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26th February 2010

Dear Parent

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

8 East - Thursday 11th March from 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm

8 West - Thursday 18th March from 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm

We are looking at ways of how to improve the arrangements we operate for Parents' Evenings. As a pilot, we will not be issuing an appointment sheet for the forthcoming Year 8 Parents' Evening. On arrival at 4.00 pm, you will be given a list of teachers who teach your son and you will meet with these teachers in the main hall. Your son should also attend the evening with you and he must be in full school uniform.

It is likely that you will be able to see most, but not all, of your son's teachers during the 2 hours allocated. If your son's termly assessments, etc, show he is working well, you may choose not to meet with this subject teacher, or you may wish to meet with the subject teacher for 2 to 3 minutes for brief feedback. If your son is not making the progress he should in a subject, you may wish to spend more time with this particular subject teacher.

Some teachers teach more than one class and therefore will have longer queues. Where this is the case, please see other teachers on the list provided, rather than waiting in the queue. Teachers are requested to spend approximately 5 minutes, on average, per student/parent. For some it will be less than 5 minutes, for others slightly more.

I am aware that some schools operate a 5 minute appointment system which ends with a bell, when everyone then moves to the next teacher. I am not keen on this approach but we will keep the arrangements under review. If you have any comments (positive or negative) about these arrangements, please see me at some stage during the Parents' Evening.

Yours sincerely

T Cahill
Headmaster