

RE: Year 11 Prom (Thursday 30th June 2022)

Dear Parents / Carers

We are very pleased to inform you that we are now able to confirm that the Year 11 Prom is currently able to proceed. A venue for the prom has been booked for 30th June 2022 at the Village Hotel, Ashton Under Lyne. The cost of the ticket will be £25.

This is our first opportunity to confirm that we are able to celebrate with the Year 11 cohort, and it will be our first school prom since 2019. As you would expect, the event will be under regular review due to the changeable climate. However, we remain very optimistic, based on the latest guidance that we will be able to proceed. In making you all aware of this date, we strongly advise that Year 11s remain realistic with regard to any financial commitments (dresses, transport etc) relating to this event.

For example, if national guidance rapidly changes, the venue may cancel at late notice. If this were to occur, we would not be able to offer an alternative date. In the event of a cancellation, we would refund any ticket fees paid. Details regarding prices and how/when to purchase tickets will be provided to Parents, Carers and students over the next few weeks. Mrs Lynch and the Year 11 Pastoral team are highly committed to the event to reward a year group that has overcome many challenges and warrants a 'real' reward for all their resilience, adaptability and all-round effort.

As in previous years, we have used the Prom as an incentive for students as they focus on their examinations. You will understand that whilst the Year 11 Prom is a celebration event for the students there is no automatic right for any Year 11 student to attend the 'Prom'. If a student's behaviour doesn't reflect our "Be DCC" expectations, they may be prevented from attending. Due to the difficult challenges, this year group has faced over the past few years we will always review every decision in relation to Prom attendance eligibility and the Year 11 Pastoral Team will consider all extenuating circumstances. In addition to this, we will not consider historical information when deciding if students are eligible to attend, instead, the criteria will be based on student information recorded from the 5th January 2022. This means every student in Year 11 has the opportunity to attend if they meet the relevant criteria after this date.

All students in year 11 will have the opportunity to purchase a prom ticket if:

- Attendance is above the current national average (extenuating circumstances relating to illness will be considered)
- Less than 5 Unauthorised Lates from 5th January (Including lateness to lessons)
- Received 0 Fixed Term exclusions between 5th January and Prom
- Received no more than 5 negative events

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule

We would very much appreciate you monitoring your child's progress by regularly discussing their situation. The event is closely linked to the 'BE DCC' set of expectations, sanctions and rewards. Students who continue to demonstrate these behaviours will be able to use their "Be DCC" points to discount the cost of the Prom tickets, details will follow in relation to how students can do this.

For the vast majority of students, this event will be an opportunity for them to have their excellent behaviour, achievements and all-around performance in school formally recognised. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Year 11 Pastoral Team should you have any questions relating to this, but in the meantime, many thanks for your anticipated support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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