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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 1 May 2019, 3.15 - 6.00 pm**

I am pleased to invite you to attend our year 8 Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 1 May**.

We are making plans to trial a new teacher meeting booking system to respond to the observations made at our recent Parents' Advisory Group and from parental feedback.

How will this work? Your child will return home with their personal booking sheet. They will be speaking with their teachers and booking in a time for you to meet with them. We have allocated 5 minutes per meeting and the purpose of the meeting will be to discuss progress and how best you can support your child to achieve in their studies. Please ensure you keep to your allocated time.

We are very keen that you attend this key meeting and have organised for a crèche facility, led by the Bulwell Toy Library to be available to assist with any other childcare needs you may have.

Another fundamental change is that we have decided to extend Key Stage 3 study to a three-year period; this means that GCSE choices will be made in Year 9. This gives us essential time to focus on establishing a wide foundation of knowledge and essential literacy/numeracy skills before teaching the technical elements of Key Stage 4 study.

Many changes are now taking place. The new ten-day timetable is working well. Students tell us that they enjoy the shorter, more targeted lessons and that they like the freedom of the sports pitches and courts during lunchtimes. We will continue on our pathway for improvement that will bring more changes in the months to come to make sure that your child can demand the very best of everyone here.

I hope you enjoy reading the enclosed newsletter. When we expect and insist upon the best from our students, it's remarkable how successful they can be.

I look forward to meeting with you at Parents' Evening.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Strong'.

Mrs M. Strong  
Principal