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Dear S5/6 Families

S5 and S6 PARENTS' EVENING – Thursday 8th February – starting at 4pm

In order to provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress following the recent prelim diet of exams held in January, and as they prepare for their National Qualifications, we will be conducting our parental meetings for S5/6 parents/carers in person in the school building.

HOW ARE APPOINTMENTS MADE?

Appointments can be made via our online booking system.

You should visit <https://parents-booking.co.uk/hyndlandsecondary> to open the booking site, enter the details for the Main Parent which matches the details on our system.

We recommend using the "Suggest Bookings For Me" option which will work out the best order to see your selected teachers.

The system will be open for bookings from **6pm on Tuesday 30th January**. A more detailed "how-to-guide" is available on the school website for you to refer to – this can be found under the 'our school section' and 'parents meetings' sub-section (under the our school menu bar).

HOW MANY APPOINTMENTS CAN PARENTS MAKE?

You should review your child's timetable to confirm the teachers they have – most learners in S5/6 will study up to five National Qualification courses – however due to staff having multiple senior classes, it may not always be possible for you to speak to all 5 teachers on the evening, so we would encourage families to prioritise their bookings based upon the most recent tracking report which will be issued prior to the parents meeting as well as discussing prelim performance with your young person. **If there are any subjects that you have concerns with or that your young person is under performing in, we would suggest prioritising these appointments first.**

If you are unable to book an appointment with one of your young person's teachers due to there being no available appointments left, we hope that the full parental report issued prior to the parents meeting will answer most questions. However, if you still have specific questions, we would suggest you get in touch after the parents meeting takes place.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team will be available to book appointments with **S5 families only**, due to the numbers of young people in each House group – we would suggest if any S6 family wishes to discuss any concerns with Pastoral Care, they get in touch following the parents meeting.

Mrs McFarlane, PT Support for Learning, will run a drop-in service in the Pastoral Care Base if you would like to discuss any specific learning needs for example if your young person has a formal Additional Support Need or AAA arrangements which are in place for your child's SQA exams.

Vanessa Kokota our school Careers Advisor, who works for Skills Development Scotland will also be available to meet on the evening. We would suggest that any young person who is considering leaving school at the end of S5 or anyone who is concerned about the options process from S5 into S6 books an appointment. This would also apply to any S6 leavers who have not yet decided upon their leaver route.

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Due to a change in circumstances concerning our S3 ski trip which is taking place in February there will be a small number of staff not present on the evening (Mr Gordon, Music, Mrs Kennedy, Biology and Mr Matheson (History). However, all classes affected by this are shared classes with other teachers, so there will be appointments available for booking on the evening.

HOW LONG DO PARENTS HAVE WITH EACH TEACHER?

Five minutes. We appreciate this is not very long, however we wish to hold as many interviews as possible in the limited time available. We ask that teachers and parents are as strict as possible in sticking to the timetable.

HOW WILL THE APPOINTMENT WORK ON THE EVENING?

When families arrive at the main entrance to the school they will be issued with a room list – **please bring along a printed copy or an electronic copy of your appointment sheet**. Senior students will be on hand to offer guidance on making your way around the school building. All appointments will take place in the Lauderdale Building.

WHAT WILL BE THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE EVENING?

To allow teachers to discuss strengths developed at this stage in S5/6 and what next steps can be taken to ensure further progress is made. Performance in the recent assessment diet of prelims undertaken in January will be discussed as part of your young person's progress in each subject. If an appointment is booked with Pastoral Care they will provide parents with an overview of how their young person is progressing in their National Qualifications and will be able to support with any specific concerns raised.

We look forward to meeting with you on **Thursday 8th February**.

Best wishes.

L Edgerton - Head Teacher

