

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 'Virtual' Parental Consultation Evening

I am writing to invite you to the Year 13 Parental Consultation Evening being held on **Thursday 10 February 2022 from 5.00 – 7.30 pm** (this evening is for Year 14 students also). These meetings with subject staff will offer an opportunity to reflect on the recent mock examinations and how the time between now and the final exams in May and June can be used most effectively.

Following the success of our previous virtual events and in line with the current Covid-19 recommendations, we are unable to offer the face-to-face meetings and to enable the Parent Consultations to still run we have decided to use the video conferencing element of 'School Cloud'. On the day of the event, you will need to have access to the Internet and log into the same system to attend your virtual appointments via a computer, laptop, mobile device or tablet. **In the event of parents needing separate access, the nominated parent can invite another parent to join the video call. Please be aware each student is only eligible for one appointment per teacher.**

To log in and book these appointments, please follow this link: <https://longsandsacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. You will be asked to log in using the correct details that the school has on record for you as the parent/carers. If you encounter any problems with this, please email Mrs Walton via Elizabeth.walton@astrea-longsands.org.

When you have logged in, it will give you the option to select either automatic or manual appointments. If you select automatic, your appointments will be generated for you, if you have opted for manual, then you can select times that best suit you (subject to availability). [A short guide on how to book appointments can be viewed here.](#)

We all feel that contact between parents and teachers is essential at this stage. Where parents are not able to attend an appointment, we would expect the student to still attend to receive feedback on their progress.

The booking system will open on Monday 31 January 2022 at 09:00 am and the appointments will be either 5 or 10 minutes in duration (depending on the number of students in the class). Please note, the software starts your slot at the time of your appointment and will automatically disconnect when your booked session has expired. This has the benefit of ensuring that timed slots do not over run, but please forgive us for possibly having to cut short a conversation, as this function is automatic, and the teacher does not have the ability to extend the booked time slot. **Bookings will close at 11.55pm on Wednesday 9 February 2022**, however we urge you to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Prior to the parent consultations, you may wish to familiarise yourself with the content that students are studying in each subject by exploring the [Curriculum Overview](#) shared on the Longsands Academy website. [The Curriculum Overview 2021-22](#) document allows you to see what your child(ren) will learn during the year. It also contains information about the core texts for each subject and, where relevant, a link to the exam specification.

Please do email Mrs Walton via Elizabeth.walton@astrea-longsands.org if you have any further queries. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 10 February.

Yours sincerely



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