

19th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with a heavy heart that I find myself writing this letter. As you know, we have been doing our very best to make the necessary arrangements to stage the end of year 'Proms' this week for the Year 11 Class of 2020, The Year 11 Class of 2021 and our Year 13 leavers.

However, following consultation with The Sailing Academy, our Trust and Public Health England, the difficult decision has been taken to postpone all three events. In recent days we have seen a significant rise in the number of confirmed positive cases in students who would have been due to attend, with a further significant knock on effect to students who have been identified as close contacts and, therefore, required to self isolate. There are also concerns that students who should be isolating as a result of being in close contact, are not doing so, for the reason that they do not wish to miss their Prom.

Whilst we are all very keen that our students are given the chance to celebrate, we have no wish for these social events to place members of our local community, including staff at the Sailing Academy, in a position of potential risk. I know this decision will be upsetting to our students who have been looking forward to these events, but I hope you and they understand why this decision has been made. I would like to thank the staff and students who have been working so hard to plan these events. This is obviously very disappointing for them.

Please note this is a postponement and not a permanent cancellation. We will be making every effort to stage these events, if there is still demand, but at a time when it is more appropriate to do so.

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Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely



David Herbert