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Dear Parent/Carer

Partnerships with our Community

This academic year, we are working hard to develop even stronger partnerships with our community to improve the support services available to our students both in and out of school time. Part of this project is our work with the Safer Saltash initiative. This group of community organisations is working hard to improve our wider community. They have identified 6 key objectives for the town:

- A) Dangerous drug networks
- B) Domestic abuse
- C) Suicide attempts from the Tamar Bridge
- D) Crime and disorder influence from Plymouth
- E) Anti-social behaviour and public disorder on the Waterfront
- F) Community engagement and building community resilience

As a school, we are working with organisations who also attend this working group, particularly building support around young people's mental health. We have already implemented a new triage system in school, where youth workers come into school every day and offer a drop-in service for any students who need someone to talk to first thing in the morning. We have just confirmed a new working partnership with XenZone and Kooth, who can provide one-to-one support and small group work for those suffering with low level mental health concerns.

Additionally, we are working closely with the Police and YSUP (who provide drugs education for young people). Together, we are running two separate events to enhance the current drugs education offer for our students: these will happen on Tuesday 27th November and Monday 3rd December. A further event is for parents: on Monday 19th November. We will be welcoming two staff from YSUP to run a 'How to talk to your child about drugs' presentation. The event will take place at 5pm in the 6th Form Common Room. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Mr Oakes on moakes@saltashcloud.net.

Throughout the academic year, we will also be running other events for parents using the same format as above 'How to talk to your child about...'. If you have any suggestions on sessions that you would find useful, please get in touch.

Another new initiative is our Community Parent Café, every Thursday. This will take place in the 6th Form Common Room from 3.15-4.15pm. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to drop in, have a chat in a safe and confidential environment with our Pastoral Support Assistants and enjoy a cup of tea.

We are extremely grateful to Waitrose and Partners who have sponsored our first project, working with parents on how best we can support families whilst their child is educated at Saltash.net Community School.

If you can offer any other suggestions on how we can support parents further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Oakes'.

Mr M Oakes
Associate Leader: Community Engagement

