



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

DWS/LHS

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Prom Points

As you will be aware, our school has a strong tradition of rewarding positive behaviour and good attendance and it is likely that your child will have been on at least one 'reward activity' during their time at Mountbatten. This strong tradition of reward culminates this year in our Year 11 Prom. We will give details of timings and venue much closer to the date, but the reason we are writing to you today is to give you details of how students will gain their invitation.

Students will be required to earn 250 Prom points by Friday 28 May 2027 (the day before the summer half-term holiday) in order to be invited. Prom Points will be awarded by doing the things that lead to GCSE success and lost by doing things that hinder GCSE success for themselves or others. It's likely that you may have a few questions about this process, so we have set out the remainder of the letter in a 'FAQ' format.

How will prom Points be awarded?

Praise points. These are received for a variety of reasons and each one your child receives becomes a prom point. Every week your child has the chance to earn 3 'getting it right points', one each for: being in school each day; not being late; not receiving a demerit for any reason. We think homework is especially important, so *every point your child receives for completing homework will be doubled!*

Monitoring. We send monitoring home twice a year, and each time, students receive a grade for their attitude to learning and their homework for each subject. Every 3 (good) they receive will gain them 3 points; every 4 (outstanding) will gain them 4 points. A student taking 10 subjects has the potential to earn 60-80 prom points from a single round of monitoring, provided their attitude to learning and homework is at least 'good' in each subject!

How will Prom Points be lost?

We know the majority of our students are well-behaved. What is below is simply information for those that need it.

Praise demerits: Demerits are given for poor behaviour, lateness to school or lessons and lack of homework. Each one received loses a prom point. We think homework is especially important, so *every demerit your child receives for not completing homework will be doubled.*

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Detentions: The more serious the detention, the more points will be lost.

Respect detention	= 2 points lost
Head of Faculty detention	= 3 points lost
Each session in the Student Support Room	= 3 points lost
Leadership detention	= 4 points lost

If a student gets a small number of detentions, that shouldn't affect their chances. It's important that students attend detentions as failure to do so will result in escalation to more serious sanctions and result in more points being lost.

Suspensions: = 5 points lost per day suspended

250 is a large number, isn't the target too high?

Not at all. It's not supposed to be a barrier, but an incentive to positive behaviour and good attendance. Last year over 90% of the students achieved this target.

How will my child and I know how they are progressing towards their target?

Prom points will be updated each week and shared with students by their tutor. In addition, we will use epraise to display and communicate this information so that you and your child can be easily and fully up-to-date with how they are progressing towards their target. This information is confidential to you and your child.

Your child can access this information by going to their *home page > me > assessment > Prom Points 26-27*.

You can view your child's current total by logging in to epraise > *my children > assessment > Prom Points 26-27*.

What if my child is struggling to get points?

We want as many students to go to the Prom as possible. If your child is struggling to gain points and wants support in gaining more, they should talk to their tutor in the first instance.

My child has a SEN and/or a disability. I am concerned that this will make it harder for them to get the points they need to attend the Prom. Will this be taken into consideration?

Last year, the vast majority of students with SEN achieved their 250-points.

However, we recognise that not all students are the same so if you feel your child needs additional support or reasonable adjustments in relation to their eligibility to attend the Prom, then **please contact your child's Head of Year by Wednesday 4 November** to discuss your child's individual circumstances.

What if my child hasn't made the best start to Year 11?

Points will be gained and lost over the course of the whole school year and students will be required to earn 250 Prom points by Friday 28 May in order to be invited. Throughout the year, we will continue to encourage and support all students to adopt the positive behaviour and good attendance needed

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to acquire Prom points. Last year, several students started the year badly, but with a determined attitude to change their approach and support from staff, they gained the points they needed, much to everyone's delight.

Why don't all students get invited automatically?

The Prom is a reward, not a right.

We want students to see the connection between their approach and attitude and the reward they get. All students mentioned above who changed their approach and ended up getting the points they needed, were also rewarded with great GCSE grades that they didn't expect. Why? **Because the things that they needed to do to get Prom points were also the things they needed to do to be successful in their GCSEs** - that's why we chose those things to reward!

When is the deadline?

Friday 28 May 2027, the day before the summer half-term holiday.

I hope you find this information helpful, but please contact your child's tutor in the first instance if you have any queries. We look forward to supporting you and your child with their GCSE success throughout the year and inviting them to the Prom.

Yours sincerely

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