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Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

Leavers Ball 2021

I am writing to provide you with further details regarding the 'Leavers' Ball which, will hopefully take place on **Friday 2nd July 2021** at the **Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham**.

If you would like to secure a place for your child, please visit the forms section on ParentMail where you will be asked to complete the necessary booking information, including notice of any special dietary requirements. (A copy of the dinner menu is noted on page 2 of this letter.)

Once you have completed your booking form, you must then purchase your ticket which will be will available for purchase from Monday 19th April 2021, at a price of **£32.** Payments should be made by visiting our shop on ParentMail.

I am optimistic that this event will happen, however there is a strong possibility that it may be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions which may be imposed at a national or local level and may lead to the event being cancelled and taken out of the school's control. With this in mind, I would urge you not to spend excessive amounts in preparation for this event. Whilst the venue would reimburse pupils for the cost of their ticket in the event of cancellation, neither they nor the Venerable Bede CE Academy would be liable for any additional costs incurred.

Group size should be up to a maximum of ten pupils. Where possible we will allow groups of friends to sit together. I am sure you can appreciate we cannot guarantee that everyone will be allocated their preferred group, however we will do our very best to accommodate where possible. It is more likely that we will be able to accommodate seating requests if pupils have the maximum permitted number per table in their group.
We will personally discuss seating arrangements with individual pupils where they cannot be accommodated.

Any requests for grouped seating should be made by one person from the group. This nominated pupil must visit the main school office and request a copy of the 'Seating Request Form'. Once they have completed the form, they must return it to the main school office who will collate and work with the event lead. This form must be completed and returned no later than Friday the 28th May 2021.

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We have booked a photographer to attend the function, so there is the opportunity for a professional portrait of either individuals or groups of pupils. We have asked that the photographer is available between 6.15 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. A single individual portrait is priced at £7.00. This can be paid for on the evening in cash or by cheque made payable to "Phototronics". Multiple copies of photographs are available to order from the photographer.

The Leavers' Ball will formally open and pupils can take their seats from 7.00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 7.30 p.m. The last dance will take place at 10.30 p.m. and the event closes no later than 11.00 p.m.

The Leavers' Ball is a very special and memorable occasion. We are more than happy for family and friends to come along to the venue to see their children before the official start of the Leavers' Ball. All we ask is that parents leave the venue before the ball starts so that the pupils can enjoy the start of the Leavers' Ball in its entirety.

The Ramside Hall Hotel operates a strict no alcohol policy to under 18's. Although we do not imagine that we would need to do any of the following, please note that we reserve the right to deny entry if pupils are suspected to be under the influence of any substance. Please make sure that school has an up-to-date contact number by completing the reply slip on ParentMail, just in case your child becomes unwell during the evening as well as for the reasons outlined above.

Formal dress is requested for the Ball. An example of this would usually be a suit/ jacket and tie for the boys and a dress or ball gown for the girls. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of what your son/daughter would like to wear, it would be best to speak to me in person. All conversations will be held in the strictest confidence.

May I personally take this opportunity to thank you for supporting school and your child during the time that we have spent together; we will certainly miss our Year 11. If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Airey
Headteacher

<u>Leavers Ball 2021 Menu</u>

Main Course:
Pan fried chicken supreme with thyme infused gravy, stuffing and bacon wrapped

Dessert:
Chocolate brownie, clotted ice cream and double chocolate sauce

Vegetarian:
Falafel skewers, rice and sticky tomato chutney (vegan)

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