



RRE/SAP

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and looking forward to the festive season.

I wanted to write to confirm our arrangements for the Year 11 last day and the Prom in 2024. Whilst the date for the last day is always finalised nearer the time, the date for the Prom is Friday 19th July and the venue is Healing Manor. The cost of a ticket is £40 and this includes a buffet, welcome drink, free soft drink, photobooth and a DJ/karaoke.

We fundraise throughout the year to ensure we contribute to the cost of both events as much as possible, and we will also be utilising our prom committee to support with this. We also support any students who are having financial difficulties with our 'Say yes to the dress' event where we provide donated prom attire for male and female students and our Hub Council is looking to organise a fundraising event to support us. We really hope to make it a magical evening!

In recent years we have used a Prom Passport to support our students with money off their ticket and also to ensure they maintain high standards of behaviour in the Academy and apply themselves to their studies. This has been variable in its success and most Prom Passports ended up lost. Since we started our student parliament, we have been asking students what they would like by way of reward and how we can make the process more transparent and fair.

I have held an assembly today to share our new approach to securing attendance of the Prom and last day with Year 11 and wanted to share it with you so that you can support your child. At the heart of the new approach is MCAS, the app we use to share information with you, and if you have not already signed up the link is here: <http://www.mychildatschool.com/> (all you need is the email you have registered with the Academy). On the app you are shown red events which are negative behaviour points and a green events which reflect positive points. To gain entry to the Prom students need to achieve a 0 so their positive events equal any negative they may have accrued. On the website for MCAS you can see a pie chart which represents this if you would like to keep track <http://www.mychildatschool.com/> Students gather points in a number of ways and I have written to you previously about how our

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behaviour system works. The key for this is that we have increased the range of opportunities for positive points. This means even if you child has not made the best start to Year 11 they still have the chance to turn things around. Points are awarded as follows:

- Staff will award based on students who demonstrate a positive attitude and go above and beyond basic expectations = 1pt
- Complete homework = 1 pt
- Attend intervention sessions and work effectively = 2pts
- Attend every lesson with no lates = 1 pt
- Achievement points are worth double every Monday and Friday so 2pts on these days when staff award them
- ALT recognition = 3pts

We will also have bonus events and dates so that students have the opportunity to accrue further points. If they work incredibly hard between now and the end of Year 11 they can quite literally earn hundreds of points!

For students who are already in the position of having achieved above 0. They will benefit from our new awards scheme and discount towards their prom ticket. This will work as follows:

Badges and certificates (which also equate to money off the prom ticket £6 in total)

- Bronze – 100 pts (£1 off)
- Silver – 150 pts (£2 off)
- Gold – 200 pts (£3 off)

There will also be a fortnightly draw for those who achieve 100% attendance with the chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher.

We will share totals with students during tutor time so they are clear about what their running total is and whether they are nearing the chance to receive a discount on their ticket. We will also monitor those who receive TOTAL and suspensions and review these students on a case by case basis to determine if they have the right to attend the Prom. For those who currently fall into this category they need to demonstrate a marked improvement from this point on.

We are excited about the impact we think our new approach can have and pleased that every student in Year 11 has the chance to attend the last day and Prom. It really is in their hands.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ms R. Revell
Principal