



St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

7 April 2017

Dear Parents

YEAR 11 CELEBRATIONS 2017

We are rapidly moving towards your son/daughter finishing their Key Stage 4 studies – an important milestone, not only for the young people themselves but also for you as their parents, and for us as staff.

We pride ourselves on making careful arrangements, and with this in mind, I would like to outline how the celebrations will run this year, and to make clear the school's expectations of the young people so that you are able to re-emphasise these before the events take place.

On the afternoon of Thursday 11 May 2017 at approximately 4.00 pm, the whole year group will mark, in the best way possible, the culmination of five years of Catholic secondary education with a celebratory Mass. The Mass will be totally prepared by the young people themselves in order to reflect their faith journey whilst at school. This year all parents are cordially invited to attend the celebratory Mass. We hope all families will be represented. It will be wonderful to see everyone together.

The following day, Friday 12 May, Year 11 will not be required to attend school. This year's Prom celebration will take place in the evening at Henley Golf Club, Henley in Arden under the kind supervision of our staff.

The evening will begin at 7.00 pm. Entrance will be by ticket only, dress will be smart/formal, no visitors permitted, and will end at 11.00 pm. All should arrive on time and all should be collected by parents at the end of the evening at 11.00 pm prompt. Rooms have been reserved at the venue for St Benedict's as a private function – the young people, as a result, will be restricted to these facilities only throughout the evening.

In view of age, a non-alcoholic bar will serve drinks (payable on night) throughout the evening. A photo booth has also been booked and is included in the cost of the tickets.

There is a clear expectation that no young person should partake of alcohol, cigarettes or drugs, either before, during, or after our celebration. This has also been made clear to the young people themselves who fully understand that should this occur, they will be sent home and excluded from school. I do not enjoy having to say this as we trust our pupils, but we have been advised to be crystal clear in this area.

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I would ask parents therefore to be aware that any limousine booked for transport to the venue should not include a complimentary bar serving alcoholic drinks but one serving soft drinks only to avoid any embarrassment. Limousines should not be booked for return journeys, since parents alone are to collect the pupils after the evening. It should also be noted that at no time should any pupil/family feel pressured to purchase new and expensive attire for this evening or to lavish money on limousine transport.

We would like the celebrations of 2017 to provide a meaningful and enjoyable way in which fond experiences at St Benedict's can be shared. It is an exciting time for all concerned, as our pupils approach the next stage of their education and embark upon their sixth form studies.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish our pupils every success for their forthcoming examinations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Boote Powell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Boote Powell
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Pastoral Care