



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Heckmondwike Grammar School is a multi-faith school and we pride ourselves on our inclusive environment, ensuring that equal opportunities are had by all.

Many of our students follow the Islamic faith and celebrate two Eids. One Eid comes at the end of Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, which students have just celebrated and one comes at the end of Hajj, Eid-ul-Adha, that is still to come in roughly two months.

The original date of the Year 11 Prom of Friday 8 July meant that we were in the window just after Eid-ul-Adha, but Ramadan for many of our students started a day earlier than expected and finished a day earlier too. Islam follows a lunar calendar, so dates are never truly finalised until the sighting of the moon and even then there are different interpretations depending on which ruling and country's sightings you choose to follow. This means that we will not know the exact date for Eid-ul-Adha until a few days before the Prom; however, it is now likely that it will fall around Friday 8 July.

The very difficult decision has therefore been made to move the Year 11 Prom from Friday 8 July to Friday 24 June. Fortunately, The Royal Armouries are able to accommodate this change. This alteration will mean all students can enjoy the Prom and the end of year 11 celebrations.

Please be aware that this decision has not been made lightly and is being communicated with you as quickly as possible to ensure that you have ample time to make any changes required.

We apologise for any inconveniences caused and thank you for your co-operation.

Please can I also take this opportunity to clarify that book return day will be on Wednesday **29** June.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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