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Year 11 Valentine's Ball – Thursday 14th February 2019

Your son/daughter is cordially invited to attend the Year 11 Ball on Thursday 14th February 2019.

This year the ball will take place at Hilton Watford, Elton Way, Watford, WD25 8HA

At the 2019 Year 11 Valentine's Ball, students will enjoy:

- A light finger buffet;
- A dance floor with a DJ playing music for all tastes;
- A free photo booth for use throughout the evening;
- A sweet stand/stall;
- A photographer to take formal photographs which can be purchased for £12 to take away on the evening or selected and purchased later on the photographer's website.

The cost of the ball is **£30 per person**. Tickets can be purchased via the online ParentPay system from **Monday 14th January to Monday 4th February 12 noon**. By purchasing the ticket, you are automatically giving permission for your child to attend the event. The final tickets will be issued to students on Thursday 14th February via their Form Tutor. All students must collect their tickets in person and **must attend school on that day and for the whole day**. Students are not permitted to take any time off school for shopping, getting their outfits ready, or visits to the hairdresser etc.

On the evening of the 14th February 2019, students should **arrive from 7pm for 7:30pm start, with no admittance after 8pm; all students must have left the venue by 11:15pm**. Nower Hill High School students must have a ticket to be permitted entry to the event. Other than current Year 11 students and supervising staff, no other people will be allowed entry. It is a prestigious occasion and the dress code is formal wear. Students will also take part in some formal dancing during the evening, which they will learn during their Physical Education lessons leading up to the event.

Once students have entered the venue, they will not be allowed to leave the Ball until 11:00pm when the event finishes. Staff cannot take any responsibility for students after 11.15pm. If you are arranging additional transport (limousines etc.) from Watford Hilton Hotel rather than collecting your child yourself, it is your responsibility to check that it has arrived and that your child boards safely. For safeguarding purposes, we would recommend that all students be collected by a parent/carer or nominated adult at 11.00pm, as the school cannot accept responsibility for students on their homeward journey.

In order to attend this notable event, students will have to meet a set of behaviour standards, which



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have been shared with the students and will be reinforced weekly. These standards were also communicated to parents/carers at the recent Information Evening. Students will not be permitted to attend the event if from **Monday 3rd December to Wednesday 13th February** your son/daughter receives any of the following:

- 6x or more Late marks to class/registration
- 6x or more behaviour points of any kind
- **Any Internal Exclusion/Fixed Term Exclusion**

As an additional incentive, for every 5 achievement points gained during the monitoring period, students can deduct a late mark or behaviour point from their total.

We reserve the right to remove a child from the Ball outside of this criteria if warranted. We would respectfully request that parents and carers do not challenge our decision with regard to meeting the criteria for attendance at the Ball; the school's decision will be final. If a student has already purchased a ticket but fails to meet the listed criteria, they will not be refunded.

This is always a very memorable occasion for staff and students and clearly high standards of behaviour are expected. Parents/carers will be asked to collect students who arrive appearing to have consumed alcohol and/or drugs. As a precaution, bags and coats will be searched at the door; any prohibited items will be confiscated and the student will have to be collected immediately by parents/carers. In either of these circumstances, no refunds would be given. Smoking will also not be permitted.

Unfortunately, students will be refused entry if the school has not received the ticket payment or the student has failed to meet any of the pre-conditions previously raised in this letter.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our Year Group.

Yours sincerely

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