

# Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow Dysgwyr Heddiw, Arweinwyr Yfory

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Dear Year 11 learner & parent / carer,

After a successful period of mock exams for Year 11 learners, we are now in the process of starting to organise our Year 11 Achievement Ceremony for 2023.

Parent / Carer and learner: We would like to ask for your views on the type of event you think would be suitable for 2023.

Below, we have suggested possible options of different styles of achievement ceremonies that we have previously organised and we have also taken the opportunity to suggest options from other schools in the local area.

We have very seriously considered ongoing financial issues and the cost of living crisis, and wish to keep costs down for families with regards to unnecessary expenses. We would not want any learners or their families to feel under pressure to spend unnecessary amounts of money for this event. Nor for any learner to be excluded due to financial pressures. We also recognise that our Year 11 Learners are keen to have an event that is a celebration and we would want to celebrate their achievements with them too.

As in previous years, attendance, behaviour and attainment criteria will apply to learner invites.

## Option 1

An informal afternoon event in our wellbeing garden for all learners.

Learners choose what they want to wear but casual dress is expected.

All staff would be able to be in attendance.

We would cover the cost of catering (meal, desert, cake and goodie bag) and an awards

ceremony will be conducted outside with prizes for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc.

Last year our theme was a festival and there were opportunities for learners to say their goodbyes to all staff and learners in an informal, relaxed event whilst also being rewarded for their achievements.



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### **Option 2**

A formal afternoon Achievement Ceremony in our main Hall where each learner can invite one guest (which is the same as previous pre pandemic years due to Hall restrictions on numbers).

Learners choose what they want to wear, either casual or formal dress.

Only a small number of staff would be in attendance due to the restrictions on numbers.

The ceremony would include prizes for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc.

Refreshments would be provided by the school immediately after the ceremony.

### **Option 3**

A formal afternoon Achievement Ceremony in our main Hall where each learner can invite one guest (which is the same as previous pre pandemic years due to Hall restrictions on numbers).

Learners would wear school uniforms.

Only a small number of staff would be in attendance due to the restrictions on numbers.

The ceremony would include prizes for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc

An evening meal/ disco would be organised by the school for Y11 learners only. It would be a ticketed event from 6.30 - 9 pm in a venue which would accommodate and would be at a cost to learners. Learners could choose casual or formal dress. Travel would be down to learners to arrange and a small number of staff would be in attendance.

### **Option 4**

A formal Achievement Ceremony from 6.30 - 9 pm in a local venue which would accommodate Year 11 learners only and a small number of staff. An evening meal / disco would also be provided. Prizes would be awarded for nominated learners for a number of achievement categories: sporting, academic, attendance, Headteachers awards etc.

Learners could choose casual or formal dress. This would be a ticketed event at cost to learners and travel would be for the learners to arrange.

Each of the options above allows parents/learners to organise their own much later evening event, which has been the norm in pre pandemic previous years. Please talk to your child and share your views on [this google form](#). There will be one return for parent/carer views and one return for the learners. Responses needed by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, returns after this date will not be taken into account.

Once all viewpoints have been submitted and collated, then we will be back in contact with you with more information on our celebratory event 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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