



## Duke's Secondary School

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Principal: Mr R Atkinson

DG/JH

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 11 Prom – Thursday 14 July 2022

Your child has expressed an interest in attending the Year 11 Prom, which is to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Village Hotel and Spa in Newcastle.

Attendance and behaviour records will be taken into account when deciding if your child can attend. This has been explained to them following the decision to host a prom this year. Any student, who is below the 96% attendance level needed to attend prom, will need to apply in writing to Mr Atkinson to explain why they should be considered. These letters will need to be sent to him before the commencement of GCSE exams. Due to Covid and issues that this has caused with attendance levels, attendance will be monitored from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March until the first exam on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, rather than from September.

Tickets will be on sale from 16<sup>th</sup> May at a cost of £25 and can be purchased from myself. The ticket price includes transport to and from the event, food and disco. **This cost is non-refundable.**

The Prom will start at 7.00pm and finish at 10.30pm. Students will need to arrive at Duke's Secondary School by 6.30pm for the bus, which will leave at 6.40pm prompt. All students attending Prom must travel with staff on the bus provided, otherwise entry to the venue will be refused. The bus will return to Duke's Secondary at approximately 11.00pm.

We will have an 'official' photographer on the evening and photos will be made available for those who attend. There will be an extensive free buffet available at the venue and non-alcoholic drinks can be purchased from the bar. Students will need to bring some cash to purchase drinks.

There is a **strict** no alcohol/drugs policy. Anyone who arrives and is suspected of being under the influence of a banned substance, will not be allowed on the bus, therefore not able to attend Prom. In the event of any behaviour issues at the venue, you will be contacted and requested to come to collect your child.

We would hope that everyone who attends will have an amazing night to remember. It goes without saying that we expect them all to be on their very best behaviour!

Yours sincerely

Miss Dianne Graham  
KS4 Learning and Progress Manager



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