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Dear Parent/Guardian

What an exciting but extremely busy half term this has been. As we approach the Whitsun holiday, I am pleased to be able to write to you to update you on some of the things that have been happening at **saltash.net** over the last six weeks.

The Summer Exam season commences

Students from across Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are now immersed in GCSE and A Level examinations. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have been providing. Our young people have worked very hard this year preparing for their exams and undertaking a range of Controlled Assessments/Coursework tasks en route to their final papers. As would be expected, all year groups have conducted themselves extremely well in the exam rooms/Sports Hall, demonstrating their absolute determination to achieve the best possible results this summer. I know there is going to be much to celebrate in August.

Maths GCSE results – I am delighted to be able to update you on the results which came into school at the start of this summer term, letting us know how the Year 11s fared in their March exams. It was another great occasion, with many more students hearing that they had secured at least a C grade, or bettered their previous performance. After this set of results, **saltash.net** students in Year 11 have now achieved a superb 72% A*-C in maths and we are certain even more students will gain at least a C after they have taken the June examinations. These results are already 6 percentage points higher than the 66% achieved in 2011 and make what happened last year even more frustrating and annoying!

(**saltash.net** is continuing its appeal against the AQA Maths results last summer and has now progressed the appeal to Ofqual – the office for Standards in Qualifications.)

Year 10 Parents' Surgery

Very many thanks to all parents who attended the recent parents' surgery. There was an excellent overall attendance rate. We are extremely pleased with the progress of Year 10 over the past year and are certain they will be following in the current Year 11's footsteps, striving to achieve the best possible outcomes in their final exams next year.

Year 10 Ten Tors Challenge

Another excellent example of Year 10 students committing themselves this year, is the effort put in by the 6 students who formed our Ten Tors team for 2013. The team trained throughout the Autumn and Spring terms, often in extremely difficult weather conditions, before embarking on the final Dartmoor challenge over the weekend of 10th-12th May. Unfortunately, atrocious weather conditions once again hampered the progress of many of the participants, our team included, but we feel enormously proud that our students put the needs of others first, helping a fellow team that had got into major difficulties and ensuring that they were safe and well. Although they lost out on a medal, as a result of this action, they are definitely heroes in our eyes. So a big well done to:

Tom Doughty
Ben Lowe
Timothy Pook

Jake Hyams
Joe Mawson
Isaac Spencer

Thanks to our staff who did so much to help and encourage the team: Graham Drewery, Victoria Higgs, Helen Ripper and Gareth Jones.

(The next expedition to take place will be the final Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition scheduled for the last weekend in June.)

PE Technician, Dan Budd, inspires students to become physically active

Ex **saltash.net** student, and PE Technician, Dan Budd, led assemblies during the week of 6th May, sharing with students his experiences of running in the recent London Marathon and then participating in the Plymouth Half Marathon Schools challenge with several members of staff and a group of students who had been running a mile a week with Dan over the last three months. The group completed the final mile on the Hoe as part of the Plymouth Half Marathon. Dan certainly showed the impact of committing to a training regime when he managed to complete the London Marathon in 3 hours 15 minutes, placing him in the top 8% of all entrants.

Student successes

There have been many student successes to celebrate over the past half term, including the outstanding work of the Year 7 and 8 'Offperts' team. Six students, coached by Maths enrichment coordinator, Mr Wieprecht, were invited to Microsoft Headquarters in Reading to give a presentation on the impact that Office 365 had had on their learning. They spoke to an audience of over 100 Microsoft Personnel and were the first ever student group brought into the company to provide feedback in this way on one of its software packages. As a result of their achievement, Radio Cornwall interviewed them live last week for a 10 minute slot on one of the morning shows. We all felt extremely proud, listening to them speak so confidently about their experiences! Well done to:

Jack Wickham	George Seymour
George Lambert-Gorwin	Max Frost
Isaac Jewell	Jack Baker

Congratulations also to:

- The Year 9 Football Team – County Champions for 2012-13

Ryan Bailey	Peter Martin
Michael Hambly	Ashley Kane
Ben Reynolds	Tarron Haimes
Daniel Frazer	Jo Gill
Ryan Winfield (Capt)	Will Bunning
Will Hind	Sam Morcom
George Soper	Rob Congdon
Callum Courts	Zack Hyams

Lee Welsh	Rhys Sharp
Fletcher Burden	

- The Year 8 Football Team – runners up in the County Cup & East Cornwall champions

Alex Easson	Shaun Gool
Jay Bartlett	Jonny Webb
George Duff	Finn Reep
Ben Holter	Callum Moore
Josh AC	Rhys Thompson
Scott Waterfall	Will Ambrose
Dan Gilbert	Lucas Bennett
Hallum Bray	James Green
James Hambly	

- Aimee Maher – Year 9 – Saltash RFU Volunteer of the Year
- Liall Honey and Aaron Peter – Year 10 – selected to play for Cornwall Rugby squad
- Year 10 students who attended Exeter University Easter residential

Shelby Adcock	Holly Campbell
Aaron Clarke	Connie Cribb
Nathan Croft	Rebecca Johnstone
Connor Kinsella	Megan Rattle

- Ed Gilford – Year 9 - who achieved a Merit, placing him in the top 25%, of a European Maths Challenge
- Year 11 Vocational Pathway students who received Awards for effort and commitment at the recent St Mellion presentation

Carla Bailey	Kieran Bradley
Alana Breakingbury	Ryan Canny
Sharna Foster	Hayden Fraser
Amelia Indans	Charlotte Maher
Kayley Nathan	Rory Peters
Abi Stocker	Brooke Berry
Ronni Swan	Brandon-Lee Wills
Jade Pashby	

- All students who took part in the South East Cornwall PE Revision day and conducted themselves brilliantly.
- The Warhammer Team who made it to the national finals

Zak Russell Luke Taylor
Sam Sowden Aaron Boswijk

- The Jaguar Cars team who have made it to the national final for the third year running:

Ed Gilford Walter Stroud

School Building Improvements

Following on from the excellent news that **saltash.net** had won the Cornish Guardian competition to secure a grant of £135,000 for a British Gas Energy make-over, we were delighted to hear over the Easter holidays that our bid to central government for a grant to improve all of the roofs had been successful and that we were to receive the sum of £535,022. The roof improvement work commences this coming half term and, when combined with the energy saving plans being put into place by British Gas, should see annual savings of almost £17,000 in utility bills.

Expansion of our Academy Trust

We were privileged to be able to be part of the recent Head of School appointment for Landulph Primary school. Many congratulations go to Esther Best, currently deputy head at Mount Wise primary, on her appointment, and we are all looking forward to working with her and the team at Landulph from this September. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the current headteacher of Landulph, Mrs Beth Worth, a long and happy retirement and to say what a privilege it has been working with her over the last ten years.

I was also delighted to be part of the appointment process for a new deputy head at Burraton Primary school this half term. Many congratulations also to go to Darren Woolner, ex Burraton and **saltash.net** student, on his appointment and we also look forward to working closely with him and the rest of the Burraton team over the coming years.

Friends of School

Many thanks are expressed to our hard working friends who supported **saltash.net's** May Fair stall on Saturday 4th May. Despite a very rainy start to the day, it was a most enjoyable occasion. Further Friends supported events include the forthcoming production of 'Aladdin', a joint secondary/primary production which hopes to build on the success of 'Snow White' last year. Performances will be taking place in the main hall at **saltash.net** from Wednesday 12th-Fri 14th

June and tickets are available now from reception.

Stop Press:

Our whole school production in December this year is to be the musical 'Guys and Dolls'. Auditions are taking place over the next few weeks. Very exciting!

Staffing Update

We have been pleased to welcome 4 new Teaching Assistants to **saltash.net** this term:

- Jayne Barnes
- Lauren Walters
- Alan Payne
- Danielle Pearce

Congratulations go to Science teachers, Lisa Lockwood, Nicki Bovey and Sonia Cooper who are all expecting babies over the next few months. We have appointed four Science teachers as also, very sadly, Leigh Hotchin is leaving us this term to pursue a different career in Marine Engineering. New appointees are:

- Stuart Eaglestone
- Josh Larcombe
- Kirsty Newberry
- George Drake

Congratulations also to Mrs Nicola Silvester who will be going on maternity leave in September. We have appointed Chris Eastment to cover her planned absence in Music.

Retiring this summer will be Mr Blackhall, Head of DT, Mr Hepplewhite, Teacher of Geography, Mrs Lock, Teacher of English and Miss Bowen, Teacher of RE.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them for all they have done for our school over the years.

Further information regarding staffing appointments/changes will be given in the community news at the end of the summer term.

Measles situation & MMR catch up campaign

The key messages remain:

- Although levels of measles have been increasing across England, in Cornwall the number of cases is still low and we are not in an outbreak situation.

- Immunisation with the MMR vaccine is key to preventing cases and outbreaks of measles.
- The MMR vaccine is safe and effective.
- The aim of the MMR catch-up campaign is to prevent measles outbreaks by vaccinating as many unvaccinated 10-16 year olds as possible in time for the next school year.
- The catch-up campaign is to be delivered through GP practices, which will be identifying young people registered in their practice who are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated and contacting them to offer them MMR.
- It is important to encourage parents of younger children to take-up the offer of routine childhood immunisations, including MMR.
- In addition to the usual immunisation resources, PHE is producing a national measles flyer to be circulated to families through schools, and has launched a new Facebook page (www.facebook.com/getvaccinatedEngland) to support the catch-up campaign.

For further advice please look at NHS Choices or contact the Screening and Immunisation Team via the NHS England Area Team on 01726 627863.

Farewells

As we come to the end of this half term, inevitably we are having to say good bye to our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts of students. Superb farewell events have been arranged for both year groups and details and photos can be found on our website www.saltash.net. Both year 11 and year 13 have been truly outstanding year groups and we will all miss the students who are leaving enormously. Fortunately, a very large number of Year 11s have applied to our 6th Form so we hope to see them return for Post 16 studies in September. To all those leaving – we wish every success and happiness.

Finally, we have had many visitors to the school over the last six weeks and, without fail, they have been hugely complimentary about our young people and the staff at **saltash.net**. Here are some of the things they said:

Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow - *“saltash.net is a very good school with many outstanding features”*

MP Sheryll Murray – *“I was proud of the warm welcome Mr Speaker received from saltash.net and would like to thank the pupils and staff for a fantastic visit”*

Rebecca Clark – Principal Oasis John Williams Academy – *“It was an absolute pleasure to visit the team at saltash.net, particularly so on the day of the Maths early entry release. To secure 72% A*-C in Maths by April is a phenomenal achievement”*

Rob Briscoe – Department for Education – *“saltash.net is a vibrant learning community”*

Chris Gerry – Microsoft *“The only thing you could possibly do to improve this school is rebuild it”*

The very positive comments about our students are a wonderful reflection on all of our parents and on our community of Saltash.

Thank you, again, for your excellent support.

Best wishes,

Mrs I.Bryce
Headteacher

Events coming up

Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	Half Term
Wed 5 th Jun	Year 5 Information Eve
Thurs 6 th Jun	Year 12 return
Tues 11 th Jun	Year 7 Parents' Surgery
Tues 18 th & 24 th Jun	Year 6 Induction days
Wed 19 th Jun	Theme Day
Wed 20 th & Thurs 21 st Jun	Year 9 Enterprise days
Mon 1st Jul	Inset day (School Closed)
Tues 2 nd Jul	Sports day
Wed 3 rd & Thurs 4 th Jul	Year 9 Enterprise days
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th Jul	Curriculum Enrichment & Work Experience week
Fri 12 th Jul	Year 11 Prom – Boringdon Park Golf Club
Tues 16 th Jul	Year 5 Theme day
Wed 17 th Jul	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Fri 19 th Jul	Last day of term (early closure at 1.20pm)

A Midsummer Night's Dream – DVDs are now on sale at £8. Please contact Reception for your copy.