



18 June 2021

Dear parent/carers

Re: Prom Cancellation

Unfortunately, I am in the position of having to write to you to inform you that we have no option but to cancel the Leavers' celebration event that we were looking forward to holding on 15 July 2021.

As a result of the movement of the 'Freedom date' by the Government, we are now in the position of not being able to hold large group gatherings indoors. Our Year 11 students are no longer considered a year group bubble with them having left the Academy. We have been advised that we "may consider" an outdoor event for leavers' celebrations or prom that caters for more than one bubble "as long as the groups continue to be kept separate". As I hope you can appreciate, it is incredibly difficult to plan an outdoor event due to the unpredictable nature of our weather and a last-minute cancellation of such an event would lead to us not being able to refund ticket costs to parents and carers.

Lastly, we considered delaying this event until later in the summer term, but we would again be in the position of not being able to refund ticket costs if the event could still not take place.

We are in the process of arranging refunds for those tickets that have been purchased to date. This will happen via our school money system and payments will be returned via your original method of payment.

I know that many students and parents will join us in being upset by this decision. I apologise wholeheartedly for any disappointment caused, but I am sure you will appreciate our need to abide by government guidance. We will very much miss celebrating with our students and wish them every success in the future.

Yours sincerely

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