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Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday was the last day of Year 13 exams and I have been so impressed with all the students with how well they prepared and have dealt with the inevitable pressures of these exams. It is wonderful to see how well they have developed into independent students willing to push themselves to the very end of their exams and we are immensely proud of all their efforts. I know some students have expressed some sadness that their time in 6<sup>th</sup> Form is coming to an end and we are also sorry to see them move on but excited for what their next steps hold.

The Year 13 prom is obviously our final formal celebration with the majority of the students and I just wanted to confirm and update the information for this Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are delighted that 161 students are attending and we have been finalising the details with Venue 16.

**Location:** Venue 16, 312 Tuddenham Rd, Ipswich IP4 3QJ (formerly Greshams)

**Arrival:** From 6:30pm. Please note that we have moved this forward from 6:45 given the number of students. This will allow sufficient time for wristbands to be allocated to over 18s. Students **MUST** bring photographic ID proof. No alcohol can be brought onto the venue and will be confiscated.

We are fortunate to have our own entrance to the prom venue so it will not clash with the normal restaurant at Venue 16 so **DO NOT** use the main entrance. Venue 16 staff will be located just 50 metres up the road (away from the town) and you will be able to drive into a large turfed field that they use for festivals. This will provide ample space for everyone to be dropped off and then students can enter through the patio garden. If any transport has been organised this is where the drop-off will be.

**Itinerary:** Welcome drinks served on arrival with the meal being served at 7:30 and expected to finish at 8:45. Awards will then be presented. There will a photo booth available for all the students after the meal as well as a set being played by a year 13 band followed by a disco. Last orders will be at 10:45 with an end to proceedings at 11:00pm.

**Departure:** Venue 16 is quite far outside of Ipswich on a dark road and so students **MUST NOT** walk into town from there. If students are wishing to go into town then either taxis or collection must be organised prior to Friday. Students can be collected from the **normal Venue 16 entrance** at the end of the night (the arrival entrance will be closed). Please ensure that arrangements have been made and agreed to collect at 11:00pm.

We obviously hope that everyone is able to celebrate and enjoy themselves sensibly, but if the Venue 16 staff or Sixth Form staff have any concerns about a student not coping well with the evening then we will contact home to ask for the student to be collected early.

We look forward to Friday evening and want everyone to have a memorable evening to mark the end of their exams and Sixth Form at Farlingaye. The next major date will be Results Day on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August and students will be able to collect their results in person from 8:00am in the Sixth Form block.

Many thanks,

Graham Tait

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Head of Year 13