

January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 and year 8 academic parent' meetings will be taking place on Thursday 26th January. These meetings will be held virtually using the platform Selwood Academy school cloud

The decision to hold the meetings virtually is to give a blended approach to our parent meetings. This is to ensure we meet the needs of all our community including those who prefer to have virtual meetings. Some of the benefits to having these academic parent meetings virtually are as follows; they allow parents to see more members of staff, they ensure meetings run on time and they allow teachers to see more parents.

All your child/ren's subject teachers will be available to meet virtually but regretfully, it will not be possible for every parent to see every teacher. With this in mind you will be able to select up to 6 meetings. Please see our hints and tips to get the most out of your meetings:

- Consider which subjects are your preferred/priority at this time and book on that basis.
- If you are unable to book a meeting with a teacher that you wish to see because all time slots have been taken, you will be given the opportunity to book onto the waiting list (please note, this only appears when all time slots have been taken), and the teacher will endeavour to contact you by phone on another date. *However, this might not be possible with some foundation subject members of staff due to the high number of pupils they teach.*
- If the same teacher teaches your child in multiple subjects, for example, Computing and Science, please only book one meeting slot with that member of staff.
- Some of your children may have recently got a new teacher, so you may feel it is not necessary to have a meeting so early on. In this circumstance we can suggest that you contact the teacher by email at a later date to arrange a phone call meeting instead.
- Please be ready for your allocated time slots because your time starts to count down even without you present and the meeting finishes promptly after 5 minutes.
- **For year 8 parents** we would recommend booking meetings with teachers who teach your child in the subjects they may be considering as options for the next Academic: Year 23/24.

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

To book your appointments please visit

<https://selwoodacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Please visit the school website for instruction on how to make an appointment and how to join a video call with your child's subject teacher.

We look forward to meeting you all virtually and sharing how your child is doing at Selwood.

Yours faithfully

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Dave Finlay
Deputy Head Teacher