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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 11 Prom

It is with deep sadness that, unfortunately, we are in the position where we find ourselves needing to write this letter to you today. Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 14th June 2021 and the extension of the current lockdown measures, we have been in touch with both the Prom Venue and the Department for Education to see what our options are.

Due to these new restrictions, the venue is no longer able to accommodate our Prom evening on the original date, or any date for the foreseeable future. With the knowledge of this, we quickly began looking into the possibility of switching to our backup plan. This plan, as discussed with our Year 11 learners before they left us, involved holding a prom-style event at the school site. However, while we were looking into this, further guidance was released by the Department for Education.

This new guidance, available [here](#) for your reference, states that we must "avoid hosting large group gatherings indoors for more than one bubble". As the document mentions, the DfE have stated that schools "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." and that "groups are bound by the legal gathering limit of 30". With an event like the prom, it simply isn't possible for us to meet all of these requirements, particularly the legal gathering limit of 30.

Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that we must take the decision to cancel this year's prom. While we empathise with our Year 11 learners and families at this time, we are bound by the requirements of the DfE and continued Government restrictions. We would like to reassure all parents/carers that you will receive a full refund on all prom tickets purchased.

Weduc does not allow us to process refunds directly without deducting a service fee from your refund – as such, we will be processing refunds manually. Our Finance Team are working through the list of orders and will contact you in the coming days and weeks to arrange these refunds with you – we ask that you are patient with us in this process and await contact from our Finance Team to allow this process to run as quickly and smoothly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Dhami
Principal



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