



Whitburn Church of England Academy

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'Excellence for All'

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Year 11 Leavers' Ball Thursday 29th June 2017 – Ramside Hall Hotel Durham

Dear Parent/Carer

On **Thursday 29th June 2017** the Academy has arranged a Leavers' Ball for Year 11 at the Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham. The cost of the event is £40.00 which covers; a three course meal, transport to and from the venue, photography and a disco. We hope to cover the cost of the event from parental voluntary contributions; please note that in the event of insufficient voluntary contributions being forthcoming, then the ball will not take place.

The pupils will leave the Academy at 6:30pm by coach and they will return at approximately 12:00 midnight. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements for your daughter/son to be collected upon their return, as we cannot be responsible for pupils after this time.

A photographer will be available to take photographs of the pupils on the night. The photographs will then be available to download from a password protected website after the event; the cost of this service has already been added to the ticket price.

Our Year 11 Leavers' Ball is the social highlight of the year for many pupils and has been a successful event over many years. As the pupils have officially left the Academy after their GCSE examinations, we always rely on a strong degree of trust and maturity regarding behaviour and standards. This ensures that both pupils and staff who attend can fully enjoy and celebrate this evening at a private function where staff not only volunteer to attend but also pay to do so.

To be allowed to attend this event, we therefore stipulate that from receipt of this letter until the final day of leaving the academy, any incidents of poor behaviour, especially refusal to accept the authority of staff, will lead to pupils having their invitation removed. Attendance at school will also be taken into consideration and pupils who have poor attendance will also have their invitation removed unless there are exceptional circumstances to justify their absence.

I must point out that pupils will not be allowed on the coach if staff suspect that they have been drinking or if they have alcohol on their person.

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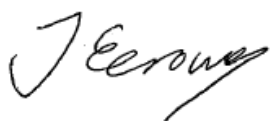
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Payment for the event can be made in full or by three instalments either online via ParentPay or by cash / cheque (made payable to Whitburn Church of England Academy) at the Academy Business Office. The permission slip, meal choice and payment must be received in full no later than **Friday 5th May 2017**. Pupils should hand the permission slip and meal choice attached to this form to the Academy Business Office where the seating plan will also be held; pupils will be able to choose their seat when their menu choice has been submitted.

If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact the Academy Business Office. These concerns will be treated confidentially and some financial support is available.

Year upon year the Leavers' Ball has continued to be well attended and is eagerly anticipated by pupils and staff alike. This penultimate event is an occasion for pupils to wear formal dress and socialise with all of their peers one last time before the GCSE Certificate Evening in November. I hope that all pupils will choose to attend the ball.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Crowe', written in a cursive style.

J Crowe
Deputy Head Teacher

Year 11 Leavers' Ball
Thursday 29th June 2017 – Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham

I give permission for my daughter/son (name) in Form
to attend the Year 11 Leavers' Ball on Thursday 29th June 2017. I understand that this is a private
function and permission to attend will be withdrawn for incidents of poor behaviour or persistent
absence between now and the Ball. No refunds will be made under such circumstances.

I have made arrangements for my daughter/son to travel home from the Academy when they return
from the ball at approximately 12:00 midnight.

I enclose:

*the full amount of £40.00 (cheques should be made payable to Whitburn C of E Academy)

*the first instalment of £15.00 payable by 24th March

*the second instalment of £15.00 payable by 22nd April

*the final instalment of £10.00 payable by 5th May

*I have paid the *first instalment / *full amount online via ParentPay

(*Please delete as appropriate)

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Print Name

Menu Choice: Please Tick 1 Starter, 1 Main and 1 Dessert

Starters	Classic Chicken Caesar Salad	Tomato and roasted red pepper soup with sour cream drizzle	
Mains	Chicken stuffed with Tomato and Mozzarella, Garlic and Basil Cream Sauce	Braised feather blade steak, wild mushroom bourgignon, truffle oil and black pepper mash	Halloumi and black sesame seed filo triangle on warm tomato and pasta salad, mini pesto baguette
Desserts	Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce and vanilla bean ice cream	Chocolate brownie, clotted cream ice cream and double chocolate sauce	White chocolate cheesecake with raspberry coulis