



ABINGDON

From David Dawswell: Second Master

20 March 2020

Dear Parent,

**Parents' Evening for parents of First Years
on Friday 1 May 2020,
5.30 – 8.30pm**

Parents of boys in the first year are warmly invited to the School to discuss with staff their sons' progress. Interviews will start at 5.30pm. At 7.00pm the Headmaster will address parents in the Amey Theatre. Interviews will resume at 7.35pm. A light buffet and coffee, provided by the school caterer, will be available from 5.30-8.00 pm in the Café.

If it necessary for us not to meet on the campus, appointments will be conducted via Zoom, and further details are in italics below.

There current will be space for you to wait between appointments in part of the **Sixth Form Centre**, on the ground floor of Beech Court.

Badges will be given out in the entrance foyer of Beech Court. There will be a map to show you where the different subjects are located.

Your sons will ask you for the names of teachers with whom you wish to book an appointment which should last for a maximum of **five** minutes. It is, of course, vital that you do not over-run your time. Should a more detailed interview be necessary, then please arrange one at a more convenient time with the member of staff concerned.

The Headmaster will be available by appointment through his PA, victoria.adams@abingdon.org.uk, and he will also be in the Café in the middle of the evening.

Your sons will be the active agents in booking appointments. Mr Jenkins will email you a sheet about ten days before the Parents' Evening. It will contain times of all the appointments. Please print this off and hand it to your son. During his normal on-line lessons your son will make appointments for you. Your sons will be told to allow gaps between appointments, to help ensure appointments run to time. Occasionally boys are absent during the week when most appointments are booked. If this happens, parents should contact their son's tutor, to see if he can arrange some interviews for that evening.

We should perhaps make it clear that your sons are not expected to attend the meetings with teachers on this occasion (nor is the School able to provide supervision for your sons while parents attend the meetings, if we do meet on the campus). You may therefore need to put arrangements in place for your son to be looked after at home in your absence.

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Interviews will be situated, by departments, in rooms in **Greening Court and Beech Court**. Parents who are waiting for interview are asked to wait outside the rooms, except in the case of the library. Chairs will be provided and doors left open so that you can see at a glance whether or not a teacher is occupied. (It is sometimes possible, in emergencies only, to improvise an appointment on the spot, if both you and the teacher are free, but please do not allow this to run into someone else's appointment time, or the schedule will fall behind.) **All rooms above the ground floor are now wheelchair-accessible by the lift located in Beech Court.**

Please bring your appointments schedule with you to the Parents' Evening, as your son will not be with you.

Cars should not be parked on Park Road or Park Crescent as there is a risk of a parking ticket and current fine of £100. If there is no space within the school grounds you may need to go further afield. The town's multi-storey carpark is not far from the pedestrian traffic lights between the end of Park Road and the town centre. There is a charge for using this carpark between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday. Free parking is available on levels one and two after 6pm. **Please note that levels three and above are locked at 7.30pm and are not re-opened until 7am.** There is a release fee.

Yours sincerely

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