

15th February 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to our Parents Evening on Wednesday, it was good to meet so many of you and share with the progress that your sons and daughters are making.

We have had a busy half term since Christmas with our Year 9 Youth Councilors taking over the Chairing of the Plymouth Youth Council, we have had the chance to hear from Paramedics from SWAST and explore the rapid response cars from the ambulance service. Just this week students heard from Mental Health Nurses who were in school to explain their role and also the academic route to become a Mental Health Nurse. You can read more about it here; <https://scottcollege.co.uk/about/news>

Immediately after half term on Monday 25th February our Year 9 Students are taking part in Operating Theatre Live, this is the rearranged date after the snow prevented our earlier programme. Students should arrive as normal ready for a 09.00 start on Monday 25th and have a packed lunch with them, (we will supply packed lunches to students entitled to free school meals). This will be an unforgettable day for the young people involved and if you want to see what they will be doing, have a look at the OTL website <https://www.operatingtheatrelive.co.uk/>

Later in the term we are as a year group going to 'We the Curious' in Bristol on Friday 22nd March. This is a chance to explore science in a fun way and see some practical uses of the science we learn in school every day. I will send more detail of this trip in the new half term.

Our third assessment cycle runs up until the Easter holidays, with the week 1st - 5th April our assessment week. We plan to run the week in a similar way to cycle 2 with a programme of assessments over the week. We will publish the dates and times to you in advance of assessment week.

Go4schools is now live for students and parents, I know several of you have logged on to have a look at academic progress, house points and attendance, if you would like us to send you instructions for use, please let us know at [info@scottcollege.co.uk](mailto:info@scottcollege.co.uk)

I hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing all our Year 9 students back for Operating Theatre Live on 25th February.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr S Howard**

Head of Year 9