



Parents' Evenings (Years 7-11) at Fulford School

Parents' Evenings are very busy times. Here are a few tips that may make the evening more productive for you and your child's teachers.

1. Be aware of the time limit of 5 minutes. The teacher will give you a summary of your child's progress and ideas for how you can support your child. There will be time for you to ask questions or clarify any concerns. More than five minutes compromises your child's teachers and other parents who are also queuing patiently.
2. Appointments are made online. Given the practicalities of Parents' Evenings, where possible, it would be appreciated if non-resident parents and resident parents could make a single shared appointment to avoid undue pressure on staff and other parents.
3. Be selective, you may want to prioritise the teachers you see.
4. It may not always be possible to see all the teachers you would like to, especially if they teach a large number of students within this year group. Where parents are unable to see subject specific staff, the school's policy is to give more specific feedback to parents where there is evidence of a specific concern from the most recent report and where this feedback is requested. This is coordinated by Directors of Learning. The Parents' Evening is one aspect of the school's communication with parents/carers alongside regular reporting and the annual Progress Review.
5. Don't jump the queue as this puts pressure on the appointments of other parents.
6. You might want a gap between appointments. Use the Parents' Evening layout to know where the teachers are. This layout can be found on the school website under 'Information for Students & Parents'.
7. You may wish to bring a notebook. You can jot down any points that the teachers might advise about supporting your child at home but also there may be questions you would like to raise with your child's teachers.
8. The school strongly encourages your child to attend with you. There is, however, no space or facilities for childcare so it is advisable other children (eg siblings) do not attend.
9. If you are unsure about any aspect of Parents' Evenings contact the school. Members of the school's Senior Leadership Team will be available throughout the evening.