



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 13th November, forms B C L R and Wednesday 19th November, E N U S

Parents' Evenings for our Year 8 forms will take place on the days listed above commencing at 4.30pm and finishing by 7.00pm. (Please note times). Arrangements for the evening will operate in the following manner:

- (i) An appointment sheet is given to each student in form time.
- (ii) Students will consult their subject teacher during a subject period of the teacher's choosing in order to fix a mutually agreed time.
- (iii) The teacher writes the student's name in the appropriate space on his/her form, and the student writes the teacher's name in same space on his/her copy.
- (iv) When all appointments have been fixed, the students will present their appointment sheet to parents as a program for the evening

Each interview is for the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the child and the teacher who teaches them. Students should not be involved in the interview unless the teacher concerned invites them to be present. This is at the discretion of the teacher, not the parent or child.

Each meeting is slotted into an appointment period, nominally of five minutes. Because of the numbers involved it is not possible to allow longer periods, except where this is considered essential by the teacher or parents. If a long interview is required, it is better that this is arranged outside the confines of the regular parents' evening. These longer interviews can be arranged through the school offices by telephoning the Head of Year. Indeed, some interviews can be and should be considerably shorter than five minutes in those cases where there are no specific problems to discuss.

Parents should not expect that appointments will run exactly to schedule, but they and teachers should strive to keep as close as is reasonably possible to the agreed programme. The purpose of the system is to even out demand on teachers, thereby reducing queues, and to plan the movement of parents so that they can be sure of meeting the teachers they need to see. Like all such arrangements, it demands a degree of good humour and flexibility, but if some parents use up more teacher-time than is necessary, others may not have enough.

Please note that in many subjects we have staff who teach more than one class scheduled within both parents' evenings e.g. Creative Arts, Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages. As in the past we allocate different form groups to staff within those faculties and ensure that you are able to speak to at least one staff member within that faculty who teach your child.

During Parents' Evenings members of the Parents, Staff and Friends Association will be selling refreshments and will be available if you would like to know more about the work they do and to also make a donation. Our student council representatives will be there on the night to help with any queries you have.

There will be limited space available in the main school car park adjacent to Wirksworth Road. Parents parking there should enter by going around the island on Park Road and leave via the exit near Duffield Library: FOR SAFETY REASONS THE CAR PARK HAS A ONE-WAY SYSTEM WITH SPEED RESTRICTED TO 5 MPH.

I hope you are able to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarissa Ourabi'.

Clarissa Ourabi
Senior Deputy Head