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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we approach the end of another busy school year, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of the College and to acknowledge the excellent work of staff and students alike.

We have had a fantastic few weeks celebrating some of our students' many successes in our prize giving assemblies. It was lovely to see so many students being rewarded for their excellent work and attitudes to learning. Our Activities Days have now started successfully; students and staff are busily engaged in all sorts of trips and activities, with Mr Moore, Miss Bentley and our World Challenge students in Tanzania, an MFL trip to Paris and all sorts of other exciting destinations including Wales, Dartmoor and sunny Paignton! I very much hope everyone has a wonderful time.

We also say goodbye to some members of staff. They are:

Mr Cassim

Mr Di Battista

Mr Hopton

Miss Johnson

Mrs Mikosz

Miss Parsons

Miss Peters

Miss Piercy

Mr White

I would like to thank each of them for all their hard work and wish them every success for the future.

Please can I ask that you use the summer break to replenish uniform and equipment so that all of our students return to College looking smart and are ready to learn in September. Obviously time that staff spend addressing any uniform or equipment issues is time that could be used for teaching and learning and so we are very grateful to parents and carers who ensure that our students are fully prepared for College each day. As a reminder, please be aware that shoes should be 'proper' school shoes, in plain black made from a material that can be polished. Boots, trainers, canvas or suede shoes are not permitted. Our uniform school trousers are grey and not black. Jeans do not form part of our uniform and any student wearing jeans will be asked to go home to change. Skirts should be of an appropriate length (no more than 5cm above the knee). Students need to bring the correct College PE kit. It is also important that students bring the necessary equipment to College every day. As a minimum this includes black or blue pens, their student planner, a pencil, a ruler and a rubber. Also vital is a school bag that is big enough to hold all their books and equipment! The online uniform shop is open and able to process orders over the summer.

We do not permit facial piercings in Years 7-11. Students may wear one stud earring per ear only. We do not permit plastic retainers either. I therefore ask for your support in ensuring that students do not use the holiday as an opportunity to have such piercings, as they will be asked to remove them in September.

On a more positive note, we still have a lot of exciting times ahead of us this summer. Our incoming Year 7s will be joining us for a week's summer school in August and our older students will be collecting their GCSE and A level results.

Please have an enjoyable, restful and safe summer and I look forward to welcoming students back to College on Tuesday 5 September.

With best wishes



**Alex Newton**  
**Principal**