



10th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you are well and that your family have settled into the routine of what is starting to feel like a more normal term. I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on what has been going on in school.

Despite the ongoing restrictions, our students have been able to enjoy school life with lots of happy people in school, enjoying their lessons and seeing their friends.

Some of our clubs have been up and running this term along with after school PE clubs as well as Year 11 and 13 revision lessons. The Year 11 and 13 assessments will continue until May half term and our examination groups are working hard to be at their best. Year 11 and 13 lessons will stop at the end of this half term and we are planning to hold a 'leavers' event for both year groups to celebrate their time in school. In June, year 11 students will have access to specific resources to enable them to prepare for the start of their A level study.

We are planning to run Sports Day this year after more than 12 months of cancelled events. At the moment we hope to run Sports Day on Tuesday 20th July, but more details will follow. We are also hoping to hold the first ever Trust wide online student conference in June. The conference will involve students from across the secondary and primary schools in the Trust and will be hosted by the Plymouth High Earth Alliance student leadership group. To catch up on the work of our student leaders, please click [here](#) for the Head Student Team page to find out about charities, school council, the student magazine and the diversity group. Click [here](#) for Earth Alliance.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and we have scheduled a number of activities to enable students and staff to reflect on our wellbeing and the strategies we use to help us stay well. In addition to MHAW, we will be celebrating the creativity, resilience and artistic flair that our students demonstrate every day culminating in a showcase on our website and Facebook page on the 28th May.

You will know that Thinking Schools Academy Trust have invested hugely in our IT systems and we are now getting used to using the new equipment and software. There will be further investment to the buildings and dining facilities over the

coming months as we look to continually improve the student and staff experience at school.

You may remember that the 11+ practice day is Saturday 26th June. If there are parents/carers that would like to support this event and help out, please contact Mrs Rogers at K.Rogers1@tsatrust.org.uk

Please do visit our website from time to time to catch up on all the activities and events happening at school.

Very best wishes,



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Headteacher.

