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Dear parent/carer

SUBJECT: Year 9 Options and Virtual Parents' Evening

I apologise for the short notice but we have managed to secure a new piece of software that will allow us to provide you with an opportunity to have a final discussion with your child's teachers prior to them choosing their GCSE options.

This will be a virtual parents' evening and the communication will be via a form of video conferencing. This means you will be able to attend from either your home or place of work, depending on which is most convenient.

Due to the slightly more restrictive nature of an online parents' evening, you may wish to focus your appointments/bookings on the subject areas which most interest your child (e.g. you may wish to prioritise Geography over History or vice versa) however this is entirely down to your discretion.

We have decided to run this evening on Thursday 29th April (next week) between 3:30pm and 7pm.

We appreciate that due to the short notice some of you may not be able to attend, however please do contact the school if you have any particular queries. Similarly, should you be unable to speak with a particular subject teacher of interest, then please do not hesitate to contact the school and they will be able to arrange an alternative time.

During the week commencing 26th April, we will also be releasing formal option guidance and information including:

- A. An option booklet detailing each subject we offer at Key Stage 4
- B. A link to a series of option videos, in which the teachers explain why your child may wish to choose their subject. We advise you to watch these carefully with your child
- C. An option choices form to complete
- D. A clear timeline, with a date by which we would like the option choices submitted, including details of how to contact us should you wish to have support with the option process

Booking Your Appointments

The booking system for the virtual parents' evening will be open from Monday 26th April 08:00 am until Thursday 29th April 12:00 pm.

To log in and make your appointments, please go to <u>https://risedalecommunitycollege.schoolcloud.co.uk</u>. You will need to enter your name and an email address (so that your list of appointments can be sent to you), together with the name and date of birth of your child.

Appointments have been limited to 5 minutes with a 1 minute gap in between. Please join promptly as the appointments are managed by the parents' evening software directly and will be ended automatically after the allotted time, even if you do not join at the beginning of your slot.





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A short guide to the appointments booking process can be found here: <u>Parents' Guide for Booking</u> <u>Appointments</u>, together with a guide explaining how the actual video appointments will work which can be found here: <u>How to attend appointments over video call</u>.

If you experience any problems with logging on or making appointments, please contact the school who will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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Mr J Yates Deputy Headteacher



