

CLO/jr
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Dear Parent/Carer

I just wanted to write to let you know that we have this week spoken to Year 11 about our Prom celebration at the end of Year 11. In this assembly I outlined what a fantastic event Prom is and how much I am looking forward to finishing our Wildern journey with this celebration. This is an annual event which we know many of the Year 11 look forward to and thoroughly deserve after their exams.

The prom will take place at St Mary's Stadium, as it is a venue that can cater for our large numbers. The date of the prom is planned for **Friday 7 July 2023** and we know it will be an event that our wonderful class of 2023 will remember.

We also took this opportunity to advise students that our Prom is also a privilege and as such there are unfortunately occasions where students have had their place removed in the past. Obviously we would hope as many youngsters as possible will be able to attend but there are clear criteria which we feel parents as well as students should be aware of.

Students will not be eligible for a ticket if any of the following applies:

- An suspension from school during Year 11 (dependent on EREFs)
- A period of a day or more in Inclusion (dependent on EREFs)
- Attendance below 95% that is not impacted by exceptional circumstances
- Persistent punctuality concerns
- Poor or inconsistent attitudes to learning
 - Persistently not completing self-study on time and to a required standard
 - Not being appropriately equipped and ready to learn
 - Not being respectful to teachers and other learners at all times
- Poor attitude grades across subject areas and/or negative EREF scores
- Persistent breaking of the uniform code
 - Wearing trainers instead of shoes
 - Skirt length not at the knee
 - No school jumper
 - Makeup/jewellery/hair that is not in line with policy
- Persistent breaking of school rules (eg mobile phones/headphones)

All students have been informed that if a Prom ticket is issued, the school reserves the right to remove it should any of the criteria apply. The students have also been informed that the school will not be held responsible for any of the costs incurred for hiring/buying dresses or transport etc. Thankfully the need to remove a ticket is really very rare so we hope that this won't be necessary. The criteria set out above begins from the assembly and date of this letter.

Students eligible for admission will be able to purchase their ticket at some point after Easter. We will be able to confirm this nearer the time alongside venue, cost and any restrictions that may be in place. Hopefully this will be around February 2023.

We wish all students in Year 11 the very best as they work towards their final stages of their time at Wildern, continue to study hard for their exams and make every moment count. We cannot wait to celebrate all their hard work and efforts at the Prom.

Yours faithfully

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