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Dear Parents,

As another term comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks for your support this term. It's been a busy term but also a successful one in so many ways.

When I wrote to parents in January, I set out the following areas that we would be working on this term with our students:

1. Ensuring that they are listening carefully to their teacher when their teacher is explaining their learning
2. Working harder in lessons so they maximise their learning time
3. Ensuring that the presentation of work in their books is the best it can be

It's great to see how students have risen to that challenge this term. Visitors who have come to the school this term have commented on the great work they can see in student books and the really purposeful learning environment in classrooms. Thank you to all parents for their support with this and we'll be continuing this work next term.

Summer Exam Season

When we return after the Easter holiday there are only two weeks left of teaching before public examinations start for students in Year 11 and our Sixth Form. We have been really encouraged to see the hard work they have been putting into their students this term and this has been reflected in their performance in the recent mock exams. We know that the exam season can be a particularly stressful time for students so please contact Miss Hawkins - Head of Year 11 and Mr Boughton - Director of Sixth Form, if there is any support or guidance you need.

Uniform/Equipment

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that any equipment and uniform issues are resolved over the Easter holiday so that students can fully participate in learning over the summer term. Please visit the uniform section of our school website if you require any clarification about what is and isn't acceptable at STCM in terms of school uniform.

Spring Progress Checks

Spring Term Progress Checks are in the process of being emailed home to all parents. If you have not received your child's Progress Check then please contact our Exams and Data Officer Mrs McKee. Her email address is: denys.mckee@stcm.torbay.sch.uk

If you would like to discuss your child's progress check, then please contact your child's Tutor or Subject Teacher. For Year 7 parents there will be a chance to do this face to face at the Year 7 Parents' Evening on 1st May. Booking for this will open straight after Easter.

Road Safety

With the warmer weather, more children are enjoying bikes and scooters to travel to and from school. I wanted to take a moment to emphasise the importance of road safety. While we encourage active transportation, some concerning behaviors have been seen. Please take time to speak with your children about riding safely, including wearing properly fitted helmets, using designated pathways, dismounting in crowded areas, and following all traffic rules. Your reinforcement of these safety practices at home greatly complements what we teach at school. Together, we can ensure all our students enjoy the benefits of active transportation while staying safe.

Things to celebrate this term

There have been so many fantastic events run in school and I want to thank all students who have participated in these and the staff who have run them. We celebrate as many of the events happening in school through our Social Media channels. Please click on the following links to read about all the amazing things that have happened in school this term:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming all students back on **Tuesday 22nd April** ready for the start of the summer term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down

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