

29th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Class of 2021: End of the School Year Prom

As the 'Class of 2021' approaches the end of Year 11, we are sure that our students are looking forward to reflecting upon and celebrating their time at Budmouth Academy. Certainly the last year has not been what any of us predicted and our students continue to impress us with their hard work and commitment towards their studies.

Despite this last year being far from normal, we are looking forward to the possibilities of national restrictions being lifted towards the end of June and, should the restrictions be lifted, a little normality restored to the end of year celebrations we would normally hold.

With this in mind, we would like to let you know about our provisional plans for the 'Class of 2021' Prom. We must stress that whilst we are eager to hold this event for our students, we will only do so if government guidance allows.

Plans are well underway for the Class of 2021 Prom to be held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. It is a fantastic venue with plenty of spectator space. The date is Friday 2nd July and we are expecting first arrivals at 6.30pm.

The theme of this year's Prom is "Viva Las Vegas" and tickets will be on sale from today. These can be purchased via Sims Pay. The tickets cost £25 per person and include a buffet. There will also be a photographer for the night.

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.

The deadline for purchasing Prom tickets is 1st June 2021.

Class of 2021 Hoodies

Hoodies are on sale as of today and can be purchased via Sims Pay for £20. A range of colours and sizes will be on sale. Students can see examples of the sizing during tutor time over the next week. Hoodies will be available for collection on results day.

The deadline for purchasing hoodies is 1st June 2021.

Uniform

We would kindly request that any student who no longer needs their Academy uniform to donate this to the Academy. This uniform can then be used for students who need to borrow items or are unable to afford new items.

We appreciate that students are undoubtedly eager to mark the end of their Year 11 with these traditional celebrations, but we must take this opportunity to stress that the Prom can only go ahead if government guidelines allow. If we are unable to run the Prom due to national restrictions remaining in place, tickets will be refunded.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 11 students good luck for the next few weeks of school and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Shelley

Andrew Clark
Head of Turing

Jayne Guppy
Head of Attenborough

Sophie Ives
Head of Hawking