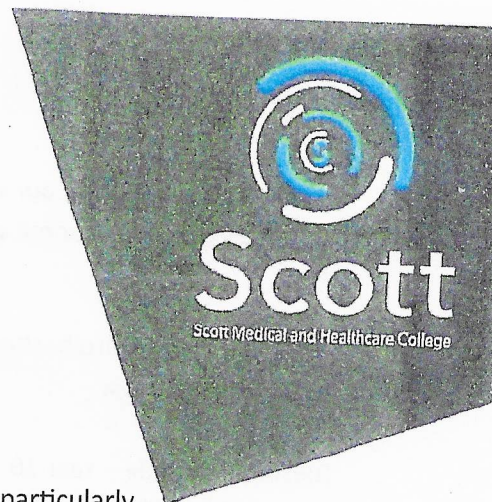


Friday 25th June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful week here helped by some great weather. I've particularly valued seeing students enjoying board games at lunchtime. It's a real joy to see students talking, playing games, and generally enjoying being in each other's company. Can I thank you for the continued support of our new phone policy. There have been several stories in national newspapers this week regarding phone bans and the positive impact this has had on young people in schools. If you need to speak to your child during the day please contact the office where someone can arrange for a message to be passed on.

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This week saw the submission of sample evidence ready for moderation by the exam board following our Teacher Assessed Grades process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during this period of assessment and moderation, but in particular the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the process has been as fair and rigorous as it could possibly have been.

Caring to Learn
Learning to Care

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has delayed the easing of social distancing restrictions from the anticipated date of June 21st. As a result, we are unable to go ahead with our Year 9 induction days in July as it would involve mixing students from too many different schools. We are therefore planning to hold their induction day on Monday September 6th instead. This will mean a slightly staggered start to the academic year:

- Year 9 and Year 12 will need to be inside the school gates by 08:37 on Monday 6th September.
- All other students (Years 10 and 13) will need to be inside the school gates by 08.37 on Tuesday 7th September.

I hope you can understand the importance of allowing Year 9 and 12 some time to settle before the entire school return to lessons.

Sports Day is getting closer and closer. I wanted to clarify that students should bring their normal PE kit for Sports Day. We will provide coloured bibs to students competing (so students don't need to bring in additional kit in their house colour).

Finally, some important careers news. Prior to Covid19 our students would normally undertake a week of work experience in July with an employer to get an idea of what that job may entail and to see how organisations operate day-to-day. This is a really

valuable experience for our Year 10 students but sadly it couldn't happen last year with the exception of some virtual work experience or online summer schools.

In light of this, we are hosting a couple of career/insights days for our Year 9 & 10 students as follows:

Tuesday 13th July - Year 10

Wednesday 14th July. - Year 9

We have invited one of our partners, the University of Plymouth, to attend for both days to represent many of the health-related professions such as Drs / Dentists / Biomedical Sciences / Adult Nursing / Midwifery / OT / Optometry / Paramedics and Physiotherapy (subject to change).

These sessions will run in-line with our school day and should be interactive giving students an opportunity to see first-hand some of the specialist equipment used and gain a glimpse into many of the different professions related to medicine, dentistry and allied healthcare.

We are looking forward to this exciting event and know this will inspire our students to continue with their hard work.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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