

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Year 13 Parent/Guardian,

### **Year 13 Virtual Parental Consultation Evening – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

I would like to invite you to attend our Year 13 Virtual Parental Consultation Evening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This evening will run from 4pm until 8pm (with teachers selecting the three-hour window that they will be active) and it will be our latest remote event of this kind. We are very excited to be able to offer this flexibility during these challenging times, but we will need you to work with us and make sure you follow the parental guides carefully.

The school is trialling this easy to use Virtual Parents' Evening system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Your appointment will then be via a video link. You will use the same login that you have booked with. This system is new and we welcome any feedback.

Appointments can be made from 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm and will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am. **The school will not be making bookings on your behalf** as you will need to be able to create an account and login to be able to attend this virtual event. To help you fully understand the system in full and to help us to make sure this runs smoothly, please do watch the following video in full and read our parental guidance page here:

<https://www.mgs.kent.sch.uk/community/parents/virtual-parents-evening/>

We hope that the experience is as efficient as possible, but please note:

- The evening will run as a series of pre-booked video sessions (there is an auto book feature if you wish to use this).
- Each appointment will last for 5 minutes.
- A few teachers teach multiple Year 13 sets so please do not expect to be able to get appointments with all of your son/daughter's teachers. Mr Seymour and Mr Baker are particularly stretched.
- Your son/daughter is welcome to join you for the appointments.
- Please ensure your system meets the requirements specified on the [help page](#)
- The system WILL run on a smart phone if that is all you have available.
- Please ensure you select a suitable location to start your appointments.
- I know this is a difficult time for you all, but can I please ask that you appreciate the position the teachers are in with regards to discussing grades. All schools have been instructed to not tell students and parents what grades they are entering, but they will try to offer support in the best way they can. What they can't do is say "at the moment I am entering a B and you need to do precisely X/Y/Z to get an A." It just isn't that simple.

Once you have watched this, please visit <https://maidstonegs.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

Yours sincerely

**R J Ferguson**  
**Deputy Head**