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Year 11 expectations and Prom- Introducing Prom Passports

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year. As our students have begun their final year at The Westleigh School, I wanted to thank you for your continued support and share some important information about what to expect in Year 11.

This is a significant year for our students. As the oldest in school, Year 11s are role models to younger year groups and we look to them to lead by example — with maturity, responsibility, and a strong work ethic. They have an important job to do this year, and we're here to support them every step of the way as they progress academically and grow as young people.

Of course, the focus is on preparing for GCSE exams, but it's also a year to celebrate their achievements. Our Year 11 Prom will take place in July after the exams — a memorable event and something we know many students are already looking forward to. Save the date information to follow soon.

To help guide students through the year, we're introducing the **Passport to Prom** system. Each student will receive a Prom Passport to track their progress in four key areas which have the greatest impact on success at GCSE:

- **Attendance (94% or higher)**
- **Punctuality (on average, less than one late per fortnight)**
- **Behaviour (on average, less than one detention per week)**
- **Participation in intervention/revision**

Students who stay on track in these areas will remain eligible to attend prom. If anyone falls off track, we'll work with them through a **Reboarding Plan** — a clear, supportive way to re-earn their place, personalised for them.

You'll receive regular communication from us throughout the year, including updates about your child's prom eligibility. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to attend every day, stay focused in lessons, and take up any support sessions offered. Should you have any questions about the prom or the targets above, please contact me by email: kate.critchley@westleigh.set.org. Thank you again for your partnership. We're looking forward to a successful year together and to celebrating with our students in the summer.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Kate Critchley
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