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Year 11 Parents' Consultation – Video Call Thursday 2nd December 2021 - 3:30pm-6:30pm

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Parents' Consultation takes place on **Thursday 2nd December 2021** and, as last year, will happen via video call. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to speak with your son's specialist subject teachers and hear about how he is doing in his GCSE courses for the final time in this format. In order to be able to support your son to achieve his best GCSE results this summer, attendance of both yourself and your son at these video call meetings is paramount. We therefore invite you to book your appointments.

The booking system opened on Monday 15th November 2021 and you will have received notifications regarding this. You can book your appointments from any device with the appropriate Internet access. You can either type the address for the booking system or click the Parents' Consultation link from the school website:

<https://westhillschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (Booking System) <https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/> (School Website)

As previously, each appointment will last for five minutes and we are aware, from feedback, that due to the virtual nature of the call, sometimes this seems shorter than the five-minute traditional face-to-face appointment. To help address this time pressure, and allow both yourself and the teachers to focus specifically on feedback related to your son, on page 2 of this letter; you will be directed to some wonderful new parent guidance videos. Each short, helpful presentation will answer many of the questions that you may typically want to ask your son's teacher during an appointment. Please watch the videos appropriate to your son **before** the Parents' Consultation. The presentations will give you valuable knowledge that you can refer back to at any time. They may also answer questions that you hadn't thought of and they will certainly free up your time to ask questions that are specific to your son's attainment during your appointments.

If you have any specific questions for your son's teachers, please add them as a message when you book each appointment so that staff can prepare a concise response in advance. The booking system will close at **11:55pm on Tuesday 30th November 2021**.

If you are unable to book a meeting with one of your son's teachers, please add yourself to their waiting list by pressing the 'Request an Appointment' button next to their name. If you are unable to make your own appointments, please contact school.

We strongly encourage parental attendance at all Parents' Consultations, however if you are unable to attend please log on to the booking system and notify us through the 'I'm unable to attend' button.

We look forward to speaking with you on the evening. Working together at this point in time is vital as we try to ensure the best outcomes for your son.

Yours faithfully,

Miss K Jedd
Head of Year 11

Mrs G Wood
Deputy Head

"Time is everything; five minutes makes the difference between victory and defeat" – Horatio Nelson



Parent Subject Guidance

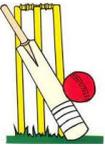
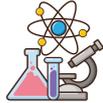
To support both yourselves and our boys, we have collated a video guidance package for all subjects. All of the videos are on our school website and can be accessed at any time at: <https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/parents/final-year-at-west-hill/year-11-subject-guides-for-parents>

The purpose of our guidance package is to:

- Help you and your son know what Year 11 will look like on their different courses.
- Help you and your son understand what they need to do and how to do it for each of their courses.
- Ensure that purposeful and productive conversations can take place at Parents' Consultation, focused on the needs of your son.

Please click on the subjects that your son studies and watch each video provided by the subject specialists. Please do this ahead of the Year 11 Parents' Consultation.

We hope that you find the videos useful and informative.

<p><u>Art</u></p> 	<p><u>Business Studies</u> <u>/Business Enterprise</u></p> 	<p><u>Computer Science</u></p> 	<p><u>Design and Technology</u></p> 	<p><u>Electronics</u></p> 	<p><u>Engineering</u></p> 
<p><u>English</u></p> 	<p><u>Food Preparation and Nutrition</u></p> 	<p><u>Geography</u></p> 	<p><u>German</u></p> 	<p><u>History</u></p> 	<p><u>Maths</u></p> 
<p><u>Music</u></p> 	<p><u>Physical Education</u></p> 	<p><u>Religious Education</u></p> 	<p><u>Science Separates (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)</u></p> 	<p><u>Science Trilogy (Combined)</u></p> 	<p><u>Sport Studies</u></p> 

**NB – The links to the videos will work by clicking the subject boxes above on the electronic version of this letter that you will receive by email. Please visit the school website at the web address at the top of this page if you are accessing them from the paper copy of the letter.*