



Dear Parent/Carer

March 2020

Year 7 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening – Thursday 19 March Online Appointment Booking

On Thursday 19 March we will be holding the Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening for Year 7. The online booking system for appointments, each lasting five minutes, will open at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 March and close at midnight on Tuesday 17 March. As your child has many subjects and teachers, it will not be possible to see everyone on the night - you will be able to book a maximum of 8 appointments. We would therefore encourage parents to prioritise appointment requests, having reflected on the recent data available on Insight and focusing on subjects where you have questions about progress. If you are unable to make an appointment with a teacher, you can contact them at any point via the main office to discuss your child's progress.

Please visit <https://ashlyns.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> (or follow the link from our homepage) in order to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter. Please log in using your child's 'preferred' name (that matches our records) and their date of birth. If you do not have access to the internet or you have any queries, please contact Miss Gilbert on extension 2285 who will be happy help you.

The LRC will be hosting a pop-up book store in conjunction with a local independent bookseller during the evening. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase books from our KS3 Reading List along with titles that meet the criteria of the students Reading Challenge. Ms Lambert, our LRC Manager, will also be available during the evening to provide book recommendations and answer any questions you may have.

Year 7 have made a phenomenal start to life at Ashlyns and have quickly settled in both academically and socially. In addition they have a record number of achievement points for Year 7 at this point of the year (18,310), and the year group has the best average attendance in the school. A personal highlight was the school trip to the Peak District, despite the weather, from which the feedback has been extremely positive, allowing students to build new friendships and create a positive form spirit. I look forward to future events such as the Science Museum trip on 11 March and Warwick Castle at the end of the year.

We actively encourage student attendance at Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings so that they are part of the dialogue concerning their progression towards success. As this is a formal evening students will be required to wear full school uniform.

Please note that there is plenty of car parking available at the rear of the school for all events which take place outside normal school hours. There is access through the school from both car parks - you do not need to walk all the way around the building. It is strictly prohibited to park on the driveway, footpaths, verges or grassed areas, as we must ensure that we keep a good traffic flow, always have access for emergency vehicles and do not damage our grassed areas. We would ask you to assist us by abiding by these requests.

If you have any queries or require any further information prior to the evening please contact me at admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

I look forward to seeing you on 19 March.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C McDonald'.

Chris McDonald
Head of Year 7