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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday? It has been great to welcome students back to school and hear about their adventures over the Easter break.

Welcome Back

Normally, I would be writing to parents in the first week back but as you know we were rather busy last week! On the first day back we received a call from Ofsted to say that they would be completing an inspection of the school on Wednesday and Thursday. We've been expecting this call from Ofsted and have been looking forward to celebrating the progress we've made since the last inspection. While I am not able to share the outcome of the inspection until the report has been published, we are very pleased with the outcome. Our staff and students were excellent ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of the great things that inspectors saw when they visited. Then, on Friday we welcomed the Regional Director from the Department of Education into school. The Regional Director was keen to learn more about the school and the contextual challenges of educating young people in south Devon. Again, this was another really positive visit and we have lots to celebrate and be proud of.

Summer Examinations

There is only a week to go before public examinations start for all students in Year 11 and Year 13. For some students, speaking assessments in languages have already started. We would like to wish all students sitting examinations this summer the very best of luck. We will be encouraging students to make the most of all the opportunities there are to support them during this time. One way in which the whole school will be supporting them is through a slight change to the running of the day. From Tuesday 6th May, students will have their lunch break between periods 3 and 4, rather than between periods 4 and 5. We'll be making sure this change is well communicated to students this week.

Summer Weather

This week we are enjoying some warmer weather and it's important that students are prepared for this. We would encourage students to bring a refillable drinks bottle to school to keep themselves hydrated throughout the day. Students will be asked not to bring in fizzy drinks. Students may also wish to consider applying sunscreen before they come to school. Plenty of shaded areas are available around the site for students wishing to stay out of the sun at break and lunch times. School Leaders will also decide if and when any adjustments are made to school uniform requirements as a result of the warmer weather. For now, students are expected to wear full school uniform every day.

West End Production of Disney's Frozen

We were delighted to welcome the team from BBC Spotlight into school last Friday afternoon to see the fantastic work students are doing to prepare for the up and coming STCM west-end production of Disney's Frozen. There are only three weeks before the production starts and tickets have been selling fast. Please visit our school website to secure your ticket so you don't miss out. It's going to be a fantastic experience which showcases the excellent work that goes on in our Performing Arts Department.

Key Dates

The Summer Term is always one of our favourite terms, with so much happening in school. Please see a list of all the key dates below:

Monday	05/05/2025	School Closed: Bank Holiday
Tuesday	06/05/2025	Exam Season Timetable begins
Thursday	08/05/2025	Formal GCSEs/ BTEC/CTEC and A-Levels Begin
Friday	16/05/2025	Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations for those who missed them last time
Wed - Fri	21 - 23/05/2025	Performance - Disney Frozen (7pm: Main Hall)
Saturday	24/05/2025	Performance - Disney Frozen (2pm and 7pm: Main Hall)
May Half Term		
Thursday	12/06/2025	Services
Thursday	12/06/2025	Year 6 Transition Welcome Evening
Wednesday - Friday	18 - 27/06/2025	Year 10 and 12 Mock Exams

Wednesday	18/06/2025	Yr 4/5 Open Morning
Wednesday	18/06/2025	Shine Production 2025
Thursday - Friday	19 - 20/06/2025	DofE Expedition
Wednesday	25/06/2025	Year 13 prom
Friday	27/06/2025	Yr 11 Prom
Monday	30/06/2025	Sixth Form Induction Day
Tuesday	01/07/2025	Deep Learning Morning
Wednesday	02/07/2025	Yr 4/5 Open Morning
Wednesday	02/07/2025	Sports Day
Thursday	03 - 04/07/2025	Yr 6 Transition Days
Friday - Wednesday	04 - 09/07/2025	Progress Check 6
Wednesday	09/07/2025	Torbay Year 6 Civic Awards
Friday	11/07/2025	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday	15/07/2025	Celebration of Achievement Evening
Thursday	17/07/2025	Sports Awards Evening
Friday	18/07/2025	End of Year Services and Final Day of Term

Wishing you all a fantastic Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. James Down
Headteacher