

CLO/jr
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Dear Parent/Carer

Following our Year 11 assemblies last week I am writing to clearly explain the criteria for attendance to the Year 11 Prom taking place in the summer at the end of the exam season. This is an annual event which we know many of the Year 11 look forward to and thoroughly deserve after their exams and probably deserve this year more than most!

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 24 June and we know it will be an event that our wonderful class of 2022 deserves.

All students were advised in assembly that the Prom is a privilege and not a right. It is so much more than just a reward for arriving at the end of their formal schooling. Obviously we would hope as many youngsters as possible will be able to attend but there are clear, strict criteria which we feel parents as well as students are aware of.

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

- An exclusion 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 failing to complete self-study
 - Lack of correct equipment in lessons
 - Causing disruption to the learning of others during and after school (ESPs/LRC)
- 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 advised that this criteria is not negotiable and could apply at any time. 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 advised 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 2022.

We wish all students in Year 11 the very best as they work towards their final stages of compulsory education 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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