

AST/GHA

10 March 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

**Re: Year 11 Prom – July 2021**

I would like to start by acknowledging the terrific return to the academy that we have seen from all our students but especially our Year 11's who have returned to the academy in a mature, positive and focused manner. This approach has seen them integrate back into face to face learning seamlessly and enabled them to begin and proceed with focusing on their remaining time at the Plume Academy.

As expected, the Year 11's passion for their outcomes and GCSE's has been met with an enthusiasm and sense of optimism regarding the Year 11 celebrations that usually proceed the examination period. The end of year assembly, a shirt signing day, the last day of the academic term and the most prominent event, the Year 11 prom.

Therefore, working alongside the academy's Senior Leadership Team and Year 11's pastoral team of Mr Rose, Mrs D'Arcy-Smith and the form tutors, I can share that we are working tremendously hard to see what can be arranged for the Year 11's and the culmination of their time in secondary education and we will be able to share the outcome of our decision, planning and bespoke approach on **Friday 26 March 2021**.

In the interim and until that date, I will expect that some students will have questions regarding the decision and how that will look, however, until we have agreed our plan of action in line with Government restrictions, we are limited with the information that can be shared.

If any stakeholders have any queries regarding the Year 11 Prom or end of year events, please feel free to email me [a.stoneman@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:a.stoneman@plume.essex.sch.uk) and I will do my best to answer, however, the decision for the final arrangements will not be shared until the date previously mentioned. Additionally, please note that you have until Friday 26 March to purchase a year book and/or hoodie, please contact Mr Rose for further details [d.rose@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:d.rose@plume.essex.sch.uk).

I hope that the following communication goes some way to reassure students, parents and carers that are we already planning how we can best support and sign off their time at Plume in the style that such an outstanding and wonderful year group truly deserve. However, for now, the students must focus upon having positive attendance, engagement and progress within all their lessons as we approach the final stages of their GCSE studies.

Many thanks in advance of your usual level of support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Mr A Stoneman**

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