

22 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Sixth Form Progress Evening 20<sup>th</sup> April 4:00pm-6:30pm - Online Appointment Booking**

I would like to invite you to virtually meet with your child's subject teachers on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The evening will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's current progress and attitude to learning in each of their subjects, as well as an update on assessments and opportunities for improvement.

The meetings will take place using **School Cloud**, a new software for virtual progress evenings, that can be accessed from a smart phone, laptop or PC. School Cloud has a highly intuitive, user-friendly online appointment booking system which will allow you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Please visit <https://monkseaton.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. The system allows you to book, and then attend, the appointment by video. Appointments can be made from **22<sup>nd</sup> March** and will close on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

Please note, each meeting is 5 minutes in length. This is timed by the system and you will be able to see it counting down. When it reaches zero seconds, the video will cut off automatically. The teacher will then join the next meeting.

### **Y13 Final Grades**

As you know, we have been asked to submit grades in June 2021 for each student in each subject to award them a final GCSE/A-Level grade. We are required to make a holistic judgement of each student's performance on a range of evidence relating to assessment of subject content that has been delivered by their teacher. As such there will be a range of evidence used to determine these grades including some final assessment windows after Easter. All of this evidence is then subject to internal and external quality assurance and moderation.

As such, teachers will not be in a position to discuss a predicted grade at parents evening. They will however, be able to discuss the following:

- The types of assessment that will be used within each department, to build a portfolio of evidence for each student
- Current/previous performance in assessments. This may be communicated as a raw mark e.g. 30/50
- The areas students should focus on to improve their performance in future assessments.

We believe that for your child to be successful in school and reach their full potential it is important that both home and school, work together in partnership. There is no doubt that support from home is a key factor in students doing as well as possible at school and so I urge you to sign up to this event.

You can find helpful videos to further support you by accessing the 'Students & Parents' section of our website: <https://www.monkseaton.org.uk/progress-evening>. Your child was shown how the system works during tutorial, week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March, so please ask them for advice in the first instance if you experience any difficulty.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on 0191 297 9700 or email at [alison.thompson@monkseaton.org.uk](mailto:alison.thompson@monkseaton.org.uk). If your query relates to ICT support please contact one of our technicians on [helpdesk@monkseaton.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@monkseaton.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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