Dear Parent and Student,

This week, I thought it would be fun to share images of the recent Year 7, 8 and 9 social event.

Our Year 11 Prefects organised a great evening. They excelled at event management, which is a significant skill, and they are to be congratulated for this. They have raised money for charity and for their ‘Prom’ next summer and I know they were delighted at the response and engagement from the younger students. The only thing that didn’t go quite to plan was the smoke machine linked to the disco equipment. At the end of the evening it triggered the smoke detector but all responded well to this and it did not adversely affect the engagement of all. The feedback was that the evening was a great success enjoyed by all. Community events such as this are really important and we look forward to sharing future occasions with you via this bulletin. For now, however, please enjoy the photo gallery below.

Very best wishes for a great final week of this half-term.

Very Best wishes

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**Word of the Week**

**intransigent**  (adj)

*in-tran-si-juh-nt*

**Definition:**
- unwilling or refusing to change one’s views or to agree to something

**Usage:**
- The manager remained intransigent about his transfer choices.
- When there are disagreements, it is important that people learn to be flexible and compromise rather than be intransigent.

**Synonyms**
- uncompromising
- inflexible
- unbending
- unyielding
- unwavering
- resolute

**Etymology**
- Prefix - From the Latin, in, meaning not.
- Root - From the Latin, agere, meaning to drive, to lead

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**Are you Word Savvy?**