



Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

Following up on yesterday's urgent communication, we are writing to share the rescheduled details for the Year 11 Prom.

We are truly devastated that the Red Weather Warning forced us, in agreement with AGS, to postpone the event. We completely share your deep disappointment and frustration. We know how much planning, excitement, and investment has gone into this night. This cohort has worked incredibly hard for their GCSEs, and having already missed out on vital milestones due to Covid, we want nothing more than to give them the celebration they so richly deserve.

Please be assured that this decision was not taken lightly. Because the emergency decision to close the school for Wednesday and Thursday had to be made so rapidly for health and safety reasons, our absolute priority yesterday was simply getting the alert out to everyone as fast as possible. We appreciate that the brief notice was frustrating, and we thank you for your patience while we worked behind the scenes to find a solution.

Ultimately, the official advice we received regarding the extreme heat meant the risks to staff and students were simply too great. While the venue's main room is air-conditioned, the event relies heavily on outdoor elements, including arrivals, security queues, and the use of the terrace. Our absolute priority must be the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

However, we are determined not to let the weather stand in the way of celebrating. We have spent the last 24 hours working tirelessly with AGS, the Rugby Club, and our suppliers to secure an alternative, and we are thrilled to confirm a rescheduled date:

The Year 11 Prom New Date: Wednesday, 8th July Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

We know this delay is disruptive, but please hold onto those outfits and that excitement! This special night is absolutely still happening, and we cannot wait to see all of our students dressed up and celebrating together.

We will send out more specific details, including arrival arrangements, very soon. Thank you so much for your understanding, co-operation, and support as we navigated this weather emergency.

Best wishes,

Marieke Forster