



Tomlinscote School

July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As the prom excitement builds, here are a few important details and reminders:

Parents dropping off students at the prom

We politely request that you arrange to take your group photos before arriving to the venue, because parents will not be able to be on site. We have arranged for a professional photographer to take photos at the venue. Farnham Castle has **very limited** space for parking and as it is a school trip, we are required to meet a staff-to-student ratio. Therefore, all parking spaces at the castle will be reserved for either Farnham Castle staff or for Tomlinscote School staff in attendance.

Arrival

The first car will be allowed onto the site from 6.55pm and based on last year, we expect all students to be on site by around 7.30pm. **Castle Street is undergoing major roadworks and can be heavily congested on the approach to the Castle from The Borough (town). Please ensure you approach the castle from Folly Hill (A287) and exit via Castle Street.** You will be directed by castle staff to the drop off area from 6:55pm. Whilst cars are queuing, staff will be on hand to check in prom tickets (remember to bring this, as security will not let you on site without it). Your car will be directed to the entrance of the castle and students will need to exit the vehicle and make their way to the lawn to collect their welcome drink. (Students, please then stay on the grass to allow all cars to drop off and turn safely.) **Parents/Carers should remain in their vehicles to alleviate congestion.** Cars will be asked to leave via the gatehouse, then turn left onto Castle Street to leave Farnham. Please find attached map of the castle grounds, for your information.

Refreshments

The ticket price includes a buffet and water will be available throughout the evening. Students can purchase other soft drinks from the bar. Students with special dietary requirements will be notified of arrangements made for them at Farnham Castle.

Awards and pick-up

Prom awards will take place at 9pm and the gates will open at 9.30pm, so Parents/Carers can start to collect children. Prom doesn't officially finish until 10.30pm, but we know some students will want to get to their after-prom parties following the awards. Parents should text or phone their children to let them know that they are approaching the venue, please, to ease congestion. Ideally, as you pull into the venue, your children should be waiting for you outside. Students must be collected by car from the venue.

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Behaviour on the evening

For everyone's enjoyment, students are expected to behave in a sensible manner. Farnham Castle is a licensed premises and no alcohol will be served to students. We must remind you that students should not be 'under the influence' of alcohol or drugs and smoking or vaping is not permitted. Any student that doesn't meet these expectations will need to be collected immediately.

Photographs

The Prom photographs will be ready to view from Tuesday, 7th July.

PLEASE NOTE: The gallery is for Parents/Carers of the student ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THE LINK.

Please use this unique direct link from 7th July: <https://www.ordermyphotos.co.uk/qr/1FUBVDR7>

We are sure it will be a memorable occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Taylor,
Vice Principal