



4 March 2021

Dear parents, guardians, carers

Thursday 25 March – Year 9 Online Parents Evening & GCSE Options Event

On the evening of 25 March, we are looking forward to the opportunity for a meeting between yourself, your child and your child's subject teachers. Due to the restrictions in place to protect the school and wider community, we will be holding this parents' evening, remotely.

On this evening we will also be inviting you to watch with your child a selection of carefully prepared short presentations from our subject teams relating to our GCSE offering. We will be making available this years' option booklets and assemblies for students in the days leading up to the 25 March.

A couple of years ago we introduced an electronic Parents' Evening Booking System. This year we will be carrying out the bookings in the same way using the same system, but will also be using their "Virtual Parent Evening" facility to hold our evening, remotely. This is not dependent on any particular platform as long as your device has internet access, a camera and microphone. This could be a computer, tablet or smart phone. The same web address will take you to both the bookings and the actual parent evening so it is a good idea to create a bookmark for it: <https://poole.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. The booking system will be live from: **Monday 8 March 2021**.

You may have an additional appointment with a member of the pastoral or academic team and you should see that when you log in if applicable.

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 currently not possible for multiple parents to join from different locations. This is fairly recent so in the event that something in the system fails, we will resort to making phone calls. We will phone the mobile number of the first contact on SIMS.

Priority 1 contact 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. If you do not live at the same address as your child this feature is not available. Any queries please contact the Year 09 office. You will not be able to access your child's trackpoint without logging into the SIMS Parent App so please check prior to parent evening. Should you have a problem logging in please email: sims@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk

If you have any questions that you would like to raise in advance of the evening, please communicate through the Year 09 office: year9office@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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