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Dear Year 11 learner & parent / carer,

After a successful period of mock exams for Year 11 learners, we are now in the process of starting to organise our Year 11 Achievement Ceremony for 2024. We have a provisional day of Friday July 5th booked and we would like to ask for your views on the type of event you think would be suitable for our Year 11 Achievement celebration for 2024.

Below, we have suggested possible options of different styles of achievement ceremonies that we have previously organised and we have also taken the opportunity to suggest options from other schools in the local area.

We have very seriously considered ongoing financial issues and the cost of living crisis, and wish to keep costs down for families with regards to unnecessary expenses. We would not want any learners or their families to feel under pressure to spend unnecessary amounts of money for this event. Nor for any learner to be excluded due to financial pressures. We also recognise that our Year 11 Learners are keen to have an event that is a celebration and we would want to celebrate their achievements with them too.

As in previous years, attendance, behaviour and attainment criteria will apply to learner invites along with Class Charts points.

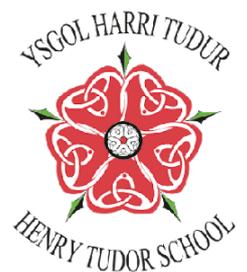
Option 1

- An informal afternoon event in our wellbeing garden for all learners.
- Learners choose what they want to wear but usual casual dress is expected.
- All staff would be able to be in attendance.
- We would cover the cost of catering (meal, desert, cake and goodie bag) and an awards ceremony will be conducted outside with prizes for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc.
- In 2022, our theme was a festival and there were opportunities for learners to say their goodbyes to all staff and learners in an informal, relaxed event whilst also being rewarded for their achievements.

Option 2

- A formal afternoon Achievement Ceremony in our main Hall where each learner can invite one guest (which is the same as previous pre pandemic years due to Hall restrictions on numbers).
- Learners choose what they want to wear but usual casual to formal dress is expected. Only a small number of staff would be in attendance due to the restrictions on numbers. Tea, coffee and refreshments would be provided by the school immediately after the ceremony.

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- The Awards ceremony would be conducted in the hall with prizes for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc.

Option 3

- A formal afternoon Achievement Ceremony in the main Hall where each learner can invite one guest (which is the same as previous years due to Hall restrictions on numbers).
- Learners choose what they want to wear but usual casual to formal dress is expected.
- Prizes would be awarded for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc.
- Tea, coffee and refreshments would be provided by the school immediately after the ceremony.
- The hall would then be made available for a Year 11 dance / disco and parents would leave, the disco would be supervised by staff.

Each of the options above allows parents/learners to organise their own much later evening event, which has been the norm in pre pandemic years and also in 2023.

Please talk to your child and share your views on the google form.

[GOOGLE FORM](#)

There will be one return for parent/carer views and one return for the learners.
Response needed by 3rd May, returns after this date will not be able to be taken into account.

Once all viewpoints have been submitted and collated, then I will be back in contact with you with more information on our celebratory event 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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