

29th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Class of 2020 Prom

This time last year, we were all faced with the reality that the end of Year 11 for the 'Class of 2020' would not be the 'normal' finish we would hope to have. Government restrictions meant that we had to cancel our usual end of year celebrations such as the Prom. However, we did promise that we would hold this event when the time was right.

With the possibilities of national restrictions being lifted towards the end of June, we would like to honour this promise and as such, are currently making provisional plans for the Class of 2020 prom. I must stress that whilst we are eager to hold this event for our students, we will only do so if government guidance allows.

The Class of 2020 Prom is to be held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. It is a fantastic venue with plenty of spectator space. The date is Thursday 1st July and we are expecting first arrivals at 6.30pm.

The theme that students chose for their Prom was "Masquerade" and we will continue with this theme. Tickets will be on sale from today and can be purchased via Sims Pay for students who still attend Budmouth Academy. For those students who no longer attend here at Budmouth, payment can be made by contacting Mrs Tewkesbury; please call 01305 830520 (Mon-Fri 8am-3pm). The tickets cost £25 per person and include a buffet.

The festivities on the night will conclude by 11.00pm. Please ensure that your child has arranged transport for when they leave the Sailing Academy. Your child will not be in our care afterwards, as we will be busy cleaning and tidying the venue.

Students may not bring alcohol to the venue and they may be refused admission if they appear to be intoxicated when they arrive. WPNSA is a no smoking site and students are expected to respect this.

Should restrictions allow, spectators will be welcome to watch the arrivals, as has happened in previous years. It is requested that spectators do as directed by the marshals and that they stay on the correct side of the barriers for their own safety and to avoid blocking other people's view of the event. There will be no access to the venue for parents and family, however we will have a designated area where students may go to be photographed by friends and family after they have arrived and been formally welcomed by the Principal.

For this event to go ahead, we do require a minimum number of tickets to be sold by the **deadline of 1st June 2021**. If there is not sufficient student interest, we will be forced to cancel the event and will refund any monies paid. In addition to this, if we are unable to run the Prom due to government restrictions remaining in place, tickets will again be refunded.

We would love to be able to give the class of 2020 the send-off they never had, and hope to see many of last year's Year 11 at the event in July.

Yours sincerely

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