

7th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Dinner and Disco – Thursday 26th June 2025

As is tradition at Balshaw's, there will be an event to formally end Year 11 for staff and Year 11 pupils. The Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Dinner and Disco will be held this year at Stanley House, Mellor, BB2 7NP on Thursday 26th June. The cost this year will be £38.00 per person, which will include a glass of fruit punch on arrival, a buffet and entertainment with a DJ.

Pupils should arrive at Stanley House at 6.30 pm for a fruit punch reception at 7.00 pm. The Disco will finish at 10.30 pm and all pupils are to be picked up by parents from Stanley House **no later than 10.45 pm as staff will not be responsible for any pupils after that time.**

The Leavers' Celebration Dinner is for Staff and Year 11 pupils only. Friends and family members will not be admitted to the venue and are requested to wait outside if they are coming to see pupils arrive. The evening should be one to remember celebrating success, achievements, friendships and providing pupils with a memory they will never forget, and they should be reminded that their conduct on the evening should remain at the highest standard throughout the night. The venue is a non-smoking premises, and no alcohol will be served. Security will be carried out on arrival (bag searches if necessary).

The Leavers' Celebration Dinner is a privilege, and we expect that all pupils who choose to attend will behave maturely and appropriately on the night in order that everyone can have a memorable evening. Sadly, there will be a few pupils who will have their invite withdrawn if their behaviour/progress/attitude/uniform/attendance has been/is poor in the final stages of their Year 11. If a pupil is suspended in Year 11 or if he/she has been placed in the school Inclusion Unit careful consideration will be given to whether it is appropriate or not for him/her to attend the dinner. The final decision will be taken by the Senior Leadership Team and the Head of House, and that decision is final.

We reserve the right to take the privilege of the Leavers' Celebration Dinner away from any pupil for misdemeanors including the day of the dinner itself. Unfortunately, there will be no refund.

We hope the anticipation of the event encourages hard work and good behaviour as it has in previous years and that your son/daughter wants to share in their final celebration of being a Balshavian.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend, please complete the payment and consent form on ParentPay by **Friday 9th May**. **Due to the terms and conditions of the venue no refunds will be given for any reason once payment has been made.** Please confirm if your child requires a vegetarian/vegan meal and let us know if there are any food allergies or intolerances in advance.

We look forward to seeing as many of our Year 11 pupils at the Leavers' Celebration on June 26th and hope you will encourage your son/daughter to aim at excellence for the final few months of his/her studies in order to share in this superb evening.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher