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Dear Year 9 Parents

Year 9 Parents' Consultation meetings - Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th February - Online Appointment Booking

I would like to invite you to our online Parents' Consultation, which will run on Wednesday 3rd February from 12.00 noon to 3pm and Thursday 4th February from 4pm to 7pm. This will provide an opportunity for you to speak with your child's teachers about the progress they are making. Importantly you can also ask any questions you may have about the option subjects.

The meetings will take place on a managed video conferencing platform called School Cloud. The system is easy to use and includes an online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Each appointment lasts five minutes with a one minute gap between appointments. The timings are managed automatically by the system.

The video calls can take place on any internet connected device with a microphone and camera. This includes smartphones along with tablets, laptops, Chromebooks and desktops. You can of course turn the camera off if you would prefer and this option will also be given to teachers. You do not need to install any software to participate as it all runs in a web browser.

The appointment booking system will open on Thursday 28th January at 12.00 noon and bookings will close on Monday 1st February at 12.00 noon. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Van Der Spiegel, <u>gvanderspiegel@oathall.org</u>.

You may want to prioritise booking appointments with subjects which are being considered for options. You will see the opportunity to book to see Mr Fitzpatrick for Business Studies and Mr Blackholly for Animal Care. Please only book for these subjects if your child is seriously considering choosing these subjects otherwise demand for spaces will be too high. Your child's Science teacher will be able to talk about the Psychology and Health and Social Care courses. Their DT teacher can discuss all the courses in this area. If for whatever reason you are not able to have an appointment with a particular teacher please email them to arrange a time to speak by phone. Please visit<u>https://oathall.schoolcloud.co.uk/</u> to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter along with a guide for managing the video calls. Please contact Mrs Van Der Spiegel, <u>gvanderspiegel@oathall.org</u> if you have any difficulties making bookings.

Yours sincerely

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