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Dear Parent and Carer

Year 11 Prom – 2026

I am writing to update you on the progress of Year 11 students as the autumn term of this academic year comes to a close, and to provide information regarding the upcoming prom.

Firstly, I am pleased to share that Year 11 have had a strong start to the year. I have had the opportunity to meet students during assemblies and tutor sessions, as well as visit many of their lessons. I have been impressed by the maturity and responsiveness they have shown towards the high expectations we set for their conduct and attitude around the academy. In lessons, they have been attentive and engaged in their learning.

It was lovely to meet many of you at the exam preparation evening, which, judging by the positive engagement in their recent mock examinations, has proven beneficial for students. We will continue to encourage and support students to maintain this positive momentum and challenge them to be the best they can be. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated. The preparation you put into ensuring your child attends school on time and to complete homework strengthens our partnership.

Prom

We are delighted to announce that the Year 11 Prom will take place on **Friday, 10 July 2026**, at **Ramside Hall**. This highly anticipated event is an exciting opportunity for students to celebrate their hard work, dedication, and achievements during their five years at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, 10 July 2026
- **Venue:** Ramside Hall
- **Time:** 6:30pm – 11:00pm
- **Dress Code:** Formal Attire
- **Cost:** £50

We hope that every student will attend. However, it is important to note that there are specific criteria students must meet to qualify for the prom. These standards have been set to promote positive behaviour and attendance, which are key foundations for success.

As we move into the new year, we will be amending the prom standard by adding an additional criterion to further encourage positive behaviour and engagement. To meet the prom standard, students must achieve two out of the three criteria listed below in a half-term:

- Attendance average of 95% or above for the half-term
- Positive behaviour ratio of 95% or above for the half-term
- Attendance at 14 lunchtime and/or after-school revision sessions for the half-term (additional criterion)

Some students have already achieved the standard in one or more half-terms, but adding an extra criterion will allow those who may have struggled more flexibility in how they work towards it. We are committed to supporting students in meeting these standards and will work with individuals to set personalised targets where needed.

Once a student has achieved the standard, they will receive an invitation to the prom, where they will be able to purchase their ticket. The cost for the event will be £50 per student, which is inclusive of a 3-course dinner, disco, and non-alcoholic bar.

After a student has received their prom invitation, payment should then be made via ParentPay; look for '11Prom26'. Please note that full payment **MUST** be made by Friday 16 May 2026. If you do not have your login details for ParentPay, please contact the admin team via email: lordlawson@lordlawson.academy and they will ensure login details are sent to you.

Bursaries are available for this event, and any parent/carer who feels that they would benefit from some financial support should submit a request to: finance@lordlawson.academy; you will be provided with the necessary forms and information. All applications are dealt with on a case by case basis and in the strictest of confidence. Any applications must be made by Wednesday 22 April 2026.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to regularly review their child's behaviour and attendance and to discuss any concerns with them. Class Charts can be used to monitor the positive behaviour ratio, and MCAS (My Child at School) for attendance data.

We value your partnership in helping students succeed and we are always available to address any issues. The Year 11 Team monitors attendance and behaviour daily and will provide additional support where needed.

Some students have already achieved the required standard due to their excellent conduct and engagement. When we return in January, we will continue to promote attendance at subject revision sessions and reiterate these expectations, which were clearly communicated to Year 11 students during an assembly at the start of the academic year. We will monitor progress closely throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Cave
Assistant Principal – Acting Year Leader for Year 11