

18th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

Thank you very much for your patience this week in relation to the news about our end of year Proms. We have been doing our very best to make sure that the students can have their celebrations at The Sailing Academy and I am delighted to be able to update you with our news.

### **Good News!**

Assuming that the current restrictions are lifted, the dates of the three Proms will be as follows:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 11 Class of 2021.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 11 Class of 2020.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Ball.

Separate letters with further details will be sent to the students regarding these events, but we just wanted them to know before the weekend, that a plan was in place and, all being well, the show will go on!

### **Big Thanks**

We are hugely thankful to The Sailing Academy for being so flexible and there are a lot of changes to their plans and staffing that have had to be made for us to offer these three dates. This has included negotiating with other customers who had bookings on some of these nights. Thanks also needs to be extended to the groups who have kindly 'made way' for us, as they understood the significance of these milestone celebrations to our students. This is real community spirit in action!

### **A Plea**

Given the amount of work that has gone into arranging these events, we do have what might sound like an unusual request. That is, we want the students to attend the Prom and stay and enjoy the whole evening together. We know that 'After Prom' parties might be attended by many students but we respectfully ask that these take place as the name suggests, after the Prom has finished. In recent years it has not been uncommon for students to arrive, have their photo taken, enjoy some refreshments and then leave. This does not seem fair on the students who are left behind, or the staff who have put so much time and effort into making an enjoyable event. For this reason, many schools now hold their Proms at venues further afield where the students have to travel together on coaches. We would really like to keep our Proms local, but we are looking for the students to help us with this.

In the meantime, we will keep our fingers crossed that the national situation enables the restrictions to be lifted on Monday 19th July. I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



David Herbert