

Our Ref JP/AH/RMO

8th June 2023



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Dear Parent/Carer

The below letter details some information to consider regarding the Year 11 Prom, which is taking place on Friday 7th July 2023.

If you are considering hiring a stretched limousine and other luxury or performance vehicles for your child's prom night then please make sure that you take the necessary precautions. Not all companies that advertise these services are licensed. Hiring a vehicle and driver that has not been properly vetted and licensed could put your child and their peers at risk. The driver may not have had a criminal record check or the vehicle may not be roadworthy. Unlicensed vehicles and drivers won't be insured.

In the last 6 years, DVSA has impounded 31 unsafe limousines. You can carry out simple checks to make sure that the limo you book is safe and legal. The checks you need to do depend on how many passenger seats the limo has. Companies hiring out a vehicle and driver with fewer than nine seats may require a private hire vehicle operator's licence from City of Wolverhampton Council. Ask the company if they are licensed and which local authority licenses them, then contact that authority to confirm.

You can also check to see if they are licensed online at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/licences/taxi-licences by clicking 'Online Licence Registers' and then selecting 'Operators'. Companies hiring out a limousine with a driver with 9 passenger seats or more must have a public service vehicle (PSV) operator licence, issued by a Traffic Commissioner. You can online at www.gov.uk/find-vehicle-operators.

If they don't have a licence, they could be operating illegally. You can report this at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/licences/taxi-licences/taxi-complaints or by calling 01902 55 TAXI.

Final Arrangements

- A polite, reminder doors will open for the Y11 Prom at 7pm. Therefore, please aim to arrive between 6.30 – 6.45pm for welcome photographs with friends and family.
- Under no circumstance are pupils allowed to have alcohol on their possession or to consume alcohol prior or during the event.
- Pupils will need to be collect at 12pm at the very latest.
- If final payment is yet to be made can this be completed via the MCAS App by Monday 12th June 2023 at the very latest please so the venue can be paid for.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch by contacting Mr Hill (Assistant Headteacher) by calling 01902 558222 or email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
Headteacher

