

# Be Your Best Self

21st April 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 8 Parents' Evening

We hope this finds you well?

Our recent experiences with the 'online' parents' evenings have proven this approach to be a highly effective method of communication which removed some of the decades old frustrations of being unable to book appointments, schedules running over time and the lack of privacy when speaking to school staff.

Our Parents' Evenings during the 2022/23 academic year will be entirely by video appointment call. In order to offer a wider opportunity for parents to make appointments, this year we would like to invite you to participate on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, from **3:30pm - 7:30pm**.

The parents' evenings will be hosted by our intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system, enabling you to reserve specific time-slots with teachers. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers, and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. If you decide you use the 'automatic' function to book appointments, we would ask you to please review them afterwards to ensure you don't have any appointments that you don't feel you need. Appointments will be 4 minutes in duration.

Please note that not all teachers will be available on both evenings, and you will need to check availability for each member of staff individually.

The booking period opens on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm** and will close on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7:00pm**. In order for teachers to prepare, please make your appointments at your earliest convenience.



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## **Booking your appointments**

Please visit <https://tadcaster.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. You will need to login with the following information:

**Parent name and email address, student's first name, surname and date of birth.**

Below is a link which may be useful to view:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-vid-eo-call>

If you feel you may have any issues accessing the Parents' Evening system, please contact Mr Dunphy (m.dunphy@tgs.starmat.uk).

Parents' evenings remain an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers directly and your attendance is vital in supporting this. This is an exciting development for us all, so can I thank you in advance for your forbearance if any issues arise which are beyond our reasonable control. I hope the opportunity to facilitate high quality conversations with our teaching staff about your child's progress and wellbeing in such an important year is beneficial.

Yours sincerely,

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**Mr M Dunphy**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

**Ms C Higginson**  
**Year 8 Year Leader**