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Dear Parents

LEAVERS' CELEBRATIONS 2010

We are rapidly moving towards your son/daughter leaving our family of St Benedict's – an important milestone, not only for the young people themselves, but also for you as their parents, and for us as staff. May I take this opportunity to thank you now for all your support over the past five years.

We pride ourselves on making careful arrangements to ensure that your son/daughter's leaving school will be appropriate. As a result, I would like to outline here how the celebrations will run this year, and to make clear the school's expectations of the young people so that you are able to re-emphasise these before the events take place.

On the afternoon of Thursday 13 May at approximately 4.00 pm, the whole year group will celebrate their Leavers' Mass. This celebration will mark in the best way possible the culmination of five years of Catholic secondary education. The Mass will be totally prepared by the young people themselves in order to reflect their faith journey whilst at school. This year all parents are cordially invited to attend the celebratory Mass. We hope all families will be represented. It will be wonderful to see everyone together.

The following day, Friday 14 May, Year 11 will not be required to attend school. The social celebrations will take place on Friday 14 May. At the request of the year group, this year's celebration will take place at Henley Golf Club in Henley in Arden under the kind supervision of our staff.

The evening will begin at 7.30 pm. Entrance will be by ticket only, dress will be smart/formal, no visitors permitted, and will end at 11.00 pm. All should arrive on time and all should be collected by parents at the end of the evening at 11.00 pm prompt. Rooms have been reserved at the hotel for St Benedict's as a private function – the young people, as a result, will be restricted to these facilities only throughout the evening, no guests permitted.



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After a formal welcome by the Headteacher and staff there will follow a buffet, disco and sharing of celebratory cake. In view of age, a non-alcoholic bar will serve drinks (payable on night) throughout the evening. A professional photographer has also been booked (again payable on the night).

There is a clear expectation that no young person should partake of alcohol, cigarettes or drugs, either before, during or after our celebration. This has also been made clear to the young people themselves who fully understand that should this occur, they will be sent home and excluded from school. I do not enjoy having to say this as we trust our pupils but we have been advised to be crystal clear in this area.

I would ask parents therefore to be aware that any limousine booked for transport to the venue should not include a complimentary bar serving alcoholic drinks, but one serving soft drinks only to avoid any embarrassment. Limousines should not be booked for return journeys, since parents alone are to collect the pupils after the evening.

We would like the leavers' celebrations of 2010 to provide a meaningful and enjoyable way in which fond and lasting memories of years spent at St Benedict's can be shared. I ask for your co-operation to make this possible. It should also be noted that at no time should any pupil/family feel pressured to purchase new and expensive attire for this evening or to lavish money on limousine transport.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Wilks
Assistant Headteacher

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TO BE RETURNED TO MRS WILKS RE: LEAVERS' CELEBRATIONS 2010

Pupil's Name _____ Form _____

I have received the letter concerning the Leavers' Celebrations and confirm that my child and I will comply with the arrangements.

I/We will/will not be attending the Leavers' Mass. Number attending _____

Signed _____ Dated _____