

21st July 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,



Community College

As we approach the end of the Summer Term may I take this opportunity to thank all of you as parents/carers for the support that you have given to your child and us as a College throughout this academic year.

It has been amazing to see the investment that students are putting into their education, both inside the classroom and outside. Many students have been involved in after school clubs, the school production of Annie, attending our trips to the Eden Project and Manchester, as well as being part of the Sports Leaders Academy. The students have also been given the opportunity to broaden their horizons with the chance to visit Portugal on the school residential.

We look to continue to offer a comprehensive array of opportunities for the students to make the most of as part of our character curriculum. This includes after school clubs, details of which can be found on the school website, as well as other trips at home and abroad. All of these activities within school not only widen the experiences that students have but also allow them to grow into young adults.

Next year will be a pivotal year in your child's time with us at Stoke Damerel Community College as they will be choosing their options during the year which will then be the subjects that they study in year 10 and 11 and therefore the GCSEs that they will be looking to obtain. This is something that you will receive further communication about as we go through year 9 and myself and my team will be there to help guide you through the process.

Looking forward to September, I ask that you continue to ensure that your child is in school every day promptly at 8.35am. Attendance is integral to ensuring that your child has every chance of fulfilling their potential.

At this point in the year, it is also an opportunity to remind everyone that we return after the summer on **Wednesday 6th September**. This will be a normal school day and students are therefore expected to arrive for line up by 8.35am.

I would also like to reiterate our uniform policy. Standardised Stoke Damerel trousers or skirts must be worn with a blazer, school tie and **plain black leather shoes**. A reminder that no facial piercings or extremes of hair colour or finger nails and hairstyle, as well as any additional jewellery, except a plain pair of studded earrings, a plain ring are permitted - this forms part of our very professional uniform policy (if your son or daughter gets a piercing during the holidays, please ensure this is done with sufficient time to allow them to be removed by the first day in September).

Enclosed with this letter is your child's final report of the year which includes the results of any recent assessments from assessment point 2. Please take the time to read the report with your child and celebrate all the positive aspects of the report and also identify any areas that may require extra work during the next academic year.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and the Year 9 team look forward to welcoming students back in September for the start of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Smith', written in a cursive style.

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