



September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 Prom – Friday 9th July 2021**

Please find below details communicated to the students during a recent assembly. Each year we make it clear that to be invited to the prom, students must achieve a certain standard of behaviour, attendance and punctuality throughout the school year. I'm sure you would agree that these traits are to be encouraged at all times, not only in Year 11, and that those students who always behave appropriately should be rewarded - conversely, poor behaviour, attendance and punctuality should not be.

All students have been given the following information regarding the invitation criteria, and will be regularly reminded by their tutors. Invitation to the Prom will be withheld if a student gains:

More than 30 LLD points (C1's).

More than 4 detentions (pastoral, C3, subject).

More than 2 School Detentions.

More than 2 C4s.

More than 2 Inclusions.

Any exclusions.

More than 10 lates - to morning registration or period 4.

School attendance must be more than 95% - clearly, absence due to serious medical issues will be considered on an individual basis.

In addition to the above, we will also require evidence that students have attended and actively participated in at least 10 lunchtime or after school revision sessions during the spring and summer terms and prior to the date for payment for the Prom ticket. These sessions provide an important opportunity for students to work alongside their teachers on focussed revision in preparation for their examinations. Further details regarding these sessions and the means of recording students' attendance will follow in due course.

These rules are in place to incentivise the students to work hard and ensure they focus fully on their studies in this most important year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the criteria to enable you to support the School and encourage your sons/daughters to keep within the bounds set. Each week the students are given an update on all of these measures by their tutors. Also, the Student Progress Reports communicate the same information on a termly basis.

The Year 11 Prom is a wonderful celebration that marks a huge moment in the lives of our students - a lot of time and effort goes into organising the event, along with staff goodwill to supervise the event on a Friday evening. I hope you would agree that it is only right that invitation to the evening should be withheld from students who do not meet the criteria set out above.

Clearly, it would be prudent to refrain from booking limousines, purchasing prom dresses or suits/tuxedos unless their invitation is a certainty!



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Should there be any changes to the Prom dates or arrangements due to potential changes to the 2021 GCSE examinations, you will be informed as soon as the School has further information. We are also assuming that the current restrictions preventing Coombe Abbey hosting functions for more than 30 people will also have been eased by the date of the prom.

Tickets for the event will be available early in the summer term.

Yours sincerely

Miss. N Hemmings  
Progress Leader for Year 11

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