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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 24th June 2021 (3.30 – 6.30pm)

We would like to invite you and your child to attend our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 24th June 2021 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Due to the current situation, we will be holding this evening in 'virtual' format. The evening will be operated through 'SchoolCloud' which enables the opportunity for 5 minute consultation meetings, either by video or telephone, with subject staff to discuss your child's progress.

The 'SchoolCloud' software is open for appointment bookings from **4pm on Wednesday 16th June and will remain open until 4pm on Wednesday 23rd June.**

Please visit <https://VBede.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

A short guide on how to log in to this software and add appointments is included with this letter. SchoolCloud have also produced a very helpful step by step guide about 'how to attend appointments over video call' which can be found by clicking this [LINK](#). **You will need to enter your email address, First Name and Last Name, along with your child's date of birth, to access the booking system.** Once you have booked your appointment online you will receive an email confirming your bookings.

As a small number of staff teach several Year 8 classes it may transpire that you are unable to book an appointment due to limited availability. In this instance, please can you join the 'waiting list' for the teacher if you need to speak with them and we shall arrange a time for the staff member to contact you directly as soon as possible.

Appointments will be limited to five minutes, so please be aware that the system cuts the connection after this time. It may be helpful to jot down a few questions on each subject in advance of the evening so your appointments are focused and make the most of the limited time. If you wish, you can also optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss or to raise anything beforehand.



If you are late starting the video call, you can still join the call if it is within the scheduled appointment time, however, your appointment will automatically end at the scheduled end time. During your appointment, you will see a countdown timer so you know when the call will disconnect. If one party loses connection, please just wait whilst they log in again and you should be able to resume.

If you wish to discuss any pastoral concerns that you have, you can arrange a meeting with your child's form tutor or Mr Crampton, Head of Year 8.

On the day of your appointment, please log on in advance of your appointment time in case you have any delays accessing the system and so you can test all is working as planned. You need to click the 'allow' pop-ups to enable your microphone and your camera. If there is a sound or display issue, please try clicking the microphone/camera icon off and on again.

We look forward to meeting you via our new system and appreciate your continued support at this time. Should you have any further queries in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact school, and we will do our best to answers queries as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully



Mrs T Burgess

Deputy Headteacher





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Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

Browse to <https://VBede.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
Mrs	Rachael	Abbot

Email

rabbot4@gmail.com	Confirm Email
rabbot4@gmail.com	rabbot4@gmail.com

Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date Of Birth
Ben	Abbot	20 July 2000

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Parents' Evening

This parents' evening is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please enter the school via the main entrance and sign in at reception.

Click a date to continue:

Thursday, 16th March	>
Open for bookings	
Friday, 17th March	>
Open for bookings	

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click '*I'm unable to attend*'.

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

☒ **Automatic**
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability

☐ **Manual**
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

[Next](#)

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

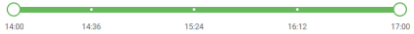
Choose '*Automatic*' if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose '*Manual*'. Then press '*Next*'.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Choose Teachers

Set the earliest and latest times you can attend, select which teachers you'd like to see, and then press the button to continue.

Choose earliest and latest times



Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

☒ Mr J Brown SENCO	☒ Mrs A Wheeler Class T1A
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[Continue to Book Appointments](#)

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

01:20 Please confirm your appointments within 4 minutes

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the Accept button at the bottom.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room	
17:10	Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	E6
17:25	Mrs D Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45	Dr R Monamara	Andrew	French	L4

Accept Appointments Cancel Appointments

Step 6a: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

	Mr J Brown SENCO (A2) Ben	Miss B Patel Class 10E (H3) Andrew	Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1) Ben
16:30		✓	
16:40			
16:50	+		+
17:00			+

Step 6b: Book Appointments (Manual)

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking 'Delete'. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss or to raise anything beforehand.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press 'click here' to finish the booking process.

when ready click

Next 11 Subject Events
Showing 11th April

The following bookings are subject to change. Please note the subject on the row contains and identify again for the first 11 minutes of the evening in many places. Parking is available in the main school car park.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room	
16:00	Mr J Brown	Ben	SENCO	A2
16:10	Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
16:20	Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
16:30	Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
16:40	Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
16:50	Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
17:00	Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6

Step 7: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click 'Subscribe to Calendar' to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on 'Amend Bookings'.

Protocol and guidance for Virtual Parents Evenings

As virtual events are new to us at Venerable Bede, we thought it important to establish some ground rules so that all participants are following the same protocol which should ensure everyone's wellbeing.

- Conversations should take place in appropriate locations.
- All participants should be appropriately attired as they would be for a real-life face to face meeting.
- Conversations must not be recorded.
- If you are using a device to enable both parents from different households to attend simultaneously e.g. FaceTime or WhatsApp please flag this up to the teacher as a matter of courtesy at the start of the conversation.
- As in real life, your child is welcome to attend.
- Appointment times are not flexible and will start and finish exactly on time. Appointments will be automatically stopped once the allotted time has ended.

Advice

- School Cloud has been trialled extensively within school and therefore we anticipate things to run smoothly from the school site – should there be any issues we will try our best to resolve as soon as possible but please be forgiving of any technical hitches.
- In order to have a video call appointment you need to have as a minimum:
 - A device with a microphone or speaker
 - A compatible web browser:
 - iPhone/iPad: Safari
 - Android: Chrome or Firefox
 - Windows: Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge
 - Mac: Safari, Chrome or Firefox
 - Linux: Chrome or Firefox
- It is recommended that, where possible, you use a headset or earphones to reduce echo.
- Please note that, whilst 'video call' is the default setting for appointments, there is the option to join the meeting without your video enabled if you wish. If you would prefer the appointment to be an audio call only, please let the member of staff know at the very start of the call, so that they can also switch off their video.
- Try logging on up to an hour before - if you can't see "Join Video Appointments" check as below.
- The same parent/carer who made the appointments MUST be the one to log in as the appointments are linked to his/her details only and NOT to the other parent.
- Make sure your camera and microphone and volume are fully enabled in your settings and that you have allowed the system to access them.
- Better sound is achieved if only one person speaks to the microphone at a time.
- If one party loses connection please just wait whilst they log in again - you should be able to resume the conversation.
- If there is a sound /display issue try clicking the microphone/camera icon off and on again.
- If there is still an issue try logging off and logging on again or try another device.
- If possible have a backup device ready for you to log on and use.