

Academic Consultations – 2022-2023

During COVID, we moved these events onto SchoolCloud, which overwhelmingly had positive feedback from those who attended.

After each of the 'in person' Foundation evenings we held last year, we asked for parental feedback. The informal format of these evenings was positive, albeit with some suggestions. Those who didn't attend highlighted that the 4pm to 6pm window was too early. Some parents also shared that they felt uncomfortable hearing conversations about other children.

In the past we have offered every parent/carer an appointment with their English and Maths teachers at both KS2 and KS3, as well as their Science teacher in Y8.

In listening to staff and parent/carer feedback, we are proposing the following Academic Consultations for 2022-23. Like this year, we will be asking for feedback following each event.

English and Maths Academic Consultations 'SchoolCloud' – 4pm to 7pm		
Date	Class	Subject(s)
Tuesday 17th January	8A	English and Science
Wednesday 18th January	5A	English and Maths
	5D	English and Maths
	6C	English and Maths
	7A	English and Science
Thursday 19th January	5B	English and Maths
	5C	English and Maths
	6B	English and Maths
	7D	English and Science
	8B	English and Science
Tuesday 24th January	All of Y7	Maths
	7B	English and Science
	8C	English and Science
Wednesday 25th January	6A	English and Maths
	6D	English and Maths
Thursday 26th January	7C	English and Science
	All of Y8	Maths
	8D	English and Science

Foundation Evenings In-person evenings – 5pm to 7pm		
Date	Year	Subjects
Thursday 30th March	Y8	French, History, Geography, Computing, Technology, Art, Music, PE, RE
Thursday 27th April	Y5	Science, French, Humanities, Computing, Technology, Art, Music, PE, RE
Thursday 18th May	Y7	French, History, Geography, Computing, Technology, Art, Music, PE, RE
Thursday 29th June	Y6	Science, French, Humanities, Computing, Technology, Art, Music, PE, RE

Not all Core subjects are on the same night

Yes, this is true. If a member of staff teaches a whole year group, or across different year groups, it makes it difficult to timetable every subject at the same time. It is also slightly more complicated by Maths being taught in mixed groups.

However, holding them this way does enable us to give everyone the opportunity to meet with their English and Maths teacher (and Science teacher at KS3), albeit on a different night. The core meetings are online; we won't be asking you to come into school on two different evenings.

Why the move away from the name Parents' Evening?

This is to cement the shift on the focus to their child's learning and the term Parents' Evening could be seen to be outdated.

How do I find out about SchoolCloud?

Information will be available about this closer to the time. It is an online platform that allows to meet the teacher from wherever you are – at home or at work – and using multiple devices if you want to join from different places. You book a timed slot (4.30minutes) and the teacher 'should' appear at that time!

Is this the only time I can find out about how my child is doing?

At the end of every term, we send home a report about how your child is doing in school (in December, this will be about core subjects only). You can also contact the school and ask for someone to contact you about how they doing, whether that is pastorally (the tutor) or whether that is with their subject teacher.