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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the midway point of the academic year, we have taken time to reflect on how our College systems can help us recognise students who consistently meet our expectations, as well as celebrate those who go above and beyond.

### **Student Achievement and Praise**

ClassCharts continues to be a useful tool for parents and carers to see how their young people are engaging with daily lesson routines. We are proud to share that since September, staff across the College have recorded over 1,000,000 positive points with over 270,000 individual entries by staff, reinforcing the hard work, dedication, respect and aspiration shown by the vast majority of students every day.

The ongoing use of Star Student nominations in each lesson, alongside Principal's Accolades, ensure that students are recognised for their talents, efforts and achievements within and beyond the classroom.

We are also pleased to be further developing our Proud Table experience; a special opportunity for students, staff, parents and carers to come together and share recent accomplishments linked to our Character Virtues. This initiative provides a meaningful way to highlight how students contribute to our wider community, whether through charity work, volunteering, enrichment activities, sporting success or commitments outside of College. We encourage you to continue sharing your child's achievements with us so that we can celebrate them together.

Congratulations to our many students who have been particularly busy representing the College in the sporting, academic and arts arenas, alongside their commitment to daily study, which showcases the drive and dedication of our young people.

We are exceptionally proud of our Year 8 South West Netball Champions, as well as our Elite Gymnasts who have secured both regional and national titles. These achievements reflect not only the impressive talent within our College but also the remarkable perseverance and work ethic our students display every day. Thank you for the encouragement you provide from home, it truly makes a difference.

### **Cover Staff**

As we continue to respond proactively to the needs of our curriculum and ensure that all learners receive the very best provision, we have made a small number of carefully planned staffing adjustments this term. These changes support both our long-term staffing arrangements and the crucial final preparation period for Year 11 and 13, while strengthening the learning experience across the College.

While we continue to work hard to keep cover to a minimum and maintain consistency for students, please rest assured that any adjustments made are rooted in what is best for learners. Our Inclusion Team remain focused on delivering support for our most vulnerable

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students and senior and curriculum leaders continue to monitor lessons closely to ensure that the quality of learning remains strong and consistent, particularly during unavoidable periods of staff absence.

### **Co-Curriculum**

Starting in September 2026, we are excited to launch our co-curriculum offer designed to foster the whole person through our three core pillars: Character, Confidence, and Contribution.

Our goal is to provide a vibrant range of activities that inspire our young people to discover new passions, sharpen their unique talents and strengthen their sense of belonging within our community. This new offer will replace our Enrichment Week and reflects the interests and aspirations of our students. As a key strand of Personal Development and Wellbeing, we hope this programme will empower every student to grow, lead and thrive.

Our aim is for every student at the College to take part in two eight-week activities held during Wednesday, Block 5, Week B. All sessions will be led by members of staff and all students will follow a planned co-curricular activity. The Co-Curriculum Programme will be sent to all parents and carers in advance of the sign-up period. Activity allocation will be based on student choice and is not first-come, first-served. Some activities may incur a cost and Pupil Premium/Free School Meal funding will be available to those who are eligible.

### **Co-Curriculum – July 2026**

We are excited to celebrate the end of this academic year with a dedicated Co-Curriculum event taking place from Monday, 20 July to Wednesday, 22 July 2026. Over these three days, students will engage in a variety of activities, including Sports Day, end-of-year celebrations, and essential preparation for the new academic year.

We are currently in the planning stages of these programmes, and further information will be shared with you after the Easter holidays.

Finally, as part of our ongoing work to strengthen the organisation of all College trips, visits and events, we are introducing an upgraded management system of Evolve+. This enhanced platform supports our existing processes and enables us to communicate more dynamically with parents and carers when needed. For example, if there are last-minute changes, transport disruption, or unforeseen issues during a trip or event. Should we need to use the system, messages will appear in a slightly different format and will include a Devon County Council banner, as the system is supported by the Council as part of wider safety management arrangements.

Yours faithfully

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**Principal**