



Community College

17th July 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

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. We have not only been focused on the preparation for their studies next year but have also had a number of events that have supported the students in making decisions and preparing for their futures at this crucial time in their lives as they move into Year 10 at Stoke Damerel Community College.

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 Duke of Edinburgh this year at Bronze level, attending trips to Paris, Belgium and Spain. We've had students represent us in workshops with the No Label , No Limits project and Year 9 students excelled in the production of 'Annie' and the 'Summer Showcase'. We celebrated a fantastic Awards evening where Year 9 led the entire college with the amount of winners on the night.

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, especially in year 10.

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).

The Class of 2025 have a busy year ahead. The students will embark on their GCSE journey starting with their GCSE Option choices this year . As well as their GCSE Options next year they also have many other events to look forward to including more trips abroad , gaming expos , School performances, the start of our CCF Programme, DofE , Career options , ending the next year with Mock Exams and Work Experience.

This coming year is very important, and the choices and actions they make during this time can significantly impact their future career pathway. In order to help all our young people in year 10 achieve the best grades possible we will be having different Homework books in the coming year which are individual to each subject and the continuation of our Sparx Maths and Science homework. The students will also have Twilight lessons every Wednesday until 16;00 to prepare them for Year 11 and working life.

As we move into the 'business end' of school we have made all students aware of how important their GCSE's are for their future and how they form the foundations for their destination after Stoke Damerel Community College this starting with their Option Choices. Whilst we still have time with Year 10 and 11 it is important for us to ensure these expectations and standards are in place early on to help them achieve the best possible outcomes for the end of their journey with us.

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, stay safe and the Year 10 team look forward to welcoming students back in September for the start of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,



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