



20th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Prom

I hope that you have had a restful Easter, and that you and your family are safe and well in these difficult circumstances. In light of the current situation, we have decided to rearrange the Year 11 Prom from its original June date to **Friday 25th September 2020**. The Prom will still be hosted at the Hallmark Hotel, Handforth, and will be from 7-11pm.

Of course, payments already accepted remain valid and ParentPay continues to be open for those who wish to pay. The overall cost remains £40, which includes a welcome drink, three course meal, DJ and photo booth. Closer to the event, students will be issued with a ticket that will guarantee them entry to the prom.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the way that the Year 11s have matured during their time at St James'. Their behaviour on the last day of school before lockdown was outstanding. It is cruel that their time at high school has been curtailed so abruptly but we hope that a rearranged Prom will still enable students to celebrate their time at St James'. It will also allow students an opportunity to reunite with their peers having moved on to further education. In the meantime, I strongly recommend that students continue to work on their revision plans despite exams being cancelled and not just because it will keep them occupied. Completing the revision plan will bring closure to courses and hopefully a sense of achievement can be felt. Teachers are more than happy to offer feedback for completed work and to provide further work, such as exam papers.

St James' is a family. Despite these unusual circumstances, I want all Year 11s to know that they remain our students and therefore still have full access to our support and guidance. Please don't hesitate to contact me by email if there is anything you would like to discuss, or if there is anything school can help with regarding the academic progress and wellbeing of your child.

I look forward to seeing Year 11 at September's Prom, and hopefully before.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Cawley
Head of Year 11

Mr D Scott
Assistant Headteacher