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Dear Student/Parent/Guardian

I am writing to express our sincere apologies for the disappointment and inconvenience caused by the cancellation of our Year 11 Prom on Thursday 25 June 2026 and the subsequent rearrangement to **Thursday 16 July 2026**.

We fully appreciate that many students and families had made special arrangements to attend the original event. Some families have purchased outfits, organised transport, and made plans around this important milestone. We know how much students have been looking forward to celebrating the end of their school journey with their friends, and we are truly sorry that the change of date has resulted in some students now being unable to attend.

A number of parents have understandably asked why the event has been rescheduled for the final week of term. This decision was not taken lightly. Unfortunately, whichever date we chose, there would inevitably be some students who had already made commitments and would be unable to attend. The date we have selected allows our staff team, who are generously giving up their own time to make the event possible, to put the necessary arrangements in place and ensure the prom can be safely and successfully delivered.

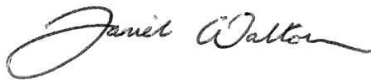
In addition, we cannot ignore the current weather forecasts. With another period of extremely hot weather and possible red warning expected next week, there remains a significant possibility that any event held sooner could face further disruption or cancellation. Temperatures are already forecast to be 29 degrees on Thursday. We felt it was important to choose a date that gives us the best chance of providing the celebration that our students deserve.

Please be assured that we are thinking carefully about those students who will now be unable to attend the prom. We are exploring ways to recognise and celebrate the end of Year 11 for everyone and will share further information as soon as we are able. It is important to us that all students feel acknowledged as they reach this significant milestone.

We never intended for the prom to take place in the final week of term. The original date was specifically chosen because we believed it would allow the greatest number of Year 11 students to attend. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond our control have required us to make difficult decisions, and we appreciate your understanding as we try to balance the needs of all students with the practical realities involved.

Once again, I would like to offer my sincere apologies to those students and families affected by these changes. We understand the disappointment this has caused and are grateful for the patience, understanding and support shown by our school community.

Kindest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Daniel Walton'.

Daniel Walton
Head Teacher