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11th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Progress Evening Thursday 25th March 15:30 – 18:45

We would like to invite you to 'attend' our Year 9 Progress Evening. Given the Covid restrictions 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.

The online booking system 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 [here](#). 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. There will not be time to discuss the Pathways process during these meetings, appointments are 5 minutes long and end automatically after this time, so please do not be offended if your meeting ends abruptly. It is possible to use the appointment message section to ask teachers questions in advance to focus each meeting and ensure the meeting is as productive as possible. It would also be beneficial if your son/daughter attended alongside you, so they are involved in the discussions.

Appointments can be made from Thursday 11th March at 3:30pm and will close on Wednesday 24th March at 12pm.

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

Login with the following information:

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

The video call system is still new to us, we have trialled it with Year 7 Parents and it worked well for most parents/carers during this trial, but as is ever the case with technology it sometimes did not function as we had hoped. We have been looking into the issue of meetings starting with a blank screen and failing to connect Teachers and Parents, which was brought to our attention in the Parental feedback. School Cloud have advised us that if a meeting starts with a blank screen that both parties should refresh the web page, as this often allows the video meeting to

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start. Should your appointment 'fail' we will endeavour to arrange for the teacher to contact you separately. Please contact the school at the email address shown above if this affects you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Bird
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