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28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

**8N Online Parents' Evening - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

We are holding an online Parents' Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April from **16:00 – 18:30**. This is the first formal opportunity in the academic year for you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their start to Year 8.

Due to the success of our previous online parents' evenings and the positive feedback from parents, we are hosting this event virtually.

In order to make appointments for the evening, please use our Online Parents' Evening Booking System, accessed via a PC, laptop, tablet or mobile device.

<https://kelvinhall.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

To access the system, you will need to enter your personal details, along with your child's name, date of birth and your email address. You can find a video guide for using the system [here](#).

If you experience any issues in making the appointment using this system, please contact Kelvin Hall Reception and a member of our Administration Team will be happy to help.

If you would like to speak to Miss Lowthorpe (Pastoral Year Leader) or Mr Garrod (Assistant Year Leader) please contact them via [info@kelvinhall.net](mailto:info@kelvinhall.net).

Due to the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, Year 8 parents have had very few opportunities to visit Kelvin Hall School and see our school. This is something we are very aware of and we are eager to invite you in with your child this year. We are currently making plans for a face-to-face Choices evening in the next half-term, at which you would get the chance to see our school, meet our staff, and hear more about the subjects on offer for your child to study in Years 9, 10 and 11. More information will be shared with you shortly about these arrangements.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Shaw  
Deputy Headteacher  
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## Video Appointments: Parents - How to attend appointments over video call

In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum:

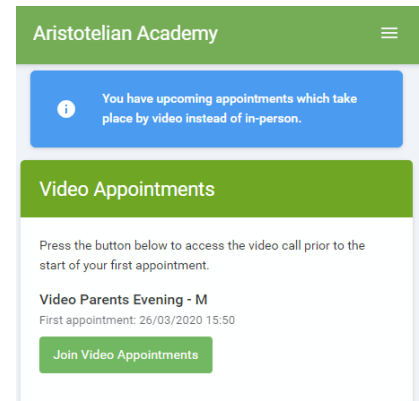
- a device with a microphone and speaker
- a compatible web browser:
  - iPhone/iPad: Safari
  - Android: Chrome or Firefox
  - Windows: Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge (Chromium - download here)
  - Mac: Safari, Chrome or Firefox
  - Linux: Chrome or Firefox

### We also recommend:

Using your smartphone for video appointments.

If you don't have a smartphone with a front-facing camera, use a laptop or computer with a webcam.

Using a headset (or earphones with a microphone) to reduce echo.



### How to attend your appointments via video call

#### **1. Log in and go to the Evening:**

On the day of the video appointments, login to Parents Evening at the usual web address <https://kelvinhall.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Once logged in you will see a notice that you have upcoming video appointments and under this the details of the event, along with a Join Video Appointments button. This will become available 60 minutes before your first appointment.

#### **2. The Video Call screen**

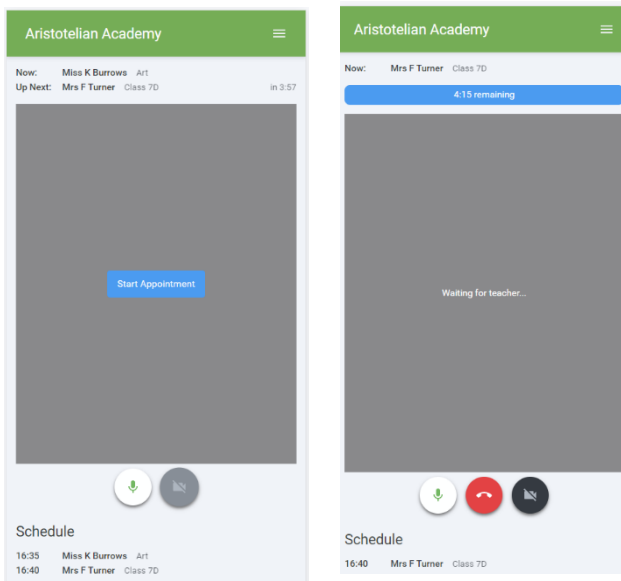
When you click Join Video Appointments the video call screen will be displayed. You may at this point be asked if you wish to allow access to your camera/microphone, in which case, please click yes.

On this screen you can see the following:

- At the top left the teacher name (and subject details) for the current and next appointment
- At the top right a countdown to the start of the appointment.
- At the bottom the controls for the microphone and camera (once a teacher is available or you are in a call these also show a pick up and hang up button).
- In the middle, when your appointment is due to start, the Start Appointment button.

### 3. Making a call

Click the Start Appointment button. You will see yourself in the bottom right corner of the screen (unless you have no camera, or have chosen to turn it off). If the teacher has not yet joined you will see a notice to that effect in the centre of the screen.



When a teacher joins a call you will see them in the main part of the screen - or hear them, if they have no camera (or have turned it off) - and can start your discussion with them.

**You will also see the remaining time for the appointment counting down in the blue bar at the top of the screen.**

If you lose access to the system for some reason during the call, log in again and click Start Appointment on the video call screen. As long as the teacher is still in the call this will let you continue with the appointment (this is the same for the teacher if they lose their access).

When the countdown in the blue bar stops the appointment time is over and the call will automatically end.

### 4. Follow on calls

If you have a consecutive appointment scheduled the screen will display a Start Next Appointment button. When you are ready to proceed, click on it. If you do not have a consecutive appointment, but you have not completed your final scheduled appointment you will see a countdown telling you how long until the start of your next appointment.

Once your final appointment for the evening is complete you will see a message advising you of this.