

15 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening – Thursday 25 March 2021**

I would like to invite you to our Year 7 Parental Consultations on Thursday, 25 March 2021 between 1.30 – 6.00 pm. The evening will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress alongside their attitude to learning in a range of subjects. Please be aware that the Academy will **close early** on this day (for all year groups) and will finish at the end of lesson 3.

Due to the current Covid-19 lockdown, we are unable to offer the face-to-face meetings we would normally hold here at Longsands Academy. For Parents' Evening 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. **Please be aware that you can now log on with multiple devices, please click on this link for more information on how to do this.** If at all possible, we would encourage you to be with your child as this creates a more meaningful two-way conversation.

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/carer. If you should encounter any problems with this, please request help from Mrs Gavigan by email via ([lisa.gavigan@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:lisa.gavigan@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.](#)**

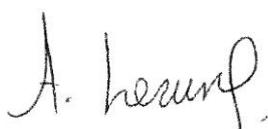
**The booking system opened this morning at 9.00 am** and the appointments will be 5 minutes in duration. Please note, the software starts your five-minute slot at the time of your appointment and will automatically disconnect when your booked session has expired. This has the benefit of ensuring that 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 9.00 am on Wednesday 24 March.**

If you are **unable to attend** this event, we would be grateful if you would indicate that on the parent booking system or email [lisa.gavigan@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:lisa.gavigan@astrea-longsands.org) and let us know. We will call all parents/carers who have not booked, so by selecting this on the system, it will ensure that you do not receive any unnecessary phone calls.

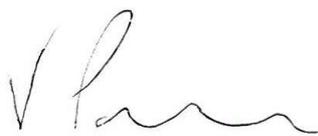
There will be a high demand for appointments for this event, therefore, to avoid any disappointment I would advise booking your appointment slots as early as possible. Your child is expected to accompany you during these scheduled meetings as they are an integral part of the discussion to maximise their potential.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 25 March.

Kind regards



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