



ABINGDON

From: Second Master, David Dawswell

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Dear Parent

**Parents' Evening for Lower Sixth on  
Tuesday 30 November**  
(and Wednesday 1 December overflow night for teachers  
with 2 sets in the year group),  
**6.30 – 8.30pm**

Parents of students in the lower sixth year are warmly invited to discuss with staff their child's progress, via our online application "Parents' Evening System".

The appointment system will be open for bookings at 7pm on Wednesday 24 November and a reminder email will be sent from school. You are welcome to book appointments with your child's **subject teachers** on a first come, first served basis. Please see the following guide for booking appointments: [Parents' Evening System](#) - *please note that this system uses a student's 'Preferred' name, e.g. 'Bertie' rather than 'Albert'*. As usual, if issues arise which you would like to discuss with your child's tutor, please contact them by email to arrange a time to talk.

Like many schools, appointments will be all on **one** main night only. However, **when a teacher has 2 or more sets in that year group**, bookings will be allowed to overflow into a second night in order to maximise the opportunity for parents to speak to the teacher.

The nominal time of the first evening is 6.30pm to 8.30pm, but some staff may offer earlier and/or later appointments. For the second night there will usually be fewer appointments available, as the majority will have been done the previous night. Here is the list of teachers who are needing to offer a **second night (Wednesday 1 December)**:

Chemistry:	Mark Simpson, Richard Fisher
Computer Science:	Oliver Lomax, Peter Willis
Design Technology:	Dan Hughes, David James, Mike Webb
Economics/ Business:	Dean Evans, Tony Gray, Simon Grills, Laura Haar, Adam Hepworth, Callum Richardson
Geography:	Paul Gooding, Richard Pygott
History:	Mark Earnshaw, Richard Jackson
Maths:	Graham Cook, Julian Easterbrook, Eleanor Kaye, Cath Muller, Ben Murphy, David Panter, Behnoosh Sabah
Philosophy:	Tom Eames-Jones
Physics:	Ben Simmons, Sarah Stringer
Spanish:	Regina Engel-Hart

In general, most staff will only need one night to cover all their pupils.

Staff who are caring for young children on their own may not have full availability and will endeavour to make alternative arrangements where necessary. Thank you for your

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understanding. Please email them.

We understand that many parents of our international boarders may be unable to make appointments at those times due to the time difference. Please can those parents liaise with their child's teachers to find appointment times during the school day that would work better for them.

On the evening(s), all video conversations will take place via the Parents' Evening System application. Please [log into the system](#) on the evening and you will automatically be moved between teachers as per your scheduled 7 minute appointments. More information on using the system for the evening can be found [here](#). It is possible for families to be in multiple venues, yet all be part of the same conversation with the teacher - please find information on how to add another parent/guardian to the appointments [here](#). If a more detailed interview is necessary, then please arrange one at a more convenient time with the member of staff concerned.

If you have any technical difficulties during booking, please contact [is@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:is@abingdon.org.uk).

*Career Guidance, Non-UK University Applications, Alternatives to University (vocational education/training and work-learning programmes, and Gap Year: appointments can be booked with Michael Triff at the same time as you are booking to see your child's teachers.*

Yours sincerely

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