

Our ref: PJS/DKP

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Dear Ex-Year 11

Firstly, congratulations on your results, after such a tumultuous week last week I am sure you are relieved to get your results and begin to secure your place at college. I trust that your college interviews are going well and that you are all looking forward to this next exciting phase of your life.

Thank you to those of you who completed the online form regarding the prom. There were a real mix of responses but the general patterns which emerged suggested that students would be okay with an event mid-week before Christmas and really wanted it in an outside venue – funnily enough the complete opposite of what my Court Moor students wanted!

On the basis of your feedback we are going to set a final, speculative date of **Wednesday 18 November**, so please keep this date free. This is dependent on the guidelines changing, at the moment gatherings of more than 30 people are illegal and until that is lifted we won't be able to do anything. Clearly hotels are dealing with a backlog of weddings but I'm hoping mid-weeks should be free – I will ask Miss Smith to get onto booking a provisional date next week so, if we're allowed, then we'll have something booked.

We will use the guidance on 16 October to see if we are able to do it, which will leave us enough time to make some hurried arrangements. We will ask for deposits by **23 October** to ensure that we have at least 70% attendance and then make a final call on whether it goes ahead or not on that day. It may well be that, once immersed in college, it seems less pressing - we don't want to go to the hassle of organising something with a small uptake. Many schools have just cancelled the prom altogether, but we feel we want one more try to get some kind of event running and, if it runs, we'll work our hardest to make it special for you.

I appreciate many of you have reluctantly resigned yourself to prom not happening, however there were a pleasing number of you who would jump at the chance if we can organise one, so we'll keep the hope alive a little longer! Fingers crossed that the regulations change in October.

Meanwhile I wish you all the best with your college courses and hopefully see you at Prom!

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Jenkins
Headteacher