



January 2021

Dear Family,

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

I am writing to invite you to a remote video Parents' Evening, which will be distributed across **3rd and 4th February 2021, between 4.30p.m and 7.30p.m** to discuss your child's progress with the staff who teach them. Because of the ongoing lockdown, we have decided to offer both nights, for maximum flexibility for both staff and families. Your child may wish to accompany you to these remote appointments.

We are aware that many of you will have questions, worries and concerns around this year that are particularly important, because of the changes to GCSE Assessment procedures. **Because these queries will range across subjects, we have arranged a video by our Senior Team, to be released via Edulink and our social media channels.** We will provide an opportunity to have a Question and Answer session with Mr Scrivens as part of the SLT Achievement Team throughout both evenings to discuss broader matters of attainment or any wider issues, which arise during the evening. Parents can book this appointment in the same way as they do for subject teachers. This means you can spend maximum time talking to subject staff about the details of subject improvement.

The school uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening appointments and it is via this system that you will also be able to access your remote appointments. The booking system can be accessed via a link on the school website or by using this web address: <https://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login> from **Sunday, 24 January at 5pm and will close on Monday 1 February at 5pm.**

Several members of teaching staff teach multiple groups across Year 11 and so it may not be possible for them to speak to the parents/carers of every student they teach over the course of the two evenings. If you are not able to make an appointment with a specific teacher, please contact the Academy and we will arrange for the subject teacher to contact you.

We have included a video guide with this letter to assist you in booking your appointments and information on accessing the video appointments on the evening itself. The system creates time based video links, it is therefore very important that you are available at the times that appointments have been made, the appointments will not be able to be extended on the evening should you arrive late and at the end of the timeslot the video link with the member of staff will simply stop.

A charitable Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales Company No. 6336693

We hope that this new electronic Parents' Evening system will enable us to provide you with meaningful feedback on the progress of your child. With this in mind, please bear with us if there are any technical issues on the evening.

Should you have any difficulties during the booking process, could you please provide us with details of the issue via email at info@tca.shirelandcat.net and we will endeavour to resolve any problems as quickly as possible.

Year 11 Examinations – Ofqual Consultation

Ofqual's consultation on their approach to alternative arrangements for the summer examinations has been published and we strongly recommend that you respond to enable your views to be recorded. The following links will take you to a letter from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson on 13th January 2021 to Ofqual about summer examinations and the response provided by Ofqual:

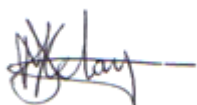
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter_from_Gavin_Williamson_to_Simon_Lebus.pdf

[Letter from Gavin Williamson to Simon Lebus \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter_from_Gavin_Williamson_to_Simon_Lebus.pdf)

The link to the Ofqual consultation is:

[Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter_from_Gavin_Williamson_to_Simon_Lebus.pdf)

Yours sincerely



Mr M Kelay
Principal

A charitable Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales Company No. 6336693

SHIRELAND
COLLEGIATE ACADEMY TRUST
Registered Office:
Waterloo Road
Smethwick
B66 4ND



PART OF  SHIRELAND COLLEGIATE ACADEMY TRUST

Aim Higher

Leading Learning

Promoting Cohesion

Changing Attitudes

Be Concerned for Everyone

See Further