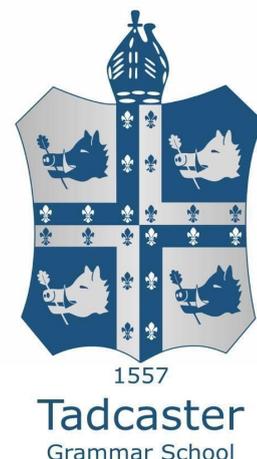


# Be Your Best Self

January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

We hope this finds you well?

During our current way of working due to Covid-19 we are very keen to re-engage with parents at calendared parents' evening using video calls. Our recent experience with the Year 13 and Year 8 parents' evenings proved this approach to be a highly effective method of communication which removed some of the decades old frustrations of being able to book appointments, schedules running over time and the lack of privacy when speaking to school staff.

Our Parents' Evenings during the 2020/21 academic year will be by video appointment call. In order to offer a wider opportunity for parents to make appointments, this year we would like to invite you to participate on **Wednesday 20th January 2021 and Thursday 21st January 2021 4:00pm - 7:00pm**. The parents' evenings will involve online appointment bookings, enabling you to reserve specific time-slots with teachers. Please note that not all teachers will be available on both evenings, and you will need to check availability for each member of staff individually.

The school has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointments times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Appointments will be 4 minutes in duration.

Before making your appointments, please note that parents who have not already done so **MUST** complete the 'communication by video Acceptable Use Agreement' which can be found on the school website [HERE](#)

[Parents > Consent and Application forms > Communication by remote video systems](#)

The booking period opens on **14th January 2021 at 4pm** and will close on **18th January 2021 at 7pm**. In order for teachers to prepare, please make your appointments at your earliest convenience.



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Please visit <https://tadcaster.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. You will need to login with the following information:

**Parent name and email address, student's first Name, surname and date of birth.**

Below is a link which may be useful to view:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

If you feel you may have any issues accessing the Parents' Evening system please contact Mr Dunphy (m.dunphy@tgs.starmat.uk).

Parents' evenings remain an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers directly and your attendance is vital in supporting this. This is an exciting development for us all, so can I thank you in advance for your forbearance if any issues arise which are beyond our reasonable control. I hope the opportunity to facilitate high quality conversations with our teaching staff about your child's progress and wellbeing in such an important year is beneficial.

Yours sincerely

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**Mr M Dunphy**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

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**Year 9 Year Leader**