

Mr T Haines – Head of Student Progress Year 8

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well. This is a reminder that Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 25th February.

All meetings will be via GoogleMeet and you will find the codes for each class in [this document](#).

At the appointment time, please click on the link to join the meeting; the teacher will admit you as soon as they have finished with the previous meeting.

A gentle reminder to:

- Log on using your own email address and not your child's; this allows us to admit you to the parental meeting to avoid any interruption of personal discussions
- Check the classroom codes document in advance of Thursday so you are familiar with the format; if there are any issues, you can contact us in advance of the meeting and we can try and resolve it
- Please be mindful of appropriate GoogleMeet etiquette: please ensure your camera is on and be mindful of your background
- Stick to time; further meetings can be arranged at a later date if necessary

If you do experience any difficulties accessing an appointment on Thursday, please email the host teacher. They may not be able to rectify technical issues immediately but they will be able to make other arrangements. Staff contact details are available on the [website](#).

Throughout the course of the evening, I will be available in my virtual office which can be found on this [link](#). If you would like to pop in to say hello, ask any questions regarding your child's progress or have any general queries/comments then please do so. As above, I will admit you as soon as I have finished my previous meeting.



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Languages in Year 9: Later this year, Year 8 students will be able to choose their language for study in Year 9 from French, Spanish, German or Latin. Although we can usually give students their first choice, occasionally a student may get their second choice: therefore, we will ask you to put your choices in order of preference. Many students then take this language on to study at GCSE so please choose carefully and use Parents Evening as an opportunity to discuss your language choices with your MFL teacher. Students who think they may want to take two languages at GCSE from Year 10 will be able to study French as an after-school lesson in Year 9 (3 hours a fortnight) and take Spanish, German or Latin during the school day although this does not formally commit you to opting for those subjects at GCSE. Students choosing Latin are encouraged to also take French as an after-school lesson to maintain a good balance between Modern and Ancient languages. A small number of students will take an alternative Literacy-focused course in Year 9 and the Year Team will be in touch if this is relevant to you.

A final reminder that virtual and in school lessons will start at a slightly later time on Friday 26 February. School will be open from 8.30am for key worker and vulnerable students as usual but students need to be in school/online by **9am** rather than 8.30am.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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