

7th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday 20th January 2021 3:30 – 6:00pm Online Appointment Booking

Due to current Covid restrictions, Year 8 Parents' Evening on the 20th January will take place virtually on SchoolCloud as was the case in the summer term. This is an important evening that provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year. SchoolCloud is an easy-to-use online appointment booking system that allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Each appointment will be 5-minutes and the system automatically ends the meeting and moves onto your next appointment once the time is up.

Appointments can be made from Monday 10th January at 8am and will close at 10am on Wednesday 19th March. Please be aware, if a teacher has multiple Year 8 classes, like any parents' evening, this will work on a first-come first-served basis. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact jonathan.bell@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk.

Please visit <https://stmichaelschurchofengland.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments can be found here: <https://st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk/parent-links>. We have also added an extremely helpful video to support you and the link can be found in the email. When logging in, you will need to include your name, the email address you have registered with us, your child's name and date of birth.

Grading in Key Stage 3

As set out in last year's letter, the majority of subjects use a 9-1 grading system. Please see the table and link overleaf that explains how this compares to old GCSE grades. The grading used in PE, music and drama is different because of the courses offered at KS4. For PE, Gold, Silver and Bronze is used in Year 7 and 8. Grading in drama and music is based on Pass, Merit and Distinction in KS3. Level 2 Pass equates to grade 4 at GCSE, Merit grade 5.5 and Distinction grade 7.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Diver
Head of Year 8

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New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	
3	C
2	
1	
U	D
	E
	F
	G
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<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/02/gcse-9-to-1-grades-a-brief-guide-for-parents/>

In KS3, whole grades are broken down by fine grades to determine how secure the student is at each grade:

Tr-	Tr	Tr+	1-	1	1+	2-	2	2+	3-	3	3+	4-	4	4+	5-	5	5+	6-	6	6+	7-	7	7+	8-	8	8+	9-	9	9+
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L1P-	L1P	L1P+	L1M-	L1M	L1M+	L1D-	L1D	L1D+	L2P-	L2P	L2P+	L2M-	L2M	L2M+	L2D-	L2D	L2D+
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Working towards	Bronze -	Bronze	Bronze +	Silver -	Silver	Silver +	Gold -	Gold	Gold +
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