



Community College

15th July 2024

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 mock exams 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 and outside the classroom which has been celebrated in the recent awards ceremony. Many students have been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh completing both their Qualifier and full Expedition this year. They have also fully immersed themselves in all of the extra curricular activities we provide as well as developing and shaping their character through the vast amount of opportunities laid before them. All of these have certainly widened the experiences that students have and allow them to grow as young adults.

This upcoming year marks a significant milestone for the year group as they embark on their GCSE choices. This is an exciting and pivotal moment in their education. A chance to delve deeper into subjects they are passionate about and to explore new fields that you may not have considered before. The choices they have made will shape their studies over the next two academic years and potentially influence their future career paths. We understand that this can be both thrilling and overwhelming, but rest assured, we are here to support every step of the way.

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 4th 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 College 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 we all look forward to welcoming students back in September for the start of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

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