

Our Ref: HJ/HWI

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our **school improvement activities** over the last two years have focused on raising achievement and aspirations; the outcomes of this is clear through rising results and our “commitment to excellence” home-school agreement. I would like to thank you for your continued support in our drive to improve standards; there has been a noticeable improvement in students’ attitudes to learning, completion of homework and behaviour.

We are focusing on:

Strategic Priorities 2010-2013	Development Activities for 2012/13
<b>Inside the Classroom</b> 1. Improve the consistency of teaching 2. Raise academic expectations 3. Improve the students’ quality and presentation of work	<b>Inside the Classroom</b> 1. Good to outstanding – using Teachers’ Standards, new framework, IRIS 2. Develop whole school literacy 3. Improve SEND provision/develop new TA teams
<b>Learning Potential</b> 1. Develop the successful characteristics of learners 2. Raise aspiration 3. Increase pride	<b>Learning Potential</b> 1. Whole school PSHCE/L2L 2. Be the best you can be (year 2) 3. Learning conversations regarding barriers to learning
<b>Outside the Classroom</b> 1. Improve communication and engagement with parents to support learning 2. Develop a student culture of independent learning out-of-hours 3. Improve students’ outcomes through partnership working	<b>Outside the Classroom</b> 1. SEAL/e-safety for parents 2. Develop learning support base 3. THRIVE programme with cluster schools

We will shortly be seeking **your views** on a range of issues via a questionnaire that we hope you will complete, but for more personal contact, please do not hesitate to contact the school or speak directly with staff or governors at Parents/Carers evenings

Our commitment to **“Be the Best You Can Be”** which translates in to Cornish as **“Bydh gwella gylli”** is now enshrined in the new school badge incorporating our established logo. The transition to the **new uniform** has been well received and the high numbers of students choosing to wear the new blazer has exceeded our expectations. May I remind parents who have not used their issued voucher code for purchasing a blazer, that codes expire in December. Please place your order as soon as possible; we have been advised that some sizes will not be delivered until January. If you experience any problems with the uniform supplier, please contact the school.

I am pleased to inform you that the school is taking part in some **research** to investigate the effect of diet on behaviour and attainment with three other Cornish Academies. All data released to Cardiff University is anonymous and no individuals can be identified. More information is attached to this letter.

Please sign and return the consent form on to school if you are happy for your child to take part in this interesting study.



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Christmas is almost upon and we will be holding our annual **Christmas Concert** on Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. Tickets can be bought in advance from Student Services - £2 for adults and £1 for children/concessions, and will also be available on the door on the night. The concert is always a very popular event in the School calendar and tickets will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis – we advise that you buy your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment on the night!

On Thursday 20 December 2012 the school canteen will continue its festive tradition of serving **Christmas lunch** between 1.00pm and 2.10pm. This will cost £2.10 per student and a vegetarian option will be available. There will be no food available at morning break on this day.

On Friday 21 December, the school will have an early lunch from 12 noon to 12.45pm in order that the Students' **Christmas Show** can run from 1.00pm. There will be no food available at morning break on this day.

The school will close for the Christmas holidays at 3:10pm on Friday 21 December. This day will be a **Mufti day** in aid of a charity supported by the Student Council and will be the usual £1 donation.

The school reopens to students on Tuesday 8 January 2013. Please note that Monday 7 January 2013 is an INSET day and therefore the school will be closed to students.

Please continue to keep yourself informed via the **school website** which is updated regularly with news stories and my bulletin each week. This informs the learning community of events, themes and activities. In the event of snow, or concerns about local buses or road access to school, please check the school website [www.looe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.looe.cornwall.sch.uk)  
On behalf of all our staff and governors, best wishes for the festive Christmas season and a very Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



**Heather Jenkins**  
**Headteacher**