

Attendance at the School's 2023/24 Year 11 Celebration

Dear Parent/Guardian

The final few weeks and those "all important" GCSE exams are fast approaching for Year 11. Can we firstly thank you for the help and support over the last 5 years. There will be letters to follow that will outline the revision programme that the school will put in place to support our Year 11 pupils and help them to make every success of their exams.

Summer Celebration: Details

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that we are once again able to gather as a year group to celebrate our time together at Bryngwyn. With the challenges of increased costs for food, energy bills and other household goods we are extremely conscious of adding pressures to households' budgets, but we hope that all our pupils who are able to, will join us at the event which has always been a special occasion for our departing pupils. The event aims to mark the end of their time here at Bryngwyn, celebrate their experiences with us and gives us the chance to say goodbye properly, before they embark on the next exciting stage of their lives. It has always been a very positive occasion marked by exemplary behaviour that both staff and pupils enjoy immensely.

To ensure this event is accessible to **all** who wish to attend that have met the criteria below, we intend to make this years event less of a formal occasion. Putting less emphasis on expensive dresses and formal wear, whilst focusing on the aspects that make Bryngwyn such a special place, its pupils and sense of community.

We have booked the Manor Park Hotel for Monday 15th July with coaches taking pupils to and from the event. Final details will be made available to pupils at a later date.

Criteria for Attending Summer Celebration

An invitation to the Celebration is based on pupils' positive contribution to the school. It is an inclusive event where we try and give all pupils the opportunity to attend. However, we do have to reflect on the conduct and commitment that our young people have demonstrated when we consider the invitations. In this context, certain standards of behaviour and attendance have had to be set as a benchmark in order for a pupil to be considered for an invitation. A threshold has been set for behaviour and attendance, **both of which must be achieved**.

Attendance:

The whole school target for attendance for all pupils is **95% for the year**. However, pupils with below 95% attendance can still achieve the attendance target with the discretion of staff, by significantly improving their attendance and meeting agreed targets **from Monday 26th January and Friday 24th May**. Of course, special consideration will be given to those pupils who have ongoing medical conditions that are supported by medical evidence.

Behaviour:

The target set for behaviour is a **minimum of 50 Achievement Points and to have a positive aggregated conduct score overall**. Achievement points are awarded for good conduct, excellent effort and attendance at revision sessions etc. while negative points or Behaviour Points are given for lateness, lack of homework and poor behaviour etc. Both positive and negative points are recorded on the school's SIMS data system. Aggregated Conduct points are calculated automatically by subtracting behaviour points from achievement points. E.g. a pupil with 20 achievement points (for good conduct) but who has 5 behaviour points (poor behaviour) will have an aggregated conduct score of $20 - 5 = 15$ Conduct points.

Please remember that each student has the opportunity to achieve 5 points each week from their form teacher by simply collecting their PUCKA points. These 5 points are awarded to any individual who has completed the following for a full week. These bonus points will be added to any issued by staff during the course of the school day giving pupils ample opportunity to achieve the criteria.

Punctuality

Uniform

Conduct (no behaviour points)

Kit (correct equipment)

Attendance (full week)

For all year groups, conduct points are reset at the start of each term. However, for Year 11, the **Summer Celebration Conduct Points** that will be used as a criteria for invitation to the event, will reflect the behaviour and conduct of pupils in Year 11 between **January 26th and Friday 24th May 2023**. Pupils will need to achieve a minimum of **50** achievement points in this period. We will update you on your child's progress towards these targets throughout the timeframe indicated to avoid any unnecessary disappointment.

However, it should be pointed out that we still reserve the right to withdraw an invitation to the celebration for a pupil, either as a result of their failure to meet the target set above or due to a specific serious breach of school rules. Any pupil whose invitation is withdrawn, and who might have already paid, will be entitled to their money back minus any deposit that the school might have already been obliged to pay. Therefore, parents need to be clear about their child's current position as regards attendance and behaviour before proceeding with any purchases and/or deposits on dresses, suits and/or any other purchases made in anticipation of the event (e.g. hair/make-up/jewellery) as the school cannot be held liable or accountable for any deposits or costs paid by parents/pupils which are associated with the celebration.

We hope that all pupils will make every effort to meet the targets set and join us at our celebration in July. It is a very positive experience for all concerned and as a school we make every effort to make the event as inclusive as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

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