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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: End of term information and the start of the new academic year in September

I hope you and your families are well.

We are very quickly nearing the end of a challenging year for all of us in schools across Cornwall, and indeed across the world. Thank you for your ongoing support for our students and our wider school community as we continue to navigate uncharted waters.

Sports days

I am delighted to be able to pass on my thanks and congratulations to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students for their amazing effort and teamwork during their sports days this week, despite soaring temperatures. Please pass on my personal thanks to your children. I have not been able to see a Budehaven Sports Day until this year, and although we have had to run them in year group bubbles, it has been lovely to see such a buzz around this important annual event.

Examination year groups

I would also like to thank Year 10 for their hard work this year, during their first year of their GCSE courses. Their approach to their summer term examinations was excellent and this is a great foundation for a year of hard work, in and out of school that lies ahead, culminating in their GCSE examinations in the summer of 2022. Despite the disruption of the 2020-21 academic year, our Sixth Form students have worked hard, without fuss, and we are confident that if they put in the hard work, both in and out of their lessons, they will achieve great things next year.

Remote learning and provisions throughout lockdowns

In a year where a significant proportion of lessons have been delivered remotely, I would like to thank and congratulate our teachers and support staff for all they have done to make this happen. Mr Grill has led this project at whole school level, and without his efforts, online learning would not have been able to happen. I would like to also say well done to all of our students who adapted to this very unusual way of working so quickly and so effectively.

Mrs Hague (SENDCO) and I would like to extend our massive thanks to all our support staff, who have been outstanding this year. From leading the provision for vulnerable children and those of key workers earlier in the year, to adapting to becoming experts in everything related to Lateral Flow Testing.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

A real success of this year has been the way that Mrs Leverton and Miss George have led a brand new Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) provision across school. This will continue to build as the next year progresses, and their hard work culminated in a diverse and engaging programme for Year 10, whereby employers and professionals from over forty different careers and professions came into school to talk to our students. Sadly the second week was cut short due to the year group having to self-isolate, however, in the autumn term we intend on inviting the remaining visitors back into school to continue this excellent programme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Last Friday, 16th July, saw our first Duke of Edinburgh expedition, in which many of our Year 9 students completed a long walk, put up tents and cooked for each other. Ms Hassall and Miss Griffiths, with the help of several staff coordinated a very successful expedition in temperatures similar to those we have experienced this week.

Uniform and Standards from September

When we return in September, all students are expected to wear full school uniform, plain black shoes that can be polished (no canvas trainers etc. will be allowed). For full details of the uniform requirements, please refer to the school website. On days where PE lessons take place, students will be expected to change into their PE kit in school, therefore full school uniform is expected every day. We will also be launching our new school ethos and expectations of behaviour across school in September that so many of our school community contributed to earlier in the year. I look forward to sharing this with you in September.

New Deputy Headteacher

We also welcome our new Deputy Headteacher in September, Mrs Westwood, who will lead Behaviour and Personal Development across the school. She joins us following four very successful years as Head of the British International School of the Ukraine, in Kiev. Prior to this, Mrs Westwood spent twenty-six years as a teacher and leader in schools across England. We welcome her and her family to Cornwall.

The return dates for the different year groups are as follows:

Wednesday 8th September – Years 7 and 12

Thursday 9th September – Years 8 and 13

Friday 10th September – Year 11

Monday 13th September – Year 10

Tuesday 14th September – Year 9

Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Testing – September

You may be aware that on return to school in September, we have been directed to facilitate two Lateral Flow Device Tests for Covid-19 for all students. In order to ensure we follow the correct protocol, as with many other schools in Cornwall and other areas of the country, we are staggering the beginning of the autumn term for the different year groups. The England Department for Education have given schools the freedom to initiate such staggered starts to the new academic year to facilitate the testing.

Date	Year groups involved	Test information
Wednesday 8 th September	7 and 12	<p>Year 7 arrive, register in tutor group rooms and will be taken to computer rooms to register for their LFT. Between 10.30 and 12.00, Year 7 will take their first LFT.</p> <p>Year 12 will register for their LFT on arrival in the Sixth Form and test from 8.30 onwards.</p>
Thursday 9 th September	8 and 13	<p>Year 8 arrive, register in tutor group rooms and will be taken to computer rooms to register for their LFT. Between 10.30 and 12.00, Year 8 will take their first LFT.</p> <p>Year 13 will register for their LFT on arrival in the Sixth Form and test from 8.30 onwards.</p>
Friday 10 th September	11, 7 and 12	<p>Year 11 will line up on the lower playground and be escorted to an ICT room to register in tutor groups. They will then register for their LFT in ICT rooms before going to their timetabled lessons. They will be collected from lessons to carry out the tests.</p> <p>Years 7 and 12 will be collected in classes to register and test after the Year 11 testing has been completed.</p>
Monday 13 th September	10, 8 and 13	<p>Year 10 will line up on the lower playground and be escorted to an ICT room to register in tutor groups. They will then register for their first LFT in ICT rooms before going to their timetabled lessons. They will be collected from lessons to carry out the tests.</p> <p>Years 8 and 13 will be collected in classes to register and take their second test after the Year 11 testing has been completed.</p>
Tuesday 14 th September	9 and 11	<p>Year 9 arrive and register in tutor groups. They will then register for their first LFT in computer rooms before going to their timetabled lessons. They will be collected from lessons to carry out the tests.</p> <p>Year 11 will be collected in classes to register and take their second test after the Year 9 testing has been completed.</p>
Wednesday 15 th September	None	No testing on this day.
Thursday 16 th September	10	Year 10 will be collected in classes to register and take their second test.
Friday 17 th September	9	Year 9 will be collected in classes to register and take their second test.

Finally, on Friday 23rd July, we are having our final non-uniform day of the academic year, to raise money for the Captain Tom Foundation. This will be a fitting charity, given the past twelve months. You will be able to make donations from 12.00 on Thursday 22nd July.

I would like to thank you on behalf of all the staff, students and governors of Budehaven Community School for your support this year, and look forward to working with you all next year, as I begin my third (and hopefully more “normal”) year as Headteacher.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Wilkes', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Dominic Wilkes
Headteacher