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Dear families

Year 11 – Leavers’ Celebration

It has become a tradition in schools to host an end of Year 11 Prom, where families are placed under significant financial pressure to purchase prom dresses/suits, limousines and entry tickets, not to mention the additional cost of after-parties etc., which are also becoming increasingly popular.

Given the financial hardship experienced by many over the last two years of the Covid pandemic and the current rising cost of living, we feel we cannot justify the arrangement of any event that puts families under more financial pressure.

We have decided instead to arrange a Year 11 Leavers’ Celebration, towards the end of the exam season on a date to be announced. This event will take place during school time; it will be free of charge to students and will allow them to celebrate the end of their examinations and their time at secondary school with friends and teachers.

A similar event was held for last year’s Year 11 leavers, which was hugely successful and received extremely positive feedback from staff, students and their families. We hope that, like us, you feel this is a sensible and supportive decision, taken in the best interest of families during the current economic climate.

Our priority as an academy now is to focus our support on Year 11 students in the build up to their summer examinations, so that we can provide them with the foundations for a bright and successful future when they leave Newhouse Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Aspden'.

Mr M Aspden
Deputy Headteacher