

18th October 2018

Dear Parent and Carer,

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts about our first half-term in our brand new building. Our first day seems like an age away and so much has happened since.

It has been great to see our Year 9 and Year 12 students settle into our new school so quickly. Equally, our Year 10 and Year 13 students have, made a smooth transition to their new year and new building.

Year 9 students have had a particularly busy first half term at Scott College. New classes, teachers and classmates have created a significant but positive challenge. The core GCSE subjects of English, Maths, Science continue apace and all of our options subjects have been enhanced by our high quality, modern facilities. There are not many schools that can say that their students have their Health and Social Care lessons around a real hospital bed.

Our year 9 students have taken full advantage of our new fitness suite and it has been great to see so many of them staying after school working out with their peers. We recently appointed our first group of Year 9 prefects, they are already an invaluable resource and this half term they have already helped out at a number of public events. I hope to further develop this role next half term by providing them with training so that they can be even more effective. Our Open Events would not run without the support of our prefects and other student volunteers. I would like to thank them and you for giving us of your time, again and again, to show Scott College at it's best.

Our Year 9 tutor team continue to provide invaluable support to their tutees. Your child's form tutor will contact you regularly to allow us to share successes and areas requiring improvement. These areas may include attendance, punctuality, behaviour, academic progress and general well-being. This will also allow you to share your views with us.

It has been amazing to see our Year 9 tutor groups leading our assemblies that further explore relevant topics, this week we had a fantastic presentation on the 15 Allied Health Professions, tying in nicely with Allied Health Professions day on Monday.

Our end of Cycle 1 assessments commence on November 5th. It is important for students to set aside some time each day to revise over the half term holiday. As Head of Year I will be recognising and rewarding success once the assessment results are in. In particular, those students who have reached or surpassed their target levels.

We have recently enjoyed visits to The Eden Project, the Houses of Parliament, The Plymouth Youth Council and a performance of Macbeth at the Theatre Royal. We have invited outside speakers into school to speak our students about careers in the healthcare sector and students have started to look at NHS jobs through their Project Based Learning lessons.

Our first half term has been exciting, challenging, invigorating and rewarding. As Year 9 continue to develop into resourceful, resilient, successful and well rounded young people I look forward to what we can achieve over the coming months. Think what we have achieved in only six weeks.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 30th October.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr S Howard**  
Head of Year, Class of 2021