



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

From the Director of Studies

22 February 2021

To the parents of boys in V Book (Third Year)

Dear Parent

Invitation to Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening 3 will be held remotely via MS Teams on **Sunday 28 February** from 1800-2100. Dons with multiple teaching groups will be available from 1700-2100. It will be preceded by a short presentation at 1600 outlining:

- 1) An update on the latest position regarding public exams and TAGs.
- 2) Guidance for boys and parents in making subject choices and the key dates involved. This will include a presentation from Mr Winter (Head of Careers and International Universities) on how boys should interpret the outcomes of the recent Morrisby assessment and advice for those boys wishing to apply to the US & European universities.

Heads of Department, or their representatives, in Art History (Mr Rattray), Economics (Ms Veal) and Philosophy (Rvd White) have produced pre-recorded materials introducing their subjects and these will be e-mailed directly to V Book boys prior to the evening. Mr Rattray, Ms Veal and Rvd White will all be available from 1800-2000 for individual appointments. Mr Winter will be available for individual appointments between 1800-2000.

Booking consultations with dons

The school is using an online booking system known as School Cloud to manage appointments on the evening. To use the system parents will need their login details to the parent portal (*Firefly*). A guide to accessing Firefly (and retrieving login details) can be found at the end of this letter.

Bookings can be made by following the link [here](#) and the booking window will close at 1700 on Thursday 25 February. A guide to School Cloud is attached which gives instructions on how to use the system. If you encounter any difficulties in making your bookings please email Catherine Coxon on cc2@wincoll.ac.uk.

Finalised bookings will be e-mailed to parents on the evening of Friday 26 February and will include MS Teams links for all of your sons' dons.

To ensure that the evening runs smoothly we ask parents to do the following:

- 1) Agree which parent/guardian will be making bookings to avoid multiple appointments with the same dons
- 2) Select the *Automatic* option for making bookings
- 3) Join the MS Teams call just prior to the correct time and wait in the lobby until they are admitted by the don - Dons will have to stick strictly to timings, especially those with more than one teaching group, and we ask parents to be understanding of this.

We appreciate that some parents (especially those in different timezones) may need to arrange individual appointments with dons outside of these time windows. Dons have a list of boys in this position and will be making contact with them directly.

Housemasters: Housemasters will be available for MS Teams consultations with boys in their teaching groups and may also be available for House consultations on the same evening (School Cloud will show availability if this is the case). Alternatively, Housemasters may choose to arrange House consultations in the week following the Parents' Evening.

Learning Support: Consultations with members of the Learning Support Department can be booked in the same manner as dons. They will be available from 1800-2100.

Sports scholars: The Head of Sport, Mr Burley (msb@wincoll.ac.uk), will be available for consultations with V Book Sports scholars and their parents. Mr Burley will be available from 1800-2000.

Questions relating to Subject Choices & Public Exams/TAGs: I shall be available throughout the evening (1700-2100) to answer questions. Please do book an appointment if necessary.

If you have any questions or queries please do let me know.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. N. Thomas." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Dr T N Thomas

Using Firefly

Logging into the parent portal

Using Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome (these are the recommended Firefly browsers) go to:
<https://wincollparents.fireflycloud.net>

The first time you log in you will need to activate your account. This should be straightforward. Click the green 'Logging in for the first time? Activate your account.' link and then enter the primary contact e-mail address supplied to the school and then click 'Activate account'. You will then receive an e-mail containing a link with information to complete the activation process.



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Log in using your email address or username

Cloud Users

Email address or username

Password Show password

Log in

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Or log in with

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Homepage view (the dashboard)

When you have logged into the portal you will be taken to the homepage (known as the dashboard):

Dashboard - Winchester x

Secure | <https://wincollparents.fireflycloud.net/dashboard>

Search this site

Dashboard Resources Planner Tasks Markbook

Welcome, Dr T Thomas

Winchester College Parent portal

We are pleased to be able offer you access to the school's Parent Portal where you will be able to see up-to-date information about your child (or children) and also be kept informed of relevant school information that we hope you will find useful.

Your Contact Details

- Home
- Work
- Change contact details

Edit Page

16:00 23/06/2018

At the bottom of the dashboard you will find the contact details held by the school. If, at any point, these need to be updated you can do this simply using the link at the bottom of the dashboard.

Navigating the portal

By selecting the 'Your child' tab at the top of the screen you will be able to view pages related to your son(s) and their House(s):



Under the 'Your child' tab you will find:

Academic reports from the current academic year. To access these reports:

1. Navigate down the page for the report (you may need to expand to 'See More Reports')
2. Select 'View Report'

If you have more than one son, you will need to select the relevant child's name.

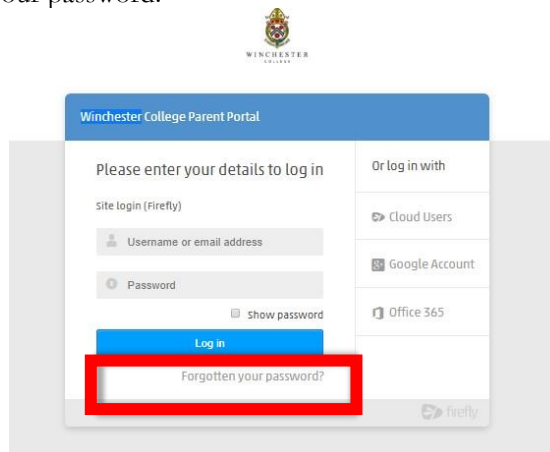
Returning to the Homepage view (the dashboard)

You can return to the dashboard (or homepage) by selecting the **Dashboard** tab or by clicking on the College crest.



Resetting your password

This is straightforward. Simply click the 'forgotten password' link at the login page and you will receive an e-mail containing instructions to reset your password.



Assistance with the Firefly parent portal

If you require any assistance with the parent portal please contact [Mr Craig Turner](#) using the e-mail address given below:

For assistance with **accounts and passwords**, please contact fireflysupport@Wincoll.ac.uk

For further **parent support about Firefly** you can also go to <http://helpcentre.fireflylearning.com/parents>