



10th December 2022

Reference: Year 11 Prom

Dear Parent / Carer,

In the run up to Christmas it is perhaps early to turn some attention to the Year 11 Prom but this year there will be some changes around how the ticketing for the prom works and there is further detail on that below.

We always enjoy trying to put on a special occasion for the Year 11s. Firstly, so that they can have an extra memory of High School to cherish but also as a gesture of our recognition for their resilience and determination to do their best in their GCSEs.

This year's Year 11 Prom will be held at Worcester Racecourse on Friday 30th June. Tickets will be priced at £29.50, which includes an evening buffet.

Year 11 students will be allowed to purchase a ticket to the prom at the start of June on the following conditions:

1. They meet their individual attendance target.

Each student's target is based on their current academic year's attendance. However, the target is only forward looking (i.e. calculations and monitoring for purposes of prom ticket eligibility begin from Tuesday 3rd January).

Those with attendance significantly below our (and national expectations) will need to work hard to improve their attendance. Please note that each target will be individualised. Students for whom we know there are historic or genuine and significant obstacles to attending regularly will get an individual attendance plan that may contain more incremental targets.

Those currently still at 100% (or near) will not have to maintain this very high level to get a prom ticket (although, of course, we hope that they will be able to). Their target is likely to be 95%.

We will share each individual target with students during tutor time before Christmas and will send all parents a follow up email with that information in too.

We will keep you up to date on your child's attendance by email.

2. From January students need to have more praise points than they have demerit points. Students can view this in their myDSHS app.
3. Students attend all of the revision and exam preparation lessons on the STEP timetable. More information will be shared on this in the Spring.
4. Students attend all of the public exams as outlined on their exam timetable.

The other change to the ticketing for the prom is that students in receipt of free school meals will be able to convert their Droitwich Dollars (the reward points they collect in the myDSHS app are converted into Droitwich Dollars) to get a discount on their prom ticket. The exchange rate is 100 Droitwich Dollars = £5 discount (up to a maximum of £10). We will confirm details of how this works on Arbor Pay in the new year.

On behalf of all the staff teaching and working with Year 11, we hope we can count on your support to help keep standards high and to push for improvement where it is needed. We genuinely want to see Worcester Racecourse packed out with students who are revelling in having achieved something worthwhile over a long period of time. We anticipate there will be some trepidation if someone begins to 'fall behind' on a target but we are very much coming at this as a method of rewarding good habits rather than creating an opportunity to exclude anyone. We are entirely committed to supporting everyone to meet their targets.

If you have any queries please get in touch via the school office.

Yours faithfully,



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