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Dear Parent/Carer

In recent weeks we have been trying to make plans for a celebration event for our Y11 Leavers. This has not been as straight forward as in previous years due to ongoing restrictions in place around Covid-19, and the possibility that national restrictions are still subject to change at any time. For this reason, we have been looking at different options, both onsite and offsite.

At the same time, the school is also about to undertake major construction work in the building of a dining room extension and new classroom wing and our contractors have now confirmed that work will start on the school site on 1st June. This work will obviously have an impact on the day to day running of the school and will limit our capacity in providing an on-site event, in the way we had initially hoped. For this reason and because I am aware there will be costs involved at a time when many family finances will be stretched, I wanted to contact you all and ask for your opinion/preference in the decision we make.

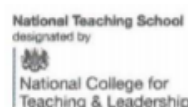
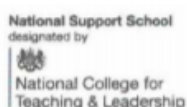
We are now in a position to propose 2 very different event options for our students. These are outlined below with estimated costs.

- Option 1 – A year 11 leavers celebration. This would be held onsite in Veitch Hall. We would plan to decorate the hall for the students and run a fun, celebration assembly, followed by a disco and buffet. This would be a very low-key event, students would attend in casual/non-uniform clothing, celebrating their time at our school. The cost involved would be **£10.00 per student**. If government restrictions were to change between now and the event, it would be able to go ahead as long as the school is open.
- Option 2 – A formal Leaver's Ball. This would be held on Thursday 24th June at The Ramside Hall from 7.00pm to 11pm. This would include a 3-course formal dinner followed by a disco and the cost would be **£35.00 per student**. I must make parents aware that if the government were to change their current guidance and impose further restrictions to those currently in place, there is a risk that this event might not be able to go ahead. If this were the case, the school would refund the £35.00 paid for the event, however I am conscious that this could still leave parents out of pocket for other items purchased.

To enable us to make a final decision on this and then communicate the event details to yourselves and our students I would be grateful if you would reply to the text message we have sent to you today with your preferred choice. Simply text 1 or 2 by the end of Thursday, 13th May. I thank you in advance for your help with this matter and I will contact you again on Friday, 14th May, when all feedback has been received.

Yours faithfully

Mrs F Craik
Acting Executive Headteacher



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