

12th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Prom - Friday, 30th June 2023

I am pleased to announce that we have provisionally booked The Marriott Hotel, Southampton Road, Portsmouth, for the Year 11 Prom on Friday 30th June 2023. The cost of a ticket, which includes a 3 course meal, disco and photo booth will be confirmed at a later date, as will the precise times of the event.

We are conscious of the change in financial circumstances for some families, bearing this in mind our students have proposed that the dress code this year is 'smart' to reduce unnecessary burden. Students can therefore wear a smart outfit to the prom such as a party dress, smart trousers and shirt (but please no 'joggers', jeans, trainers etc). If, as a family, you wish to buy/hire a prom dress or suit then please do so but there is no expectation that this is what students should wear. In past years, students have used a variety of different vehicles to arrive at the prom. There is no expectation regarding transport this year and students can arrive in any way they wish.

Please note that only Springfield Year 11 students with a valid ticket will be admitted to the event. In addition, it will be made clear to the students that if we have any concerns regarding their welfare, parents/carers will be contacted immediately and asked to collect them from the venue. This will apply to any student who is caught in possession of alcohol, for example.

As you would expect, it is a privilege, and not an entitlement for Year 11 students to attend the prom. Therefore, the school's standards and expectations need to be adhered to throughout the academic year. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student's ticket at any point up to and including the day of the prom should their conduct fall short of the school's expectations in or out of school; the Headteacher's decision is final in this respect and the cost of the ticket will not be refunded.

We will be reminding students that from now on that they will not be eligible to attend the prom if:

- A suspension/alternative suspension has been issued to them
- A student does not have a good attendance and punctuality record (without valid reason)
- House points have not been steadily gained throughout the year
- There is regular absence from tutor time and/or assembly
- The behaviour policy has not been followed, including school uniform not being worn correctly



Once again we expect this to be a very successful and enjoyable occasion where students can celebrate their time at Springfield School with their peers.

Further details about the event will be shared nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Peachment
Head of Achievement - Year 11

