



Looe Community Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the current academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the school year and update you on recent developments.

Last week we enjoyed a successful Challenge Week and we welcome back those who have been away on trips to Isles of Scilly, Ardeche and Hogwarts in London. Students report that they enjoyed the week and have benefitted from their opportunities for challenge and all their new experiences.

We recently held a very successful Health, Sport and Wellbeing Day. We enjoyed welcoming back members of the community to lead on mindfulness and meditation and we celebrated the opportunity for staff and students to collaborate together in health and wellbeing agendas. We also celebrate the amazing sporting prowess and character that was displayed and the camaraderie that gave the event such an amazing atmosphere for learning.

Our Dance and Music concert '#Living the Dream' demonstrated the incredible talent that we have from rock bands to Street Dance, from choirs to contemporary showcases and much more. We were delighted that this included pieces from local dance schools and primary pupils. During this evening we were glad to raise money to support St. Luke's Hospice Plymouth and Penhaligon's Friends.

Students from across Years 10 and 11 had their work on display alongside other Cornish schools at this year's CreatEd Exhibition at Falmouth University. The event is a wonderful celebration of the art and technology produced from across the county and work exhibited included fine art, textiles and resistant materials.

We celebrated the end to the first year for Year 7 students as we welcomed back our ambassador Olympian Michaela Breeze MBE who shared aspirational stories with us from this year. Michaela encourages all of our learners, to find their inner strength and build on intrinsic motivation to continue to 'Be the Best they can Be'.

The Class of 2017 enjoyed their Prom celebrations at the Hannafore Point Hotel. Arriving in a convoy of spectacular vehicles, the Prom goers excited the sea of onlookers with their array of limousines, sport cars, tractor, boat, fire engine and vintage motorbikes. Prom celebrations started with the much acclaimed balcony photograph before students assembled for their farewell celebratory meal followed by the waltzing competition and the announcement of the Prom King and Queen. We now look forward to welcoming the new Year 7 students who join us in September following their induction day in June.



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Staff

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mr Matthews, Leader of Learning for Science, Mr Shore, teacher of Computer Science, Mrs Watkins and Mrs Clements, teachers of English and Miss Perring as Apprentice Teaching Assistant. We thank them and wish them well for the future.

Joining us in September are Mrs Day, teacher of Dance, Miss Hart, teacher of Computer Science, Mrs Waters, teacher of MFL, Mr Thorpe, teacher of Science and Mr Gilbert, Design and Technology Technician.

Changes to Planner

Students will be issued with a new planner at the beginning of term. May I draw your attention to the following important changes to our expectations:

Mobile Phones

As recent research indicates the negative effects of mobile phones on learners' concentration and performance, we are reducing their accessibility. Mobile phones and MP3s/ipods/headphones are to be placed in lockers throughout the school day. Having or using a mobile phone/ipods/headphones during the school day will result in confiscation. A detention may also be issued.

Contact during the day

If a student wishes to contact home, because they are not well or upset they should do this through Student Services, so that the school and home can support appropriately. Parents/carers are requested to contact the school directly with any concerns during school day.

Theft

Deliberate vandalism or theft will mean home contact and possibly financial reimbursement from the student concerned.

S3 – detention

The Academy will give at least 24 hours home notice when an S3 has been issued. It is the student's responsibility to inform parents/carers and attend the detention at the required time. If a student misses or fails a detention they will be detained at the next after school detention without further home notice. If a student misses or fails the same detention twice they may be taught in the Academy Inclusion room when they next attend school and complete their detention at the end of the day without further notice.

Definition of bullying – 'What is bullying'?

'Behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time that intentionally hurts another individual or group, either physically or emotionally' (DfE definition)

'The repetitive intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power' (Anti-Bullying Alliance)

Uniform

The Academy uniform is worn properly by the vast majority and I ask for your help in maintaining our standards by purchasing only those garments described in the uniform section of the Planner, which is replicated on our website. A reminder that the only jewellery allowed in school is a watch and one simple, small stud or sleeper in each ear lobe. Please bear this in mind when deciding on the best time to have ears pierced. It is against Academy rules to have other body parts pierced or jewelled.



Multi Academy Trust

As you know, following many months of discussion and due diligence, we joined the **South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust (SMART)** on 1 April 2017, joining forces and sharing resources with Liskeard and saltash.net secondary schools and Dobwalls, Landulph and Trewidland primary schools.

Integrated Health Centre

Students will now benefit from the new on-site Integrated Health Centre that offers professional support and advice on a range of health and educational related topics. The new centre was recently opened by Councillor Armand Toms, the Mayor of Looe and Dr Barbara Vann, Chair at Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The innovative new centre will mean that in addition to their teachers and support staff, students at the Academy will now have access to health professionals on-site.

Mrs Richardson our Family Support Manager and our Student Services office, staffed by Mrs Johns, will now be based in the Integrated Health Centre.

2017-18 term dates for your diary

Autumn Term (Half Term)	Monday 4 September 2017 – Wednesday 20 December 2017 (Monday 23 October 2017 – Friday 27 October 2017)
Spring Term (Half Term)	Thursday 4 January 2018 – Thursday 29 March 2018 (Monday 12 February 2018 – Friday 16 February 2018)
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 May 2018
Summer Term (Half Term)	Monday 16 April 2018 – Tuesday 24 July 2018 (Monday 28 May 2018 – Friday 1 June 2018)

The first day for students will be Wednesday 6 September 2017

The following are INSET days and therefore the school will be closed to students: Monday 4 September 2017, Tuesday 5 September 2017, Friday 6 October 2017, Monday 19 February 2018, and Monday 25 June 2018.

In what has been an emotionally challenging year for our Academy with the illness and subsequent sad loss of a dear member of our school community, we have been amazed by the resilience and unwavering determination to celebrate the positive contribution that these colleagues made for our learners.

I wish you and your family a very happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 6 September.

Yours faithfully



Helen Casson
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