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30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 11 Expectations/End of Year 11 Celebrations**

The majority of our students know how to behave, and are working really hard to ensure they achieve the best possible results for themselves in the summer.

We are in a very unusual situation, due to Covid-19, and the restrictions this imposes on us at this moment in time means that we do not know if we can have a Year 11 Prom or Celebration Event to mark the end of the students' compulsory education. We are hoping that, all being well, we will be able to offer this after the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The Prom and Celebration Event are rewards and being able to attend this event is not a right. Students in Year 11 have to earn this privilege through their hard work over the year, as well as meeting our expectations, especially from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If they meet our expectations, they will be invited to buy a Prom ticket or to attend an event in school. We will confirm the dates once we know where the event will be.

The events will be a reward for all that the students have done and a chance to celebrate their achievements and the end of Year 11 together, before they start the next journey on their chosen career path. If we are able to hold a Prom at an external venue, then prom tickets will be sold at £35 per student, and this will include food, soft drinks, the venue and a disco.

To be invited to either the Prom, or an in-school Celebration Event, we would expect your child to meet the following expectations from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> June. There will be no exceptions to the following three points regarding behaviour:

- Any student in Year 11 with 20 or more behaviour points from 4<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 will not be allowed to attend either event. Behaviour points will also not be cancelled out by commendations.
- Any student in Year 11 who receives an isolation or exclusion between 4<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> June, will not be invited to any of the events.
- Any student who is asked to go on their summer timetable early, due to continual behaviour issues, will not only not be invited to either event, but they will also not be able to collect their examinations results from the school on the day they are issued. These will be posted home, or a parent/guardian may pick them up on an allocated time on the day.

We will also expect students to attend school 95% of the time, from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> June, unless there is an exceptional reason that we have been made aware of.

We believe that students who choose not to meet our expectations should not have the same rights as all the other students who continually work hard and do as they are asked, which is why, for the past 8 years, we have implemented this system and continue to implement this. The Prom and in-school Celebration Events are extremely special occasions and it is, therefore, a privilege to attend them and students who have earned the right need to feel that this is a really special way to mark the end of their compulsory education with their friends and their year group.

I am really pleased by the dedication shown by the majority of students in Year 11 to their studies and the amount of additional time they are spending in intervention and at home revising, which is why we also wanted to acknowledge this, through hopefully holding a Celebration Event for them.

We do hope the vast majority of students in Year 11 will be eligible for this event and wish them every success over this coming period. We will do everything to support and guide them, so that they achieve their dreams in the summer.

Yours faithfully



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