



6th April 2022

Dear Year 11 Student and Parent/Carer

As we reach the Easter break and whilst lessons, intervention and Easter School remain the priority, I am writing to inform you of the arrangements regarding the Prom.

This year's Prom celebration evening will be held at Derby County Football Ground on Friday 24th June 2022. This is a prestigious event in the school calendar, thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. The cost of the ticket is £35 which includes a sparkling mocktail on arrival, two complimentary soft drinks, a two-course meal and a disco. We have hired Trafford Photography to take the professional photographs and will be providing a photo booth for the students to capture some really fun memories of the evening. A group photo will be taken; a copy for all guests is included in the ticket price. Additional prints can be purchased on the night, at a cost of £5 (cash only).

On the evening, guests may arrive from 6.00pm onwards, where there will be the opportunity to have photographs taken individually and with friends. The celebration will be a formal event to celebrate the end of our time together as a year group at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy and to give all an opportunity to say farewell. In keeping with the nature of the evening, formal dress is required.

Dinner will be served at 8.00pm and the disco and dancing commences at around 9.00pm. It is important for parents/carers to understand that it is their responsibility to arrange the safe transport of their child both to and from the event and that all guests will need collecting no later than 11.30pm. There will be a non-alcoholic bar available throughout the night.

As this is a celebratory evening, we want it to be an entirely rewarding experience for all. As part of their Pledge to Prom, students are required to attend all intervention sessions they have been asked to attend. As also explained to students through their Prom Pledges, their conduct and attendance in school will be taken into account when we consider who attends the Prom. Attendance at this event will be a privilege, not a right. The Principal and school governors reserve the right to withdraw this privilege from any student up to the point of the event. For example, any student who has behaviour points on their record may not be allowed to attend. Likewise, students with a poor attendance record at school, without good reason, may not be allowed to attend. Standards of behaviour at the celebration itself will be as normal for a school event, including no alcohol to be consumed either prior to, or during, the event.

If the behaviour of any individual jeopardises the safety and enjoyment of others then parents/carers will be called and asked to collect their child. We will be using the medical and emergency information on the school database. If this needs updating please make sure that the required information is sent to school so that it can be recorded.

Prom will be a fantastic occasion when it arrives, but myself and your child's sole focus at this current time should be on achieving the outcomes they need for their Post 16 destinations. If you have any questions regarding Prom please direct them to Mrs Coleman (sandracoleman@heanorgatespencer.com).

To secure a place at the event, our preferred method of payment is via ParentPay. Please make this payment by Friday 29th April.

Yours sincerely

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Achievement Leader Year 11