



March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

The Year 11 mock exam period is almost complete and the students have been working tremendously hard with their revision and preparation. Informal student feedback has suggested that this time has proved to be of real benefit as it has given our young people a much greater understanding of what the experience will be like in the summer and as such, the strategies they need to develop to get through the process in the most effective way.

Following the completion of the mock examinations, staff will be working hard marking examination scripts in preparation for a Mock Results Day – which will take place on 28th March 2019. On this day, students will receive all of their results collectively for the first time, as though it was the summer. They will experience what it feels like to find out all of their results and the possible outcomes in terms of Post 16 destinations.

This process will be followed up with an assembly led by Mr Hall and the Senior Leadership Team collectively, to talk to students about what may need to be done by staff and students, and the strategies that will need to be in place as the exams approach in May and June. There will then be an opportunity for Parents and Carers to attend an evening on the 28th March 2019 in the Sports Hall, where discussions can take place with individual Subject Teachers about the mock examinations and any strategies or guidance moving forward. Representatives from the local MAT Team, Careers Advisor, Post 16 Providers and the National Citizens Service will also be attending the event to offer their support and guidance.

The booking system for the parents evening is live and online now so that you can begin to make your appointments. Bookings commence from 3.40pm and end at 6.00pm. To make your appointments please go to: www.parents-booking.co.uk/Bolsover. **Please note: You need to type this address into your website browser's 'web address bar'. Do not 'Google' search the website address, it will not be searchable that way.**

Login by entering the requested information. You will need to enter:

- Your first name and surname (email address is optional).
- Your child's first name, surname, date of birth and registration class (tutor group).

Please note: The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you. If you have not alerted the school to any relevant name changes, we will be expecting you to login with the details you gave us originally. The booking system will allow you to make bookings from now until bookings close on 28th March 2019 at 12:00.

Once you have logged in, we suggest you use the 'Booking Wizard' to make your appointments, although a manual booking option (one booking at a time, one child at a time) also exists. In the Booking Wizard you will be shown your child/children and all of their teachers. Switching between your children will show you each child's teachers. Tick the teacher(s) you wish to book (there's a 'Select All' link) and enter your availability at the bottom of the page. The wizard will use this information to calculate the best order for your appointments, to help you visit teachers in the quickest manner possible. There is a useful guide for using the booking system, which you can find on our school website. Go to www.thebolsoverschool.org/ and then choose General (on the top line) and Parents' Evening booking Info.

Troubleshooting Tips

- If you cannot login and have tried all the combinations you think we have on file, please contact the school by phone and a member of the Admin Team will make the booking on your behalf.
- The email address you can enter is only used to receive a confirmation of your appointment. It will not be used as a login 'check'. Your e-mail address is never the reason you cannot login.



- If you have several children to make bookings for, and decide not to use the Booking Wizard, you can make appointments one-by-one using the 'manual booking' method. Use the 'Change Child' button on the blue bar (above the school's name, at the top of the web page) to swap between your children.

In order to keep to schedules, parents/carers are asked to limit their time with each teacher. If more time is needed an extra meeting can be arranged at a mutually convenient time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries.

Following the mock results day, during the week of 1st April, all Year 11 students will have a one to one meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team lasting between 5 and 10 minutes to discuss outcomes and progress of the mock examinations and setting some targets and offering advice so that all our learners are best prepared for the summer examinations.

On the evening of Thursday 4th April, there will also be an Information Evening with presentations from the Heads of Core Subjects as to how Parents and Carers can best support their children in these subjects, with advice and guidance as to key subject content and focus areas. There will also be presentations from the Multi-Agency Team (MAT) about supporting your child during the exam period - the Senior Leadership Team will present on the other ways in which our young people can be supported, revision tips and so on. The event starts at 5.45pm and will take place in the main hall.

If you wish to attend the Information Evening on the 4th April, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to Student Services in school. If you are not attending you do not need to complete the tear-off slip.

If you have any further questions regarding the mock results day and information evening, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself at the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Topley
Associate Assistant Headteacher – Science

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Please return to **Student Services**

To: Mr Topley

I / we, the parent / carer of _____ will be attending the Year 11 Information Evening on the 4th April 2019

Signed _____

Date: _____