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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family had a relaxing half term and enjoyed some time together over the extended Jubilee weekend. It has been good to see students back in school this week for the final half term of the school year.

Afternoon Tea

Over the last two years the global pandemic has prevented us from welcoming parents into school as we normally would. We have been acutely aware that some parents of children in Key Stage 3 have never visited the school or met with staff face to face. We would therefore like to invite parents to join us for an informal afternoon tea, which will be a great opportunity for us to meet. Afternoon tea will be served from **3:30pm to 4:30pm** for year groups on the following dates:

Year 7 Parents - Thursday 7th July

Year 8 Parents - Monday 27th June

Year 9 Parents - Tuesday 5th July

Year 10 Parents - Wednesday 13th July

Parent Forum

On Monday 20th June, we will be hosting our first Parent Forum from 5pm - 6pm. This is an opportunity for parents to get involved in contributing to school policy and the life of the school. At the first Parent Forum we will be focusing on Anti-Bullying and Home Learning, which are two important areas parents asked us to work on in the last parent survey. If you wish to attend this Parent Forum can you please email Jen Ashington to confirm your attendance: jen.ashington@stcm.torbay.sch.uk

Uniform & Learning Equipment

We know at this time of year parents are reluctant to replace school uniforms before September and we know how quickly children grow. If your child has outgrown an item of school uniform then please send a note with them into school, which will enable us to issue them with a uniform pass for that item of uniform. If your child has outgrown an item of uniform that is in good condition and you would be

willing to donate this to school to help families struggling with the cost of uniform then we would be grateful for your donation. In July we will be collecting outgrown uniforms and more information will come from your child's Head of Year.

Equipment for learning is a non-negotiable for us though, so please ensure your child comes to school every day with their learning equipment so they can engage with learning.

Punctuality

Punctuality is a key aspect of school life and an important life skill, which is transferable to the workplace when students leave. We will be focusing our Ready to Learn presentations on this theme next week and tightening up the consequences for those who are late to school from Monday 27th June.

The school day starts at 8:40am and it is important that all students are in school by 8:40am each day otherwise they will be considered late.

Parental Consent

While the weather is good during the summer term, we take the opportunity to take lots of photos of students taking part in the variety of activities that go on in school. Some of these are used for marketing and communication purposes. To enable us to use pictures for this purpose we must have the consent of parents. We still have over 250 parents who have not indicated their preference. Please can we ask you to click on this link to share your consent preferences: [Consent Form](#)

Key Dates

Thursday 16th June	Shine Production
Monday 20th June	Parent Forum (5pm - 6pm)
Monday 20th June (Periods 1 - 3)	Deep Learning Day
Wednesday 22nd June	Sports Day
Thursday 23rd June	Yr 6 Parent Transition Meeting (6pm)
Thursday 23rd June	Services - Yr 11 Leavers' Service
Monday 27th June - Wednesday 29th June	Sixth Form Freshers Fayre
Wednesday 29th June	St Peter & St Paul Services
Thursday 30th June	Celebration of Achievement Evening
Friday 1st July	Yr 11 Prom
Tuesday 5th July	Yr 9 Cream Tea Event (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Wednesday 6th July	Sixth Form Prom
Thursday 7th July	Yr 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 13th July	Yr 10 Cream Tea Event (3.30pm - 4.30pm)
Monday 18th July	Sponsored Walk
Wednesday 20th July - Friday 22nd July	Enrichment Week

'Let's Talk' Sessions

After the success of the first Let's Talk Teenagers sessions piloted earlier this year, [a second series of the online sessions will be held in June](#). These sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers of teenagers to hear about the challenges young people are facing today whilst being offered tips, techniques and resources to explore for more help and support.

Funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer Devon Partnership, South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership and Teignbridge Council for Voluntary Service, these evening, 90 minute sessions will be running on consecutive Wednesdays at 7.00pm on the 15th, 22nd and 29th June. Designed to empower parents and carers to support their teenagers through the challenges they are faced with daily, topics covered include:

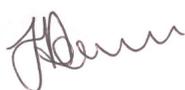
- substance misuse
- exploitation
- healthy relationships
- safety online
- social risks

If you are interested please click on the link to Eventbrite below to secure your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-teenagers-june-2022-tickets-337133002887>

Wishing you all a really good summer term.

Yours sincerely,



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