



17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

You may know that our electric car racing team, Hummingbird, competed at the South West heats this week. The races took place at Predannack Airfield and our team won both races in the 11 – 16 category. They also won the Sustainability Award. As a result of their outstanding performance, the team has been invited to compete at the National Finals at Goodwood Motor Circuit in October. The students and staff who work to make the racing team so successful have done a wonderful job and thoroughly deserve their success. I will update you on how they get on after the National finals.

A reminder that it's Curriculum Enrichment Week during the week beginning 4th July. I have written to students to ask them to double check that they are prepared for the week and have thought about the kit they will need. Thank you in advance for helping your child to be prepared and ready for their activities.

You will know from my previous letters that we have whole staff essential training in the afternoon on Wednesday 22nd June. To enable the training to take place, students will finish school at 1.15pm. There are some students taking an examination in the afternoon of the 22nd June and they will stay in school and be supervised for their assessment. We have written separately to the students taking an examination on the 22nd, to explain what will happen. Food will be available as normal at breaktime, but there will not be a lunch offer on this day. Students in receipt of a free school meal will be able to order their meal for the 22nd June and collect it from the kitchen at break time or before leaving school. If your child would like a packed lunch on this day, please email Ms Straker J.Straker@tsatrust.org.uk, if not already done so. Teachers will set work for students to do at home in lieu of the period 5 they will miss.

Year 10 have their end of year examinations soon. I would like to pass on my thanks to parents and carers for your ongoing support as we help prepare students for these important assessments. The results of the end of year 10 assessments help to guide our thoughts on likely GCSE outcomes and will help students to identify if they have any gaps in knowledge and understanding. Careful revision and preparation are crucial and students have been

working with their tutors and teachers on what to revise and which strategies and techniques are likely to be most successful. Revision resources are on Teams and students are encouraged to make good use of them.

A huge well done to year 11 and 13. They have approached their public examinations with such resilience and determination and should be so proud of how well they have coped with this challenging time. Thank you for all you do in the background to make sure that students are well rested, supported at home and punctual for their examinations. We are nearly there!

The PHSG Head Student Team and the Earth Alliance Team will be holding their annual Trust wide student conferences soon. The conferences get student leaders together from all the schools in the Trust and ensure that student voice is part of Trust strategic development.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement and I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Underdown
Headteacher