



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

Leavers' Ball

I am writing to give you further details about the Leavers' Ball which, as you know, will take place on **Friday 23 June 2017** at the George Washington Hotel, High Usworth, Washington.

Tickets are available for purchase by pupils from the School Office from Friday 12 May 2017, at a price of £30. These will be available to purchase at break, lunchtime and after school. Cheques should be made payable to 'Venerable Bede Academy School Fund'.

A copy of the dinner menu is enclosed. Any pupil requiring the vegetarian option must indicate this. I would be happy to discuss any other dietary requirements on an individual basis.

Where possible we will allow groups of friends to sit together. Group size should be up to a maximum of ten pupils. Requests for grouped seating should be made on the seating request sheets available from the School Office and returned no later than Wednesday 7 June 2017. We cannot guarantee that everyone will get seated in their preferred groups but we will try our best. It is more likely that we will be able to accommodate seating requests if pupils have the maximum permitted number per table in their group. I will personally discuss seating arrangements with individual pupils where they cannot be accommodated.

We have booked a photographer to attend the function, so there is the opportunity for a professional portrait of either individuals or groups of pupils. We have asked that the photographer is available between 6.15 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. A single individual portrait is priced at £6.00. This can be paid for on the evening in cash or by cheque made payable to "Phototronics". Multiple copies of photographs are available to order from the photographer.

The Leavers' Ball will formally open and pupils can take their seats from 7.00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 7.30 p.m. The last dance will take place at 11.00 p.m. and the event closes no later than 11.30 p.m.

The Leavers' Ball is a very special and memorable occasion. We are more than happy for family and friends to come along to the venue to see their children before the official start of the Leavers' Ball. Naturally this is something that you should discuss with them in person! All we ask is that parents leave the venue before the ball starts so that the pupils can enjoy the start of the Leavers' Ball in its entirety.



The George Washington Hotel operates a strict no alcohol policy to under 18's. Although we do not imagine that we would have to do any of the following, please note that we reserve the right to deny entry if pupils are suspected to be under the influence of any substance. Please make sure that school has an up-to-date contact number by completing the attached reply slip, just in case your child becomes unwell during the evening as well as for the reasons outlined above.

Formal dress is required for the Ball. An example of this would usually be a suit or equivalent for the boys, and a dress or ball gown for the girls. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of what your son/daughter would like to wear, it would be best to speak to me in person. All conversations would be held with the strictest confidentiality

May I personally take this opportunity to thank you for supporting school and your child during the time that we have spent together; we will certainly miss our Year 11. If you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Airey
Head of School

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Pupil Name: Tutor Group:

I enclose full payment for the Prom ticket

Parent/Carer Name:

Signature:

Contact Number:

Please return to the School Office by Wednesday 7 June 2017





Leavers' Ball
2017
Menu

Mocktail on arrival

Starter:

Cream of Farmhouse Vegetable Soup (v)
Served with freshly baked petit pain

Main:

Roast Breast of Chicken wrapped in pancetta,
served on Spring onion mash with a light fino sherry gravy

Vegetarian Option:

Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Torte
Served on fresh tomato and basil sauce

Dessert:



Rich Chocolate Truffle Torte
Liqueur infused rich and dark chocolate truffle, crisp base, fresh raspberries, duet of chocolate sauces