

## Year 9 Parents' and Options Information Evening - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January

15th January 2026

Dear Families,

Year 9 students are about to enter a very important phase in their education and the time is fast approaching when options have to be made which will shape their programme of study in years 10 and 11.

In order to support you with this process, we will be hosting the Year 9 Parents' evening in-person at school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm to 6.30pm. We would also like to invite you to attend a short explanation of the Options process before or after the Year 9 Parents' Evening. **The talks will take place at 4pm and 6.30pm.**

Our careers advisor will also be on hand to offer further support and guidance, where more specific information about particular courses can be gathered.

Our KS4 structure has been designed to enable our students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum which consists of a number of subjects; some of these are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. Year 9 students will be receiving information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions. As parents and carers, your help in supporting this process is essential.

Year 9 students will be enjoying options taster sessions exploring a selection of courses available to them and learning how these subjects link to future career paths. They will be advised about the Options process in seminars and this will be followed with options booklets being distributed with descriptions of the courses offered. Options forms will be sent out for students to complete by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

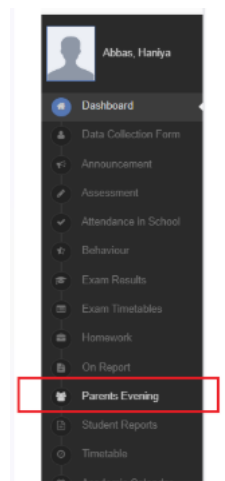
We know this is an exciting time for our students who will be eager to find out their allocated timetables and we hope to achieve this before the end of May. For the moment though, our main priority is to ensure that all our students are effectively guided and supported through the option process in readiness for successful years 10 and 11 and onwards.

Please follow the below steps to book your parents' evening appointments on our **new system - BROMCOM**:

- To make your appointments please login at: <http://www.mychildatschool.com>
- Follow the set-up instructions below.
- You will be able to book appointments until Monday 12th of May when bookings will close.
  
- Click on **PARENT SIGN UP** and enter the **school ID: 15191** or **Postcode: HD4 6JN**



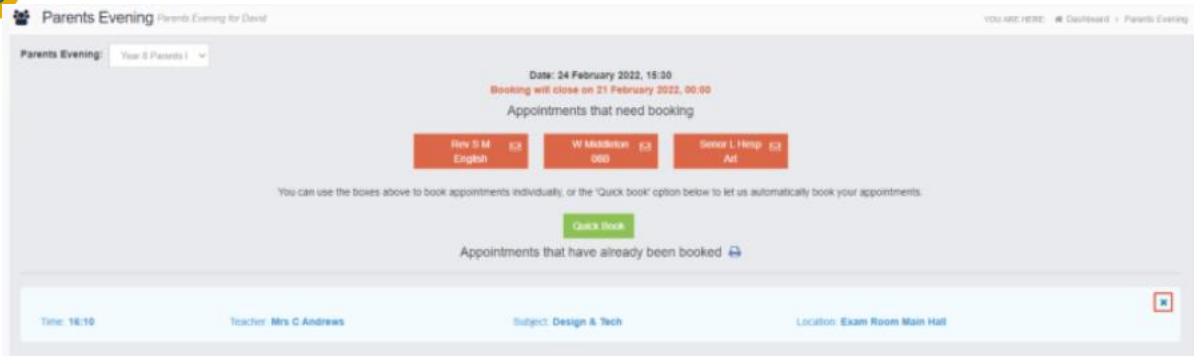
- Enter **your email address** (this MUST be the email address we have **on record** for you and you MUST have **parental responsibility**).
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- Select **Parents Evening** from the menu on the left. See example below:



- This will open the 'Parents' Evening' page. The **available appointments** are displayed in **red blocks**, click on a **Red Block** to **Book your Appointment**. Then from the available listed **Times** click on the word **Book** to the right.



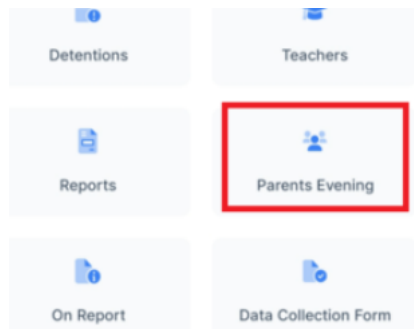
- The Booked Block will then be removed from the Appointments list and displayed below as **Booked**. **To remove the Booking click on the X** to the right. The Appointment will then display at the top again ready to be booked again.



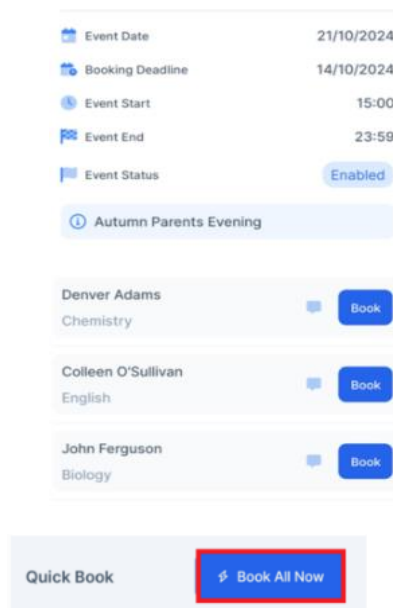
- Alternatively, you can click on the **green Quick Book** button and the best available appointments for your child’s teachers will be automatically booked.

You can also **download** the **MCAS (My Child At School) app**. This will be rolled out to all parents for future communications, so we recommend doing this now.

- From the app select **Parents Evening** from the menu.



- You will see a list of all the teachers you are able to book sessions with. Click Book All Now at the bottom of the screen or select to book individually.





**Remember, you can always get in touch with our Curriculum Leads - these and the Pastoral Leads are all listed on our website.**

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Yours faithfully,

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