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Dear Parents and Carers

Event: Year 7 Virtual Parent Consultation Evening – Initial Information
Date: Thursday 12 November 2020

As you may well be aware, as part of our continued communications and feedback with students and parents, we hold annual Parent Consultation Evenings (PCE) that are designed to help give parents an insight into their child's progress and learnability profile. Our Parent Consultation Evenings have traditionally been held in person at our Fambridge Road site, however due to the current restrictions, we have opted to follow the success of our Student Review Meetings that we held in the summer term and will again be using a virtual platform. This event will be held, as calendared on November 12 2020, between the times of 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

The virtual meetings with subject staff can be booked via our current parents evening booking system, School Cloud Systems. Parents and carers will receive a link and the details outlining how to book these appointments after the October half-term break. The link will allow parents and carers to book a selection of **five minute** appointments with their child's teachers in order to discuss their child's current level of progress and attainment. If you would like to gain a further insight into how the School Cloud system works, please feel free to use the attached link for a parent's guide to the system and procedures:

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

As an academy, we are conscious that the Parent Consultation system does not always allow parents to book appointments with all of their child's staff. This is due to the number of students that a teacher may be teaching in a single year group and the appointment times available. This is why, last year, we introduced the further event of 'Meet the Teacher Evening' where parents and students could move freely around the academy and were informally greeted by teachers in their classroom bases. Whilst we are unable offer such an event because of the current restrictions, we will be keen to reinstate these events in our school calendars as soon as possible. Therefore, if you require a further conversation with a member of staff who you have not been able to book an appointment with this year, please do not hesitate to contact that member of staff via their email address. We are very proud of our close working relationship with parents and carers at Plume Academy, therefore it is important that parents continue to use these clearly assigned direct lines of communication as and when required. Please note that a full list of staff contacts and relevant emails addresses can be located on the academy website.

Finally, I would like again to thank you for your continued support, the Year 7 students have made an excellent start to Plume and we are immensely proud of how they have sustained their high levels of respect and positivity to their learning and academy environment.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Joanne Everett
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