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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first half term comes to an end, I would like to bring you up to date with what has been happening within the school community and to let you know of events that will be taking place in the lead up to Christmas.

At the beginning of September we were joined by the following new members of staff:

Teaching staff

Computing:	Mr Peter Shore
DT:	Mr Will Bent (maternity cover for Mrs Lisney)
English:	Miss Victoria Jowett (maternity cover for Mrs Oates)
History:	Mrs Lucia Gallie
Maths:	Mr Luke Cole
MFL:	Miss Eleanor Davis (maternity cover for Miss Tremellat)
PE:	Mr Clive O'Sullivan
Performing Arts:	Ms Jenni Oatway (Head of Department)
Science:	Mr Nathan Lyons Mr Christopher Peters Miss Sarah Cresswell Miss Holly Barnes
SEN/Zone:	Mrs Rachael Godlement (SENCo) Mrs Holly Clift - KS2/3 transition

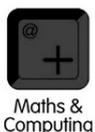
Support staff

Finance Assistants: Mrs Lisa Sutcliffe & Miss Beth Harris

We also welcomed Head of Year, and teacher of PE, Mr Mark Feldwick, into the Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Headteacher.

Our Year 7s have settled well into the saltash.net community and are approaching their daily learning and after school clubs with much enthusiasm! It is great to see, not just Year 7s, but so many of our students involved in our after school activities. Please see the Clubs and Activities timetable at the end of this newsletter.

A special thank you goes to all parents, carers and family members who attended our annual 'Bring Your Grown Up to School' events, on the 11th and 12th October, for our new Year 7 students. It was great to see so many of you supporting your child's education and getting creative! A full report will be posted on our website soon, with coverage to be included in the termly Community News in December.



Parental involvement in the life of our school is absolutely essential for its ongoing success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any information about how best to support your child/children – our pastoral team will be only too pleased to help. Should you have some free time and feel you could commit further to the life of our school, then our Friends of School (Parent-Teacher Association) would be more than willing to welcome you. For further information, please email: lporch@saltashcloud.net or dwest@saltashcloud.net

We have received so many positive comments from members of our local community regarding the new school uniform - our students really have 'SMART'ened up! On this note, may I remind you of our dress code and ask for your assistance in maintaining these standards:

For Year 7s and those who opted to change:

- Black blazer embroidered with school logo, blue shirt, school tie, tailored black trousers/skirt (knee-length)/shorts, black/white socks or black/flesh coloured tights and standard (polishable) flat heeled all black leather style shoes, with covered heels and toes. Sports footwear, rubber toes and canvas shoes are not permitted.

For Year 8s and above from September 2017. The above uniform applies or:

- The old style school sweatshirt with school logo, pale blue polo shirt with school logo, tailored black trousers/skirt (knee-length)/shorts, black/white socks or black/flesh coloured tights and standard (polishable) flat heeled all black leather style shoes, with covered heels and toes. Sports footwear, rubber toes and canvas shoes are not permitted.

Hoodies no longer form part of our school uniform in Year 11. The only jewellery allowed in school is a watch and one simple pair of small studs or sleepers in ear lobes. Exaggerated hairstyles or an unnatural hair colour are not acceptable, and neither are false nails or nail polish.

I am aware that our uniform providers struggled to obtain enough ties for those changing to the new uniform and apologise for this on their behalf. This issue has been addressed and ties are now in stock. I expect to see all students in the correct uniform on their return to school on Monday 30th October. Maintaining high standards will continue to be our focus.

May I also remind you that we no longer have student runners in Reception. We are trying to encourage all of our students to take responsibility for their day. It is still possible to drop forgotten items into school, your child can collect these from Reception during Break 1 (11 – 11.30am) or Break 2 (1.30 – 2.00pm).

Lost property:

At the end of each school week, lost property bins are emptied, bagged and dated. If students have not collected unnamed items within six weeks, these will be distributed between the various charity shops within our community.

Attendance:

Thank you so much to all of you who are supporting our new attendance and punctuality drive. There is a direct correlation between high attendance and academic success, so let's continue to work in partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for our young people.

Open Evenings:

Prospective parents and pupils were welcomed to saltash.net on the evenings of 4th and 5th October. Attendance on both nights was high with the main hall full to capacity for the introductory session. School ambassadors performed an exemplary job, guiding groups between the different areas and showcasing our school. Parents and pupils finished their tour with a light bite, in the dot net cafe. I would like to thank Mr Pete Bond, Assistant Headteacher for coordinating this event and also to all staff and student helpers. Thanks also extend to those parents who helped support our annual open evenings by driving your children to and from the school to assist as guides and subject helpers.





Wellbeing Day:

Of everything that has been achieved this half term, I am most proud of the success of the Be Well Dropdown day. On Wednesday, the timetable was collapsed for the day and students attended a range of workshops that they had selected from a wide variety of options, covering a vast array of wellbeing issues such as Body Image, Dealing with Bereavement, Managing anxiety, Mindfulness, Online Safety or various physical challenges. We were delighted that Ed Buckingham, an ex-student and now world-famous mountaineer, was able to join us to share with students his experiences of building resilience and finding strength in adversity. Other outside providers were the Army, offering teambuilding skills; Psychology Associates, who ran a range of workshops focussing on mental health; The Plymouth Raiders, and St John's Ambulance to name but a few. The students responded really positively to the day and the staff stepped up to embrace this new initiative. Special thanks must go to Mrs Amy Feldwick for making it happen. This was the launch of our new Be Well initiative, and I think it's got us off to a flying start.

Sixth Form Open Evening:

This is an exciting time to be considering entry to the Sixth Form at saltash.net. For many years we have had an excellent reputation for our A Level studies. We have offered a very wide range of subjects, but additionally in September 2018, we are launching a suite of new Technical qualifications alongside our already extensive A Level provision. To find out more, please do come along to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 8th November at 6pm in the Main Hall. Head of Sixth Form, Mr Adam Killeya, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Miss Wilkinson and a number of subject leaders will be on hand to discuss subjects in more detail and answer any questions you may have about post-16 courses and progression into Higher Education post-18.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8 th November:	Sixth Form Open Evening – 6pm
Mon 20 th to Tues 28 th November:	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 23 rd November:	Year 12/13 Parents' Surgery
Friday 15 th December:	Year 7 Carol Service at St Stephens Church
Wednesday 20 th December:	Last day of term

School will close early at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th December for Christmas. Anyone eligible for a free school meal will be able to collect it at Break 1. Buses/Taxis will collect at the earlier time of 1.30pm.

Monday 8 th January 2018:	Whole school returns for Spring Term
Thursday 11 th January:	Year 11 Parents' Surgery
Thursday 18 th January:	Year 9 Options Evening

As I write this I can hardly believe I have been in post for almost a year now! It is a pleasure to lead such a great school serving the local community.

I hope you all enjoy the Autumn break.

With all good wishes,

Ms K.Littledyke
Headteacher

