



7 November 2025

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal's Newsletter – 7 November 2025

It has been a privilege to welcome our students back this term and to see their enthusiasm and engagement during our welcome Assemblies, led by me and Mrs Offer, Deputy Principal. Together, we emphasised the importance of the next seven weeks and thanked students for embracing our mantra: "*Show up, work hard, and listen to experts.*"

We also revisited our *My Sentence* strategy, launched last term, and reflected on the value of *Respect* as we approach national Remembrance Day this Sunday. This theme of respect, for history and compassion for one another, is central to our community. It was inspiring to see our Year 8 students participate in an aspirational Assembly led by colleagues from the University of Plymouth, encouraging them to think about their future with ambition. We hope these messages will continue to be shared at home with families and friends.

Remembrance Day – Sunday, 11 November 2025

On Sunday, students and staff will join our wider community in the Annual Remembrance Day service. We are proud of the Student Leaders who will represent the College during this important occasion. Their participation reflects our collective commitment to honouring those who gave their lives in service and to ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten. We warmly invite families and community members to attend and support the parade.

Celebrating Student Success

Thank you for continuing to support our *Proud Table* entries, which highlight the many achievements of our students both in and out of College. We were delighted to hear about Reggie (Year 7), who competed internationally in kickboxing, and Willow (Year 12), who excelled in mountain biking.

We also congratulate our Year 7, 8 and 9 Drama students for their impressive performance in the *Limelight Production* event this week. Their confidence, creativity, and humour brought joy to the audience and demonstrated the character-building opportunities that enrich our students' education. These successes remind us of the importance of perseverance and teamwork, values that resonate strongly with the spirit of Remembrance.

We will continue to share student achievements on our website and Instagram page. If you have not yet joined, please visit [Instagram](#).

Looking Ahead

As we move through the next seven weeks, our priority remains ensuring that every student has access to high-quality education and the support they need. If personal circumstances have changed, families may be eligible for additional support through FSM (Free School Meals) or Sixth Form Bursary funds. Please let us know if your child is unable to attend an event, a club or struggling with resources due to financial or personal barriers, we want every student to benefit fully from the opportunities available.

Mobile Phone Policy

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are continuing to review our mobile phone policy. Over the coming weeks, we will carry out monitoring and research to understand how the policy is working in practice. This will involve student engagement in a respectful and non-punitive manner. The insights gained will help inform our next steps and I will keep you updated.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

The reflections this week remind us of the importance of community, respect, and resilience. These values guide us not only in honouring the past but also in shaping the future for our students. Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our College community.

We look forward to the term ahead and have shared the following table of upcoming events as reminders.

Event	Date
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday, 13 November 2025
Sound N' Social – RSL Concert (tickets are available here)	Tuesday, 18 November 2025
Year 11 Results Distribution Event	Wednesday, 19 November 2025
Year 10 – The Offer Event	Thursday, 27 November 2025
Years 7 – 11 Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday, 3 December 2025
Parent/Carer Hub	Wednesday, 3 December 2025
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday, 4 December 2025
Years 7 – 11 Flu Vaccinations	Thursday, 11 December 2025
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday, 11 December 2025
Christmas Concert	Friday, 12 December 2025
Awards Evening	Wednesday, 17 December 2025
Non-pupil Day	Friday, 19 December 2025

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal