

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

### **Passport to Prom**

As you may know, at the end of their exams, some Year 11 pupils are granted the privilege of attending a prom. There are criteria that students have to meet in order to be eligible to receive an invitation to the prom and the students will be made aware of these requirements in an assembly at the beginning of September 2019.

This year we intend to take the pupils to an exclusive venue on the evening of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The ticket price includes a buffet meal and a disco and transport. Coaches will take the pupils to and from the prom leaving school at approximately 5:30pm and returning around 11:45pm. A CD which will include photos of the night is also included in the price. **The cost of the prom will be confirmed when we receive quotes from the venue and coaches.**

Only pupils in Year 11 at Charles Darwin School may attend as the evening is a celebration of the 5 years of hard work at school and the end of compulsory schooling and is possibly the last time that the year will be together as one group. As all the students are 15 or 16 and this a school supervised trip, we have a strict NO ALCOHOL policy. Students may not bring alcohol or buy alcohol at the venue and we expect parents to check their children are not bringing alcohol with them. Anyone who arrives smelling of alcohol or in possession of alcohol will not be allowed to travel with us and there will be **no refund**. Pupils will also be searched by security on arrival at the venue and any alcohol will be confiscated and not returned.

**I would like to be very clear that the trip is a reward and a privilege for all students who have earned a place at the prom by meeting the following criteria:**

- **Have fully co-operated with staff and the rules of the school and whose behaviour has not been a cause for concern**
- **No exclusions in year 11**
- **All BTEC coursework must be complete by deadlines set by staff**
- **Have attendance of 95% or above throughout Year 11 and**
- **Receive no more than 6 lates per half term**
- **Have an effort grade which is not in red – Effort as an average is for both classwork and homework**
- **Have a behaviour grade which is not in red – This means on average 2.29 and above.**
- **Who have made the most of their school life and are totally trustworthy.**

#### **Students who have not met this criteria will not be allowed to attend**

Please do not purchase expensive ball gowns and outfits for your child at this stage especially if there is any doubt that your child may be eligible to attend. The fact that an outfit has already been purchased will not influence our assessment of attendance nor will the school be held responsible for any refunds. If pupils meet the criteria above, they will be able to go.

Students maintaining the high standards required to attend Prom are also very likely to be successful in their GCSE exams, which of course is what year 11 is all about, so we would welcome your support in ensuring that your son/daughter tries to achieve or exceed these expectations from the beginning of the year.

Mrs N Tsang  
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