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Principal: James Harding-Mbogo

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Year 11 Summer Ball will be held on Friday 27th June at the Village Hotel in Swindon (SN5 7DW).

Venue, timings, and price:

Guests can arrive from 18:00, are allowed to enter the ballroom from 18:30, and the event will finish at 23:00. Families are welcome to arrive to the outside area from 18:00 to take pictures as guests arrive, but are not allowed to enter the venue.

Tickets are priced at £37.50 and can be purchased on ParentPay. Tickets include entry to the venue, a mocktail on arrival, a two-course meal, and access to a 'sweets bar'. Guests can also purchase soft drinks from a non-alcoholic bar at the venue using cash or card. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday 6th June.

Eligibility criteria:

We want as many pupils as possible to attend the Summer Ball. However, in order to reflect our high standards, there are criteria which pupils must meet in order to be eligible to attend:

All pupils must achieve a minimum of 100 points in order to be eligible to attend. These points will be measured in the 57 school days between Monday 10th February and Friday 23rd May. Pupils can earn points in the following ways:

- 1 point per merit awarded (This includes merits from character cards and star cards)
- 3 points per session of Champions' Hour attended
- 4 points per week of 100% attendance
- 5 points for the tutor Star of the Term

In addition, pupils must meet the behaviour criteria below in order to be eligible:

- Pupils must have no suspensions from Monday 10th February.
- Pupils must have 100% attendance to all of their PPE2 and final exams.

* Drive * Integrity * Scholarship * Contribution



Your child will be given fortnightly updates on their progress towards their 100 point goal during tutor time. Final messages about eligibility will be sent out to you and your child on Monday 2nd June.

If your child is suspended from the 10th February or does not attend all of their exams, they may still be eligible for the Summer Ball; they will have an opportunity to appeal to Mr Harding-Mbogo, who will make the final decision. If this appeal is ultimately unsuccessful but you have already purchased a ticket, the cost of the ticket will be refunded to you.

Discounts:

We want to recognise and celebrate the huge number of year 11s who consistently work hard and do the right thing. Therefore, for every 50 points which your child earns over the 100 point benchmark, they will receive a £5 discount on their Summer Ball ticket.

Because of how ParentPay works, these discounts will be given as refunds once your child's ticket to the Summer Ball has been purchased and after the deadline for purchasing tickets in June.

VIP tickets:

We also want to make sure that the efforts of pupils who consistently work particularly hard or who have significantly improved their conduct or attainment over the last year are given a special reward.

As a result, one pupil in each subject and three pupils selected by Mr Harding-Mbogo will be awarded VIP passes to the Summer Ball. These passes will give the selected pupils access to a VIP area. This area will include a free non-alcoholic 'mocktails bar', which will be staffed by Miss Sayers, a special seating area, and access to 'premium snacks' during the event, including a candy floss machine. VIP passes will be given out during the leavers' assembly in term 6. If your child is awarded a VIP pass, you will still need to purchase a ticket for the Summer Ball.

If you have any questions about the Summer Ball, please feel free to send me an email at r.sayers@novahreodacademy.org.uk.

Kind Regards,

Miss Sayers