



Gemma Harries
Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been so many highlights and successes that your children have achieved, there is not the space to fit it all in! As I write this, we have children in Pairs, Barcelona, and Ecuador; we have sports activities, creative workshops and work experience in session; we have water sports days; beach days and theme park visits, all to name but a few! We remain incredibly proud of their contributions and spent last week thanking and congratulating them with Amazon Vouchers gifted, Amazon Kindles won, and hundreds of certificates of recognition and praise handed out. Well done to you all!

I'd also like to thank you, our wider community, for your support and understanding as we move through the phases of school improvement. The changes we have implemented have led to improvement in behaviour, punctuality and attendance. The children of our community deserve to attend an exceptional school, where lessons are free from disruption; where there are opportunities that will forever bring a smile; and where they achieve outcomes that give them choice and futures to be proud of.

We still have more to do and we are listening. One of the most important things we have done this year is open our doors and ears to parental / carer voice – be that through our new Parental Engagement Evenings; our new SEND clinics; face to face Parents' Evenings; or having more opportunity for meetings with Senior Leaders. Please do have a look at the section of this newsletter that summarises changes we have made from listening to our parents, carers and students.

And so, as we close another year, we look forward to working with our young people both in and out of the classroom. We will be welcoming back Years 7, 11 and 12 on Thursday 5th September, and the whole school on Friday 6th September.

In the meantime, we hope you have an incredible summer, full of smiles and spending time with those you love.

Best wishes,

Ms Harries



School Life: What's been going on this term?

We have been so impressed with how your children have contributed to school life. Last week saw our annual KS3 and KS4 Awards' Evenings. Many congratulations, once again, to all those students nominated – what an incredible evening!

A few highlights of the term have been our sporting successes accumulating in an incredible Sports Day; a huge range of musical visits and experiences (including our community Caribbean Night, a visit from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Steel Band and Samba performances galore, and a National Festival at Birmingham Symphony Hall); Young Enterprise National Finalists; hosting a Spanish Exchange; published authors; Employability day; saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 cohort.

We're Listening: A few examples of where we are really listening to your feedback and making tangible change on the back of it:

- A 10 minute longer break
- Clubs and activities during break and lunch
- Improvements to our RESET room with adaptations for students who need it; learning aligned with our curriculum; triaging students who arrive to RESET by having a clear and calm conversation as to why they are in RESET
- Behaviour points will restart every term. We will give every student a fresh start, each term, and archive all the brilliant praise points they have earned
- New programmes of interventions and reparation for students who need support with the behaviour curriculum and being NT Ready
- Prefect Team in Year 11 helping KS3 Students; supporting staff on duty; mentoring Year 7 in their first few weeks
- Cultural Empowerment Group ran an excellent enhanced transition for our minority ethnic families celebrating all we do to ensure an inclusive school and offering to be mentors to our incoming Year 7





Reminders for September 2024:

In September, our school day will be as follows, with our usual 5 minute transition time:

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY	
8:30-9:00	Tutor Time
9:00-10:15	PERIOD 1 – 75 minutes
10:15-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	PERIOD 2 - 75 minutes
12:00-13:15	PERIOD 3 - 75 minutes
13:15 –13:45	LUNCH
13:45-15:00	PERIOD 4 - 75 minutes

Uniform:

Please do familiarise yourself, once again, with the new uniform expectations with the policy [here](#). As already communicated, black trousers can be straight leg or wide leg, but leggings, lycra flares, Dickies or Santa Cruz, will not be acceptable. Shoes need to be black and polishable and not in a trainer style or have any logos.

You will have received a letter from our student Eco Team, who are asking for old skirts to be donated into the black bin at the front of school. They plan to recycle, upcycle and donate old skirts – look at their video for more information [here](#).

Any questions you have about uniform, or if you want to check anything with us before you buy, please do email enquiries@tretherras.net where we will be more than happy to respond.

Equipment:

In September, each student will be gifted a Learning Pack which includes: a black pen; a red pen; a pencil; a rubber; a ruler. They will be expected to bring this to school every day and if anything gets lost, broken or runs out, they will need to replace the items through the year.



Key dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2024;

Monday 2nd September 2024 – School Based INSET Day, no students.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 – School Based INSET Day, no students.

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – CELT INSET Day, no students.

Thursday 5th September 2024 – Welcome students only in Years 7, 11 and 12.

Friday 6th September 2024 – Welcome ALL students back.

Friday 18th October 2024 - School Based INSET Day, no students.

Friday 18th October 2024 until Friday 1st November 2024 – Half-Term

Monday 4th November 2024 - Welcome ALL students back.

Friday 20th December 2024 3pm – Last day of Term

Spring Term 2025;

Monday 6th January 2025 - Welcome ALL students back.

Monday 17th February 2025 until Friday 21st February 2025 – Half-Term

Monday 24th February 2025 - Welcome ALL students back.

Friday 4th April 2025 3pm – Last day of Term

Summer Term 2025;

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Welcome ALL students back.

Monday 5th May 2025 – Bank Holiday



Expectations Evenings 6pm – 7pm

Thursday 5th September - Year 7

Wednesday 11th September - Years 8 and 9

Wednesday 25th September - Years 10 and 11 –

Parents' Evenings – after school:

Thursday 1st May 2025 - Year 7

Thursday 23rd January 2025 - Year 8 -

Wednesday 12th February 2025 – Options + Parents Evening - Year 9

Thursday 6th March 2025 - Year 10

Thursday 9th January 2025 - Year 11

