

Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parent and Carer,

As we come to the end of our spring term I wanted to write and thank you for your support over the recent 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 starts on June 24th.

Year 10 students have once again been involved in a variety of activities both educational and recreational. We have continued with our regular visits to the Climbing Hangar, our Duke of Edinburgh students have started the next stage in their training, our Health & Social Care students completed their first practical skills session and our psychologists visited Plymouth University.

As always, I appreciate the hard work that the Year 10 prefects have put in to support us this term. They have attended our "Getting To Know You" evenings, assisted with a variety of other evening events and raised £950 for Comic Relief by organising an amazing programme of activities on Red Nose Day. Congratulations to the ten prefects who were sponsored to dance for five hours!

Next term all Year 10 students will spend a week completing work experience at their chosen work placement. If their placement hasn't yet been organised please contact myself, your child's tutor or Miss Humpherson who will provide support. A number of Year 10 students will experience their first "real" GCSE examinations in English Literature next term. We wish them well and, as always, we are here to support them to do the best that they can.

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.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. N. Morris  
Head of Year 10 (Class of 2020)