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Thursday 24th April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This half term ahead is always a busy one and so we thought a reminder of what's to come would be helpful:

Key Dates:

- Year 11 Exams begin with GCSE Art and Photography today, Thursday 24th April 2025
- Year 10 GCSE Success Evening at 5.00pm, Quay Hall, Tuesday 29th April 2025
- Year 7 Parents' Evening between 3.15pm and 6.00pm on Thursday 1st May 2025
- Friday 23rd May 2025 3.00pm – end of half term
- Monday 2nd June 2025 – all students return to school
- Friday 20th June 2025 – INSET Day for Staff. The school is closed to students
- Monday 23rd June 2025 - INSET Day for Staff. The school is closed to students
- Friday 25th July 2025 3.00pm – Last day of term

What are our priorities this term?

We have been talking to students about how it's the small things that will make the biggest difference, and how they can engage fully in all aspects of NT life. A safe, happy, nurturing school where all can thrive doesn't happen by accident and we all have a role to play here. Our students appreciate consistency and so, as staff, we are working hard on this, especially in following our policy which you are all already familiar with – [Behaviour Policy](#)

So, the small things that will make a big difference that we're focusing on this term are centered on the students wearing their NT uniform with pride and thought a reminder would be helpful:

- Shirts are to be fully tucked in
- Blazers are to be worn in corridors and transitions, unless we inform you otherwise when temperatures rise
- The regulation, clip on tie
- As per the jewellery policy, students can wear one ring on each hand and one pair of small studs. Other piercings, bracelets, anklets and necklaces are not permitted.
- Socks must be plain black and ankle length.
- Hoodies and sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform, students are encouraged to wear a coat if the weather requires an additional layer.

The students have already come back so smart, so a big thank you for all of your support.

Things to look forward to!

- ✓ Tutor Group Bowling Trip for tutor group winners!
- ✓ Kernow Youth Book Awards
- ✓ Duke of Edinburgh expeditions throughout the term
- ✓ Two Outdoor Learning Rewards Adventure Days

After May half term: more outdoor learning adventures; Sports Day; Big Bang Fair in Birmingham; Year 9 Employability Skills Day; Berlin Trip; Year 11 Prom; Music Concert; and, of course, Activities Week, plus an expedition going to Norway over the summer!

A message to Year 11 and Year 13:

To those with external exams this term, good luck! Please know that the whole school is behind you and supporting you in the exam series ahead.

As you know, there is a huge amount of support available for you over the next few months:

- ✓ Interventions after school
- ✓ Weekend and evening sessions
- ✓ Masterclasses in school before each exam - students will receive a fortnightly timetable with full details
- ✓ Breakfast and exam warm-up activities available each morning
- ✓ Well-being support

The next communication will be feedback about the various listening campaigns we have been doing around break and lunch and toilets especially.

We are so proud of all our students and hope they are as excited about the term ahead as we are!

Thank you for all your continued support,

Yours sincerely



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