

Headteacher: Mr S Woods

21st January 2019

Upper Shirley High School
Bellemoor Road
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th February, 4:00 - 7:30pm

We would like to invite you and your son/daughter to our Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th February between 4pm and 7.30pm. You will be able to come in, by appointment, to talk to the members of staff who teach your child. It is our expectation that your son/daughter accompanies you.

The purpose of our Parents' Evenings:

They are designed to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and achievements, identify strengths and areas for development, share any concerns, and agree how, together, we can best support your child. Appointments are only five minutes each. If you wish to talk for longer than the allocated time, please contact Reception after Parents' Evening to arrange an opportunity to speak to the relevant member of staff in more detail.

How to make your booking:

The online booking system is available at: <https://uppershirleyhigh.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

At the login page please enter details for you and your child; please ensure you enter your child's legal name and date of birth in the format requested (dd/mm/yyyy). For ease, a short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter. This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. Once bookings have been made, you will receive an email confirming your appointment times. IT support will be on offer in reception during the evening, and appointment times will be displayed outside of classrooms.

Booking Window:

The booking session will be open on **Thursday 31st January** at 6pm and will close on **Wednesday 6th February** at 11.55pm. You are encouraged to make your appointments as soon as possible, as availability is on a **first come, first served basis**.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf. If you are not able to make an appointment through this system due to staff being fully booked, please do not worry, an appointment can be made to see the teacher on an alternative day.

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Use of the Crèche:

We will be offering parents' the use of our crèche on this evening if they need childcare for younger children. This facility is available for children aged 4-11 years and can be booked through our online booking system.

Other available staff:

I will be available during the evening if you would like to discuss any concerns or worries about your child. Please email me, Sophie.Dunne@ushschool.org, to make a booking.

A member of our Guidance Team, Mrs Karen Wright, will also be available on the evening to see parents of students who may need emotional support. To arrange a meeting please contact Mrs Wright by email: Karen.Wright@ushschool.org.

Our SENCO, Zoe Ramshaw, will unfortunately not be available on the evening to see parents of students that may need additional support. To arrange a separate meeting, please contact Ms Ramshaw by email: Zoe.Ramshaw@ushschool.org.

Maths: Unfortunately, Mr Brocken is not available on our Year 7 Parents Evening as he will be away from school at this time. If you require any additional information about your child please contact the Subject Leader of Maths, Mrs Eyre (Joanna.Eyre@ushschool.org). She will be happy to provide the information you need, discuss any relevant issues and/or set up an appointment with Mr Brocken for his return.

Please contact us if you have a disability and we will assist with parking and access.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 7th February. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the evening, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's tutor.

Yours sincerely,



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PSHE

As no appointments are available with the PSHE teachers the below gives you an update on what the year 7's have been doing:

PSHE in year 7 aims to aid the students in their transition to Secondary school and in their own personal development as young adults. There is one homework set every half term which aims to strengthen the student's knowledge and understanding of the topic being covered in class. These will always be placed on Google Classroom.

In the autumn term, the students aim to develop more understanding of themselves and the way they learn. By identifying their learning style and thinking about their personal strengths they begin to consider what make unique learners. As the students have moved schools, for many this triggers a shift in friendship groups and therefore we examine the challenges around friendships in year 7.

Moving into the spring term, the focus changes to investigating how the students fit into the wider world around them. By examining the make-up of the UK and issues around identity and Britishness, the students can start to see how their own history might be shaped allowing them to understand more about where they come from. During this term, the students are also encouraged to look at how their actions can improve the local community and help support those in poverty.

The final part of the year; the summer term, aims to develop life skills which will be useful to them in later life. All the students will learn some basic first aid, including CPR and the recovery position. They will also look at the ways people can budget their money, but also how they personally respond to and use their money. There is also time to allow the students to consider their lifestyles and the impact that growing up might be having on them physically and emotionally as they move towards their teenage years.