

One of a series of fact sheets based on frequently asked questions (FAQs)

RCCS FAQs: PARENTS' EVENINGS

These are an important opportunity for teachers to talk with you about your child's progress in individual subjects. We would expect all parents/carers to attend these evenings whenever possible



How many Parents' Evenings are there? One per year (although there is also an additional special parents' evening for Y9 which is about choosing options for Y10, and a social evening for new Y7 parents early in the year to see how their children are settling in)

When exactly are they? We try to choose the best time of the year for each group, and whenever possible the evening takes place after reports have been issued or internal exams taken, but this is not always the case. Check the school calendar on the website for the actual date and time (usually 4.15pm-7pm) and you will get a letter too.

And where? Usually in R3, the Drama Studio and the Library.

Which teachers can I see? While some schools have decided to do away with individual consultations in favour of more general "progress evenings" with form tutors, we believe a meeting with subject staff is the most effective way of giving you information, and your child can make appointments with as many of her/his teachers as you like. You can also see the Pastoral Leader ("Year Head"), Form tutor, the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator, or a member of the senior leadership team on the night.

What about careers advice or talking to people about life after RCCS? This is a really good point, and is why evenings for pupils in Y9 and upwards are also attended by staff from Careers Wales and from Coleg Gwent (Crosskeys College)

So how do I book appointments? We use an on-line booking system and you will get a letter explaining how to book in good time before the evening. It works on a first come first served basis, so it's advisable to log in early!

Should my child come along? As we see education as a three way partnership between pupils, teachers and parents, the answer is a definite "Yes"- although it may be appropriate for us to speak with you away from your child sometimes, and this can be arranged on the night.



Appointments for the teachers I want to see are all booked! Sadly this can happen. If you contact us we can usually arrange a phone call or an email catch-up.

I just can't get to the Parents' Evening because of other commitments. As above, we can usually arrange something on the phone or on email. If you don't come in we may well get in touch with you anyway.