

Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we come to the end of our spring term I wanted to write to thank you for your support over recent weeks as well as to update you on what we have been up to and what we are looking forward to as we approach the summer term.

The BTEC year 12 students are well on their way to their second round of assignments, and the year 13 students are completing their final assessments and preparing for their external assessments. Looking forward to next term the BTEC external assessments start in May and We wish them the very best of luck as they knuckle down with further revision over the Easter break. A letter will be sent shortly with details.

In January the Yr 13 students went to the University of Plymouth to discuss the use of technology to support our ageing population. Adding to this, in March they attended the launch of the EPIC Project in Cornwall. This is a three year collaborative project to improve the use of technology in health and social care in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The students are involved in the development of Smart Speakers in Social Care and are working alongside care providers.

In February, all of Year 12 attended Operating Theatre Live. This was an amazing hands on surgical experience which all of the students got involved in. It was also an opportunity to practice bedside manner and mental maths as the students had to communicate with their 'patient' and ensure the correct amount of anesthetic was administered before surgery could commence.

Miss Wilkinson had the privilege of escorting Ellie Naughton and Sophie Grange to Poland for the Lessons from Auschwitz Project run by the Holocaust Memorial Trust. Please check out their accounts of the visit which are on the news section of our website. We are looking forward to their assembly next term when they will share their experiences with the rest of the Sixth Form and announce their plans to plant a memorial tree in the school ground.

In March we organised a Practical Skills Day with our partner organisations, where students learnt essential skills and learnt more about professions such as Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Dietetics and Occupational Therapy. Also in March students from across the school worked with St Lukes and spent a day training to become a 'buddy' for the Compassionate Friends Campaign.

Again in March, we took all of Year 12 to the UCAS Exhibition at West Point in Exeter. This was an opportunity for the students to research and refine their options for Higher Education. Following this, our first Employability Day with our professional partners was a success; after workshop discussions, each student sat a mock interview with an employer and received individual feedback on their performance.

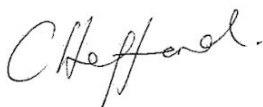
Finally last weekend, I had the privilege to take some Year 12 students to the 'Become a Paramedic' Day at The University of the West of England, organised by the South West Ambulance Service Trust, which confirmed for many, their decision to study Paramedic Science at University.

Looking forward we have many exciting experiences planned for the summer term including a two day visit to London as the end of April. Students will visit the Science Museum and the Florence Nightingale Museum as well as take part in the Jack the Ripper tour. We are also planning a week of surfing in Sennen from 1st - 5th July, a letter has already been sent out about this and if any students would like to attend but have not yet expressed an interest, they should see Mr Creswell asap. The Sixth Form Summer Ball is due to take place on Friday 12th July at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, and again a letter has already been sent out with details. This will be an opportunity for students to let their hair down and celebrate all that they have achieved this year. Many students have been awarded vouchers for money off the price of their ticket for this event as part of our rewards policy.

Finally, there has been a lot written about the use of mobile phones in the media over recent weeks, in particular about the impact of phones on young people's mental health. In January we took the decision to give students a break from their phones and have instructed them not to use their phones in corridors, stairs, and classrooms and only to use phones at break and lunchtimes in the canteen and Scott Suite, and the Sixth Form area. We know you might need to contact your son/daughter during the school day, so to do this please contact reception on 01752 987010 and we will get a message to them and if needed, provide a quiet place where they can call you back.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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