

JFU/ppo

25 June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the examination period for our Year 11 students, we begin to turn our attention to the Summer Ball which is the well-deserved celebration of our Year 11's time with us at Durrington. As we are now just a matter of days from the Summer Ball and I am writing to confirm the final arrangements for both parents / carers and students for the event.

As you will be aware, the Summer Ball is being held this year at the Avisford Park Hilton Hotel, Arundel on the 28th June. The ball will be hosted in the Grand Hall at the far end of the hotel building and this fantastic venue is a very fitting place to hold a formal celebration for the students and staff.

Following the Leavers Assembly on Thursday 28th June in the Hall, students will have the opportunity to collect their Summer Ball ticket. Can I also remind parents that all students must attend the Leavers Assembly in **full and complete uniform**. Tickets will only be issued once students have been formally signed off, having sat their exams appropriately, returned all textbooks and school resources including their Library books. Please be aware that entrance to the Summer Ball is by ticket only. Students who have ordered a leavers hoodie will be able to collect this at the same time.

Students are welcome to arrive at the venue for 6:30pm and parents are welcome to be present at the Hotel for their arrival. Parents and carers who wish to attend the arrival of the students should park in the main hotel car park and walk around to the link way lawn down towards the Grand Hall Area. Please be aware that parking will be limited and that hotel stewards will direct you to suitable places to park. Parents /carers are welcome to take photos of their own children but will not be able to enter the building or the Grand Hall.

The formal start of the Summer Ball is at 7pm and it will finish at 10pm and all students will need to ensure that they have transport from the venue booked appropriately. There will be a buffet meal served for the students, a disco and various student and staff awards that will be given out during the evening. A welcome drink is provided on arrival and students can purchase further soft drinks from the cash, alcohol free bar throughout the evening. Students will also have the opportunity to have photos taken by a professional photographer for £10 per photo or 3 for £20. These will be available for purchase and collection on the evening but please note that payment will be cash only.

The Summer Ball is a highlight of our school calendar every year and by hosting the event at such a wonderful venue it promises to be a truly fitting celebration of our student's hard work and contribution to Durrington High School. We know how much the students are looking forward to the event but I would stress that our expectation of the student's behaviour remains as high as ever.

Should you have questions relating to the event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Fuller
Assistant Headteacher