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Dear Parent / Carer

As I am sure you are aware there have been several changes for the **2012 Year 11 Prom**.

The first is that the venue has changed from The Fourways Inn at Delamere to Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club in Whitegate. If you have not seen the Abbey please take the time to look at the website (www.vra.co.uk). It will provide an impressive setting for the evening, where each student can arrive and feel proud of their achievements and being a part of the 'Class of 2012'. The event will take place on **Friday 6 July 2012**. This will avoid any conflict with examinations which finish at the end of June for all students. The exact times have yet to be confirmed. I will be asking for volunteers from the year group to form a Prom Committee to plan and organise the running of the night so that it can be their Year 11 event.

The second change has been the introduction of the 'Passport to the Prom'. Every student will be required to collect 10 signatures from members of staff, as well as a signature from their parent/carer before signing the Passport themselves. A completed Passport and payment can then be handed in and exchanged for a ticket.

The Passport is intended to be a way of rewarding and recognising the commitment and hard work of the majority of students. Those who consistently strive to do their best and aspire to be successful will be able to collect signatures without needing to do anything differently. Some students may need to improve their attitude, effort or behaviour in order to complete their Passport. Signatures can be awarded for a variety of reasons, for example, attending regular revision sessions at lunch time or after school, handing in a good piece of coursework or a noticeable change in behaviour within lessons.

It is important to stress that each and every student in the year group has the same opportunity of completing their Passport. All students have been informed of the process in Assembly so that they have the chance to work towards each signature. Allowances may be made for some students who are taught by the same teacher for more than one subject to ensure that the system is fair. If you feel that there may be an issue please ask your child to speak to me or contact me directly. Passports will be distributed to students after February half term to allow time for staff to make the necessary assessments. Information about the 'Passport to the Prom' will also be shared at the **Year 11 Parents Evening on 19 January 2012**.

Once again, this is a strategy for maintaining and improving all positive aspects which will help each student to achieve their own potential and excel in their Year 11 examinations.

I have negotiated a number of prizes from local companies involved in providing services for the Prom which will be awarded for completed Passports selected in a 'draw' before the event.

If you have any further questions regarding this or any other matter relating to the next few months of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours sincerely
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