



28 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been fortunate in having a full half term with uninterrupted learning. During this time I am proud to say that our Year 11s and Year 13s completed their assessments with honesty and integrity. Some Year 12s and Year 10s also completed assessments in a small number of subjects. The College now has the mammoth task of moderating all the assessments and submitting them to the appropriate Exam Board by 18 June. Thereafter, we will all look forward to results day of the –A-levels on 10 August and the GCSEs on Tuesday 12 August.

Year 7 students formed a guard of honour for the Year 11 students as they left the school building this afternoon and clapped them as they passed by. It was a very emotional occasion and a lovely way to mark the last day of lessons for Year 11.

After the May half-term break Years 7 -10 and Year 12 will return to continue their studies. It is important that attendance is kept high to ensure they achieve the best that they can from face-to-face learning in College.

There are a few points that I would like to make you aware of, and in some cases ask for your support:

#### **Timings of the School Day and Movement around the College**

As Covid-19 restrictions lift and in line with the Government guidelines we have been able to adjust the timings of the school day to allow staff to focus more on teaching and less on duties. Students will still be expected to arrive at College by 8.40am for tutor time. We are pleased to announce that after the half term we will be able to deliver assemblies to full year groups. These will be beneficial as they enable us to deliver key messages to students.

We have also decided that the North Site stairwells will become two way but the corridors will remain as a one-way system. This will improve the flow of students around the building.

#### **Covid-19 Testing over May Half-Term**

Students have been supplied with lateral flow tests on a regular basis, and as I am sure you are aware the Coronavirus (Covid-19) is still within our community, albeit cases have reduced considerably. As lockdown eases, taking a rapid Covid-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

It is crucial that the College stays open to all students and it is for this reason that I ask you to please continue to test twice-weekly over half-term and ask your child to test before returning to College after the holiday, preferably on the evening of Sunday 6 June 2021. Thank you for your continued support with this.

#### **Behaviour**

Unfortunately, I have to mention that over the last few weeks we have seen a spate of vandalism and unacceptable behaviour by some of our students in College and out in the community.

We have had reports from Tesco's, for example, that some of our students are acting inappropriately and attending the supermarket in groups, even though they operate a "shop alone" policy. We have advised the Manager that should the need arise we are quite in support of him contacting the Police to address any anti-social behaviour outside of school hours.

With regard to damage to school property, such as graffiti or vandalism, appropriate sanctions will be given to students. We will also be requesting support from parents/carers to help meet the cost of repairs or replacement of broken items.

Please help us by reinforcing key messages at home about the importance of good behaviour within College and the local community. Respect, kindness and social responsibility is what we all need to get through tough times and come out the other side in a happier place.

On a positive note, I would like to let you know that we are reviewing our reward system and we are currently in consultation with our students and hope to have a new system in place before the end of the academic year.

### **Uniform**

Our Student Voice group recently raised several requests, one of which was that students be able to wear shorts as part of the uniform. Our response to this is that we have decided to allow students to wear tailored shorts (not cargo shorts with pockets) on a trial basis during the summer term. Hopefully the weather will be kind as we all know how cruel the easterly wind can be in Helston.

We are currently reviewing parts of our PE uniform in order to make it more affordable and comfortable, and we will update you on our uniform policy towards the end of the summer term.

### **Trips and Clubs**

After the half term we are pleased to announce that we have plans for trips and clubs to increase provided that the Government guidelines do not change.

### **Dropping off and picking up of students**

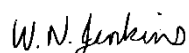
Some of our local neighbours have found access to their properties and driveways blocked by cars when parents/carers are dropping off or picking up their child from College. Please be considerate when parking in the local neighbourhood.

Whilst writing I would like to share with you the May Trust Executive Leader Newsletter, which contains details of the Trust work this month.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



**Mr WN Jenkins**  
**Headteacher**

### **Attachments**

EL Newsletter

Timing of the school day from June 2021