

11th July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the Summer Term may I take this opportunity to thank all of you as parents/carers for the support that you have given to your child and us as a College throughout this academic year. We have not only been focused on the preparation for their GCSE's next year but have also had a number of events that have supported the students in making decisions and preparing for their futures at this crucial time in their lives as they move into their final year at school.

It has been amazing to see the investment that students are putting into their education, both inside the classroom and outside. Many students have been involved in Duke of Edinburgh, attending trips to Plymouth University, as well as being part of the new House system at SMHC. All of these roles within school not only widen the experiences that students have but also allow them to grow as young adults.

Looking forward to September, I ask that you continue to ensure that your child is in school every day promptly at 8.35am. Attendance is integral to ensuring that your child has every chance of fulfilling their potential, especially in year 11.

At this point in the year, it is also an opportunity to remind everyone that we return after the summer on **Thursday 4th September**. This will be a normal school day and students are therefore expected to arrive for line up by 8.35am. Year 11 will also have lesson 6 lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These additional lessons are compulsory and will be a vital part of their curriculum. They are designed to provide extra time for key subject areas, focused intervention, and exam preparation, helping to ensure our students are fully supported throughout their GCSE journey.

We understand this is a new addition to their routine, but we are confident that the extra time will benefit their learning and overall achievement. Attendance and engagement in these sessions will be essential as vital content for your child's GCSE study will be covered within this time.

I would also like to reiterate our uniform policy. Standardised school trousers or skirts must be worn with a blazer, school tie and **plain black leather shoes**. A reminder that no facial piercings or extremes of hair colour or finger nails and hairstyle, as well as any additional jewellery, except a plain pair of studded earrings, a plain ring are permitted - this forms part of our very professional uniform policy (if your son or daughter gets a piercing during the holidays, please ensure this is done with sufficient time to allow them to be removed by the first day in September).

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Year 11 package

The Class of 2026 have a busy year ahead. As well as their GCSE exams next year they also have many other events to look forward to including the annual Christmas Lunch, Prom Launch, the Year 11 photo, which is always a poignant occasion, and finally our end of year Prom which is a fantastic night celebrating the end of the year 11 together.

This coming year is very important, and the choices and actions they make during this time can significantly impact their future career pathway. In order to help all our young people in year 11 achieve the best grades possible we have designed a '**Year 11 Revision Package**'. We will be hosting a year 11 parents evening in October where support with revision and more information about this package will be shared. We will write to inform you of exact dates early in September.

As we move into the 'business end' of school we have made all students aware of how important their GCSE's are for their future and how they form the foundations for their destination after year 11. Enclosed with this letter is your child's final report of the year which includes the results of any recent exams and coursework. Please take the time to read the report with your child and celebrate all the positive aspects of the report and also identify any areas that may require extra work next year.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and the Year 11 team look forward to welcoming students back in September for the start of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Gill
Deputy Headteacher