



# Whitburn Church of England Academy

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## Year 11 Leavers' Ball at Beamish Hall – an update

Dear Parent/Carer

We have resumed communication with the venue and as restrictions begin to ease and things begin to open up again, we are remaining hopeful that the Leaver's Ball will go ahead on the provisional date of **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Beamish Hall**; so for now our provisional booking still stands.

However, given the ongoing situation and with the easing of restrictions being constantly under review, we obviously cannot ascertain for sure that this event will go ahead as planned. We need to stress that this is a **provisional date only** and there is a chance that this event could be cancelled, due to circumstances out of our control. Therefore we must advise that you continue to refrain from buying any expensive 'prom attire' or securing any appointments or paying deposits until we can be sure that this event will go ahead.

Be assured that I will keep you updated as and when I have any further information and, all being well, I will send out further details about timings and costs in the coming weeks. We envisage that the cost will be around **£40.00 per pupil**, including evening meal and transport from and back to school. We will contact you when this is on ParentPay, with further guidance on payment. If anyone has issues regarding payment, then please do not hesitate to contact the Academy. These concerns will be treated confidentially.

Our Year 11 Leavers' Ball is the social highlight of the year for many students and has been a successful event over many years. As the students 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 students 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 students having their invitation removed. Attendance at school will also be taken into consideration and students who have poor attendance will also have their invitation removed, unless there are exceptional circumstances to justify their absence.

If you have any questions relating to the provisional date of the Leavers' Ball, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Main Academy Office.

Yours faithfully

**N Henderson**  
**Head of Learning Year 11**

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