



13th February 2025

Dear Parent/Guardians

## Summer Ball

I am delighted to be able to confirm that we will be holding the Year 11 Summer Ball on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025, from 6.30pm until 10.30pm.**

The Ball will take place at the Balfour Suite, Vitality Stadium, Dean Court, Kings Park, Bournemouth BH7 7AF. Tickets will cost £27. The Ball is a non-smoking and non-alcoholic event and staff will return home, without recompense, anyone who has been drinking or who is suspected of having consumed alcohol. We would be extremely disappointed if students placed us in this position.

Students are expected to arrange their own transport to and from the event; dress is formal. If there is a concern in this respect, please speak with Mrs Potter.

If your child would like to attend, please make payment via Wisepay and complete and return the attached consent form to Mrs Potter, Pastoral Lead for Year 11 by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

Tickets are subject to students' good behaviour throughout the year and during the summer examinations and the return of all borrowed resources. Tickets for the Summer Ball will be issued during the Year 11 Celebration Assembly on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The assembly will be held in the hall from 8.30am until 10am.

## Yearbooks

The Yearbooks cost £7. If you would like to purchase a Yearbook, please complete the order form attached and make payment on Wisepay. Payments for Year Book need to be made by 25<sup>th</sup> April. Yearbooks will be handed out at the end of the Celebration Assembly.

## Passport to Independent Study

Year 11 students are involved in our 'Passport to Independent Study' scheme where students with 135 commendations (as calculated on Thursday 22nd May) will be able to study independently at home. Students can also collect additional commendations to work towards other benefits listed below. Commendations are awarded in line with the school's reward policy.

As in previous years, students are expected to attend all lessons through to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

From Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, students are expected to be in school if they have **not** achieved the 135 commendations required and will attend all lessons and examinations. Students who have Independent Study granted are still welcome to study in school, however, they must follow their normal timetable, where private study or revision lessons will take place. At all times students are expected to attend school in full school uniform. Please inform us if you do not wish your child to be granted Independent Study. Final permission to study independently is also at the discretion of the Headteacher.

We trust that this will give students enough supported preparation to enable them to be successful in their examinations. If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Students require a target of 135 Commendations for the privilege of Independent Study. For students that have exceeded this target we have included further incentives:

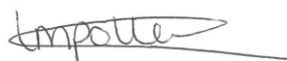
- 200 commendations - a Yearbook funded by school
- 275 commendations - £5 refund on the cost of a Summer Ball ticket and then £5 refund for each extra 25 commendations up to 350 commendations

Students are still able to collect commendations until 22nd May 2025. Commendation totals can be checked online via students' own MyHighcliffe. We are asking for full payment initially with the money off being returned to students subsequently via Wisepay.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Holmes  
Head of Achievement  
Year 11



Mrs Potter  
Pastoral Lead  
Year 11



**Year 11 Summer Ball and Yearbook**

**Please return this form to the Pastoral Lead Office by 25th April 2025**

**Student name .....** **Tutor Group .....**

**Parent Agreement:**

I agree to my child attending the Year 11 Summer Ball on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and support the right of the Head of Achievement to exclude students, without recompense, on the night if the need occurs. I accept that once my child has left the venue the school is not responsible for their behaviour or safety. My child will be collected by 10.30pm.

I realise that the Ball ticket will only be issued on completion of a successful academic year, good behaviour throughout Year 11 and the return of all borrowed resources.

Signed ..... Parent                      Date .....

**Student Agreement:**

I agree that the Year 11 Summer Ball will be a non-smoking, non-alcoholic event and that I will be excluded from the event, without recompense, if it is suspected that I have been drinking. I understand that, to receive my invitation, I must have had good behaviour throughout Year 11, have had a successful exam period and returned all borrowed resources.

I understand that if I leave the venue during the evening, I will not be allowed to re-join the Ball. I will be collected from the venue by 10.30pm.

Signed ..... Student                      Date .....

- I would like to attend the Summer Ball, at a cost of £27 and have paid by WisePay and my reference number is .....
- I do not wish to attend the Year 11 Summer Ball Evening
- I would like to pay for a Yearbook, at a cost of £7.00 and have paid by WisePay and my reference number is .....
- I do not wish to order a Yearbook