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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that the Year 11 Leavers' Prom will take place on **Wednesday 23rd June 2027 at the Botleigh Grange Hotel and Spa**. We look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating students' hard work and achievements.

Further details about timings and ticket prices will follow after our next meeting with the hotel's Events Team. We wanted to share the date as early as possible so that students and families can begin planning.

Students will need to work towards their invitation to the prom by meeting the following expectations:

- **School attendance of 94% or above**
- **Positive behaviour and a respectful attitude in lessons and during social time**
- **No significant behaviour incidents**
- **Good punctuality to school and lessons**
- **Attendance at Period 6 sessions**

At key points throughout the year, we will update students and parents/carers on whether they are on track to meet these expectations.

Good attendance is particularly important in Year 11, when every lesson provides valuable opportunities to develop knowledge, practise examination skills and receive support from teachers. Missing lessons can leave gaps in understanding and make it harder to keep up with learning and revision.

The Woodlands attendance and GCSE results information below highlights the link between attendance and achievement.



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Attendance	Percentage of students who achieved 5 GCSE Grades		
	Grade 4 and above (Standard Pass)	Grade 5 and above (Strong Pass)	Grade 7 and above (Exceptional Performance)
100 - 96%	55%	19.5%	6%
90 - 95%	39%	18.5%	0%
Less than 90%	13%	10%	0%
Less than 80%	11%	2%	0%



Respect



Responsibility



Resilience

We therefore encourage students to aim for the highest possible attendance, beyond the minimum prom requirement, to give themselves the best opportunity to achieve strong results.

We appreciate your support in encouraging regular attendance and punctuality. If your child is experiencing difficulties that affect their attendance, please contact the school so that we can work together to support them.

We will also write to you with details of **The Prom Shop at Woodlands**, where students can hire prom dresses, suits and accessories for a low, refundable deposit.

Throughout Year 11, we will be raising funds to help provide any additional touches students would like to add to the prom package. Further information about fundraising activities will follow.

We look forward to working with you throughout this important year and celebrating our Year 11 students at what promises to be a fantastic evening.

Yours sincerely,

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