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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Virtual Parents' and Carers' Evening – Tuesday 5th March

We would like to invite you to the Year 11 Virtual Parent/Carer evening at Great Marlow School from **4:30pm** - **7:30pm**.

This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet, remotely, with your child's subject teachers and discuss their progress so far in Year 11, mock exams ahead of the Summer GCSE exams.

The Booking System

The school has an easy-to-use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Appointments can be made from **Tuesday 27th February at 8pm and will close on Sunday 3rd March at 6pm.** Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit https://greatmarlow.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ to book your appointments, a short guide is on the system if you have any problems.

Login with the following information:

- Parent/Carer Surname
- Student's First Name
- Student's Surname
- Student's Date of Birth

We are aware that there are a limited number of slots for each member of staff and sometimes there are no appointments available. Please add your name to the waiting list for that member of staff.

Alternatively, if an appointment does not become available, the member of staff will be in touch to discuss the progress of your son or daughter.

Please email any teachers directly if you are not able to meet with them on the evening and would like to discuss your child's progress.

In the event of any technical issues, we are unlikely to be able to rearrange the appointment on the evening, as most teachers will have 39 appointments at 5-minute intervals throughout the evening. The member of staff will, however, contact you after the event to organise a mutually convenient time for the appointment.

Please be aware that after 5 minutes the appointment will automatically end, there will be a countdown, but it can feel a little abrupt. The teacher is automatically moved to the next appointment by the online system.

To find out more information about how to use PES, including logging on and inviting another adult into a meeting can be found on the school website via this link: https://www.gms.bucks.sch.uk/?page_id=5416

The Virtual Parents' and Carers' Evening

The virtual system is very simple and will connect you to your meeting automatically:

- Please could you make sure that you have connection to the internet and a microphone on the laptop/computer that you will be using.
- Alternatively, you can use your mobile phone to connect to the meeting which is the easiest method of connecting.
- All meetings are done through a web browser so there is no app to download or install.
- Please note that some teachers may choose to communicate using the audio function only.
- We advise that you are aware of the environment from which you are communicating and do log in on the website in advance.
- Please visit: https://greatmarlow.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ on the evening of your meeting to join your meetings.

Login with the following information:

- Parent/ Carer Surname
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- Student's Surname
- Student's Date of Birth

I hope this evening runs smoothly and is a positive experience for all. Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you all to the first virtual Parents'/ Carers' Evening for your child.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. Jen Webster
Director of Learning Year 11