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Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a strong and encouraging start to the term, with students embracing a wide range of opportunities that reflect the vibrant culture and ambition of our College community.

A Week of Opportunity and Achievement

This week has reminded us of the exceptional talent within our student body. A particular highlight was our Appreciation of Dance Show which took place over two evenings. The performances showcased not only outstanding choreography and technical skill but also the passion and dedication that our students bring to the arts.

We were delighted to welcome performers from South Dartmoor Community College and other local schools. The Ivybridge Primary Musical Theatre Group also offered a wonderful glimpse of the talent set to join us in future years. The Year 13 students demonstrated that, without a doubt, they are ready for the professional stage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Natalie Gardiner who directed the show as well as our talented staff and students for hosting this event.

As we move closer to the examination season, I would also like to extend my appreciation to all students who are working tirelessly on coursework and assessment preparation. Your support at home and the collective efforts of our community, ensure that our students are receiving the very best guidance at this crucial time.

Finish Line Parent/Carer Events

Thank you to our Year 13 students and their parents/carers who attended the Finish Line Event last week. We look forward to hosting Year 11 parents/carers this evening of what is set to be our largest ever Year 11 Finish Line Event, with the vast majority of families attending. We are genuinely grateful for your commitment in prioritising this as a key ingredient in support and guiding your young person through their final months before their A Level and GCSE examinations.

College Culture and Uniform Expectations

At the heart of our school culture is the belief that clear and consistent standards help our students feel confident and ready to learn. One part of this is our Uniform Policy, which is reviewed annually in preparation for the new academic year. This review will reflect the latest statutory guidance and we look forward to sharing any updates within the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we kindly remind families that the full Uniform Policy, can be found on our College website. It outlines expectations around items such as footwear, jewellery, make-up, and hairstyles. While most students follow these guidelines very well, we do want to highlight that unnatural coloured hair dyes (temporary or permanent), such as bright red, are not permitted under the current policy. We value your support in helping us maintain a consistent approach for all students.

Following last week's communication regarding mobile phone use, I am pleased to report a significant and very positive improvement. We have seen a notable decline in the number of students using their phones at the end of the College day and we are grateful for your

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partnership in reinforcing this message. These small but important changes help us maintain a safe, calm and focused environment for all students.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to our College community. It is by working together that we create the very best opportunities for your children to succeed.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson

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