

Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parent and Carers

As we come to the end of our Spring Term I want to write and thank you for the support you have given, over the last few weeks.

We have just finished our third assessment cycle and we will report to you the outcomes early in the new term. Our final cycle of assessments start on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

This term we have done so many worthwhile things, but these have been particular highlights. We have been to We the Curious in Bristol, attended operating theatre live at the guildhall in Devonport, had talks from health-care professionals across the disciplines and chaired the sitting of the Plymouth Youth Council.

Looking forward to next term we have 2 challenge days in the first week of June followed by 3 days of enrichment activities. Additionally, we are offering the articulary programme that aims to boost literacy for some of our students.

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 instruct them not to use their phones in corridors, stairs, classrooms etc. And only to use phones at break and lunchtimes in the canteen and Scott Suite.

We know you might want to contact your child during the school day. To do this please contact reception on 01752 987010 and we will get a message to your child and if needed, provide a quiet place where they can call you back.

If you have any questions about this please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Steve Howard,  
Head of Year 9