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Dear Parents/Carers

During assembly this morning, I shared some information with pupils that I would also like to share with you.

It is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of St Edmund Arrowsmith CHS. I have worked here for 18 years, the last 7 as Headteacher and I look forward to celebrating with the Year 11 cohort every year to see how they have grown into the kind of young adults who will have a positive impact on the world.

I can assure you that we will be as proud of them as you are!

Therefore, we have been organising a few important events which are due to take place in the next couple of months to celebrate your son or daughter's time at school. I wanted pupils to know what these plans are now, so they do not distract them from concentrating on the important GCSE assessment work they are currently undertaking.

The occasions of the **Leavers' Assembly**, the **Leavers' Prom** and **Certificate Presentation Evening** act as a 'rite of passage' into young adulthood and celebrating this journey with them is fantastic.

The Leavers' Assembly will take place before we break for May half-term, the Leavers' Prom will take place on Friday 2 July 2021 at Rivington Barn and the Certificate Presentation Evening will take place in early November.

With regard to the Leavers' Prom, the manager at Rivington Barn has stressed to me that the situation within the hospitality sector to host these types of events **is completely dependent upon the roadmap out of lockdown working to plan**. As you know, the roadmap has the date of 21 June 2021 for these types of events to be permitted. However, the Government will shortly be undertaking an 'Events Research Programme' and the outcome of this will determine whether this date still applies.

My advice to you, as it was to the pupils this morning, is that it is far too soon to buy anything as the situation could change, no matter how much we hope that it won't. At this moment in time, every pupil is invited to each one of these occasions, but I do always reserve the right to withdraw invitations at any time, depending upon individual pupil conduct. It is my sincere hope that no pupil rules themselves out of these occasions due to poor behaviour.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement, it is always hugely appreciated. I will write to you again with updates as soon as I receive them.

Yours faithfully



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