



Friday 01 May 2026

Dear parents and carers

Year 11 Celebration Ball – Monday 29 June 2026

I am excited to be writing to you with the details for the Year 11 Celebration Ball which is taking place on Monday, 29 June 2026 from 7.00 pm to 11.00pm at Ashton Gate Stadium in Bristol.

Tickets:

Tickets will be available to purchase on ParentPay from 3.30pm on Friday 01 May and the deadline is Midnight on Sunday 17 May 2026. Tickets are £36.00 per student.

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding, and you would like help towards the cost of a ticket please email mailbox@backwellschool.net by 9.30 am on Monday 11 May.

This event is only available to Backwell School students in Year 11. Friends from other schools, siblings or parents are not allowed inside the venue.

Tickets will be handed to students on **Thursday 21 May from lunchtime and throughout the afternoon in the conference room**; please ensure they are kept somewhere safe.

Parents are asked to check their ParentPay accounts. If there are any outstanding debts, these must be cleared and paid prior to ticket collection. Tickets will be withheld until other debts are cleared.

What is included:

The cost of each ticket includes the venue, a photobooth with a download of pictures (sent out after the event), a disco with DJ and a buffet. When purchasing your ticket, it is important to list any allergies/food intolerances/dietary requirements (including vegetarian/vegan) your child has so these can be passed on to the catering team at Ashton Gate.

Looking the Part:

The dress code for the event is smart which would usually mean shirt and tie or dresses (either long or cocktail). We want the Year 11 Ball to be inclusive, sustainable, and affordable and we do not want families and students to be feel pressurised financially; could you borrow or rent a suit or dress from an older relative or shop second hand? Students could get together in the afternoon to paint nails or learn how to tie a bow tie perhaps!

Please bear in mind that there is limited access at Ashton Gate Stadium so **limousine and other elaborate vehicles cannot be accommodated** so please do not book these for your child(ren). There is a car park (30 minutes free stay) parents can use to drop off and collect their children attending the event – please follow signs/instructions from Ashton Gate staff.

Important rules to remember:

Attendance at the Year 11 Celebration Ball is a privilege and not a right. Students whose behaviour or attendance, including during the exam season, does not meet our expectations will not be allowed to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that this is a school event and Year 11 students are not old enough to be drinking alcohol. Should we feel any student is under the influence they will not be allowed into the ball, and you will be asked to take them home with you/collect them immediately.

Ashton Gate provide security for the evening and may, with no notice, remove a student from the venue if their behaviour is unacceptable. This would be a venue decision not a school decision and in this circumstance, you will be asked to collect them immediately. The school has hired a public venue for this event and those attending will be representing the school. We have a good reputation with Ashton Gate Stadium, who have hosted our balls for a number of years, and we want this to remain the case.

Student safety is of paramount importance to us. Therefore, students will be unable to leave the venue early, without prior parental permission being received. If you would like to give permission to allow you child to leave early, please complete the MS Form via the link below.

[MS Form - Permission to leave Y11 Celebration Ball early](#)

We look forward to celebrating with Year 11!

Kind regards



Will Penny
Headteacher