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Year 11 Prom – Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Year 11 Prom will take place on **Friday 28th June 2024** at **Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham**. This is a fabulous event where we can join together to celebrate your child's journey through their secondary education.

So that we can estimate numbers for the Prom we would be grateful if you could indicate on the ParentMail form if your child is interested in attending.

"Invitations" to the Prom will be allocated **WB Monday 29th April 2024** and tickets will go on sale from **Wednesday 1st May 2024** until **Friday 24th May 2024**, at a price of **£35.50**. Payments can be made via ParentMail.

As I am sure you will understand, **attendance to the Prom is open to those pupils who have upheld the school vision and values, and as such the allocation of a ticket is dependent upon this. We would like all Pupils in Year 11 to be able to attend the Prom; however, invitations are based on the continued good conduct of our pupils throughout this academic year, as well as during the GCSE exams. We reserve the right to withdraw invitations to the Prom at any time, should any pupil display behaviours which fail to follow our expectations.** We would naturally make you aware of any emerging issues and there would be the opportunity to discuss these together. We appreciate that families can incur a substantial outlay for their children when they attend the Prom. School will not be liable for these costs if, for any reason, a pupil is not able to attend.

A copy of the dinner menu is enclosed with this letter. Any pupil who would like to choose the vegetarian option must indicate this on the electronic form which will be sent out via ParentMail. If you need to discuss any other dietary requirements, please contact Mrs Pallas in the first instance.

We want the Prom to be as enjoyable as possible and so we encourage pupils to sit in friendship groups. Group size is a maximum of ten pupils (a full table). Requests for grouped seating should be made on the "Seating Request" sheets available from Mrs Pallas and returned no later than **24th May 2024**. We cannot guarantee that everyone will be seated in their preferred groups, but we will try our best. 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



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arrangements with individual pupils where they cannot be accommodated. It could be that combinations of pupils are seated together to maximise spaces.

We have booked a photographer to attend the Prom, 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 £8.00. 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 Prom 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. All we ask is that parents leave the venue before the Prom starts so that the pupils can enjoy the Prom in its entirety. The Prom will formally open, and pupils take their seats from 7.00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 7.30 pm. The last dance will take place at 10.30 p.m. - parents need to ensure their child will be collected from the venue no later than 11.00pm.

Ramside Hall Hotel operates a strict no alcohol policy to under 18's. Although we do not imagine that we would have 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 below, just in case your child becomes unwell during the evening, as well as for the reasons outlined above.

Formal dress is requested for the prom. 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,



Mrs T Burgess
Head of School

Prom Menu

Main:

Traditional Roast Topside of Beef with Complementing Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Accompaniments

Dessert:

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Toffee Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream

Vegetarian Option:

Falafel Skewers, Rice and Sticky Tomato Chutney (GF)



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