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Dear Parent/Carer,

# **Year 7 Progress Evening**

7**X1** and 7**Y1** - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 15:30-18:30 7**X2** and 7**Y2** - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 15:30 – 18:30

We would like to invite you to 'attend' our Year 7 Progress Evening. Given the Covid situation it is not possible to hold this event in school, but we do have an online video call system that we will use to allow you to meet the teachers and discuss your child's progress. We are trialling splitting the Year group across two separate evenings to increase the opportunities for you to meet with your child's teachers. If your child(ren) is in 7X1 or 7Y1 their Progress Evening will be on Tuesday  $1^{st}$  February, 15:30-18:30 and if they are in 7X2 or 7Y2 their Progress Evening will be on Thursday  $3^{rd}$  February, 15:30-18:30.

The online booking system will reflect your child's teaching group and gives you the opportunity to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming these with a link to access the video appointments. This of course raises questions about how the system works and what device you need to access the appointments. There is a short video showing you how this process works and what device you need <a href="here">here</a>. There is also a written guide to making appointments at the end of this letter.

We hope you feel able to attend this event and meet teaching staff to discuss your son/daughter's progress and target areas for improvement. It would also be beneficial if your son/daughter attended alongside you, so they are involved in the discussions.

Appointments can be made from 17:30 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January and will close on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3:15pm.

Please visit <a href="https://churchstretton.parentseveningsystem.co.uk">https://churchstretton.parentseveningsystem.co.uk</a> to book your appointments.

Login with the following information:

Student's Preferred Name Student's Surname Date of Birth

The video call system is ever improving, and we hope that your experience with the system will be a positive one. Should your appointment 'fail' the teacher you were due to meet with will contact you separately via email to provide you with an update on your child's progress and next steps.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Bird Assistant Headteacher

# **Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments**



Browse to https://churchstretton.schoolcloud.co.uk/



# Step 1: Login

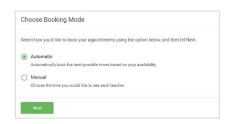
Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button. A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



# **Step 2: Select Parents' Evening**

Click on the date you wish to book.

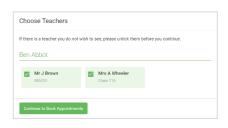
Unable to make all the dates listed? Click I am unable to attend.



# **Step 3: Select Booking Mode**

Choose *Automatic* if you would like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times, you are available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



# **Step 4: Choose Teachers**

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you would like to book appointments with. A green



### Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you will see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

tick indicates they are selected. To de-select, click on their name.

If it was not possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).



# Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable. To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and click *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you would like to discuss or raise anything beforehand.

Once you are finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.



# Step 6: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on Amend Bookings.

# Watch the video here about video calls

#### In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum:

- · a device with a microphone and speaker/headphones
- · a compatible up-to-date web browser:

iPhone/iPad: Safari Note: there is a known issue joining video calls using iOS 14.2.

Please upgrade any iOS 14.2 devices to iOS 14.3, or use an alternate device.

Android: Chrome or Firefox

Windows: Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge (Chromium - download here)

Mac: Safari, Chrome or Firefox Linux: Chrome or Firefox

#### We also recommend:

- Using your smartphone for video appointments. If you don't have a smartphone with a front-facing camera, use a laptop or computer with a webcam.
- · Using a headset (or earphones with a microphone) to reduce echo.