to improve, while receiving clear direction from subject specialists.

Year 13 students will receive a report based upon their initial Attitude towards Learning and Independent Learning scores for this academic year. They will have the chance to talk to their subject teachers about current progress and preparation in advance of the challenges of the summer examinations. For **Year 12 students**, similar diagnostic information (Attitude towards Learning and Independent Learning scores) will form the basis of the discussions to support less stressful and more effective ways of working.

Attendance at parents' evening is usually very high. If you have any general Sixth Form concerns or you **are unable to attend** for any reason, please email: sixthform@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk to inform us that you will not be present. We will then book an appointment/phone call for you with the appropriate Leader (Mrs Helliwell for Pastoral related issues and Mr Payne for Progress related issues) or myself, Mrs Nash (Head of Sixth Form).

The booking system will be live from **Monday 1 November** at 8:00am, please follow the link: <https://poole.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

The system has standard five-minute appointments that are automated (i.e. not controlled by the teacher). If you are late to your appointment, they cannot be delayed. Therefore, please spend some time before the evening starts to ensure that the permissions for the camera and microphone are set, so you do not have to do this during your appointment slot. It is the first time we have used this technology for a Sixth Form parents' evening on this scale. In the event that there is a system failure, we will resort to making phone calls. We will phone the mobile number of the first contact in SIMs. Please ensure that we have your up to date information and phone number. You can do this by completing the contacts section of the data collection sheet in the SIMS Parent App. It is currently not possible for multiple parents to join from different locations.

Further details of how to make appointments are available on the school website:

[https://files.schudio.com/poole-high-school/files/documents/Parent_Guide_\(Parent_Evening_System\).pdf](https://files.schudio.com/poole-high-school/files/documents/Parent_Guide_(Parent_Evening_System).pdf)

https://files.schudio.com/poole-high-school/files/documents/Video_Appointments_-_Parent_Evening_System.pdf

It would be advisable for your son/daughter to have their planner to hand and make a note of all the points raised and actions to take. This will enable them to make the best use of all the information they receive on this evening.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Nash'.

Mrs E Nash
Head of Sixth Form, Assistant Headteacher