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Dear Parent/Carers,

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A brilliant start to the new Academic Year

We have enjoyed a fantastic start to the new academic year, and students have settled in brilliantly to the new three-lesson day. We have already seen improved attendance, alongside a rise in the ratio of positive points on Class Charts. We were really pleased to hear students' feedback about how much more settled the school day feels, thanks to reduced movement around the site and greater opportunities to explore their work in depth. We are continuing to gather students' views so that we can make the three-lesson day as strong as it possibly can be for everyone.

The first Parent Carer newsletter of the year was published today and is attached to this email as well as available on the website.

Year 6 Open Evening

We enjoyed an incredibly positive Year 6 Open Evening last night, welcoming over a thousand visitors to the college to experience the wide range of opportunities on offer to our students. As ever, the students who represented the college were outstanding ambassadors, and we were immensely proud of the enthusiasm and pride they showed as they took our visitors around their school. It is a hallmark of the brilliance of our students, and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

Meet the Tutor Evening

This is the next big event in the school calendar – an opportunity for every parent / carer to meet their child's tutor. The tutor is the most important contact for you and the person who has the most consistent relationship with your child.

These are online for Years 7, 8, 9 and the Sixth Form, and in person for Years 10 and 11 (with a number of additional important talks for these parents).

Many have already signed up, but if you haven't yet, please book your slot via the 'Parents Booking' area of MCAS. You should have received a separate email about this – please check your junk folders if not.

The importance of attendance

It's been a really positive start to the term in so many ways and included an improvement in attendance compared to the same period last year. It is so important that this continues – consistent attendance in the first weeks sets the tone for the year and is clearly linked to better academic progress and student happiness.



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From Monday next week, we will be relaunching our Attendance Streaks initiative. For every unbroken week of attendance, students will earn a raffle ticket for a prize draw at the end of each term, with some significant prizes on offer. Please do all you can to support your child's full attendance. If you have any concerns about barriers your child may be facing, please get in touch with their tutor or the pastoral team so that any worries can be resolved as early as possible.

Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8, 9) Homework Launch

We shared these short information recordings with parents and carers of Key Stage 3 students this week. Homework for Key Stage 3 will be launched next week (28th September). Thank you in advance for ensuring your child is completing their 30 minutes a night.

[Homework Recording One - Why the change](#)

[Homework Recording Two - How Homework will run](#)

Homework Club is available to all students who wish to access additional support, to complete their homework in a nurturing environment, or to use the computer to access their SPARX learning. Homework Club runs Monday - Thursday in room 517.

If you have any questions, do please contact your child's tutor

Safeguarding & Welfare – Everyone's Responsibility, Everyday, Everywhere

We have been leading assemblies with all year groups this week around the importance of keeping ourselves and others safe within school, outside of school and online. Information is available on our website which includes;

- What to do to report a concern or worry
- Key Safeguarding and Welfare contacts
- Parent/Carer Information

Link: [Exmouth Community College - Parent and Carer Information](#)

Communications with Parents and Carers – a request for feedback

This year, one of our key priorities is improving our communication with parents and carers. We want you to feel as informed as possible without being overloaded, and to feel that this is truly your school, where parents' voices are heard and valued. With this in mind, we would be very grateful if you could complete a short survey about your experience of communication with the school and what we could do to improve it. You can find the survey link here, and it will remain open until Friday 9 October.

[Survey - Communications with parents and carers – Fill in form](#)

Thank you so much in advance for all your support. We feel really lucky to have such a supportive parent community and will continue to work as hard as we can to give your children the very best experience we possibly can.

As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd rather more contact than less so that we can resolve any worries before they grow.

With very best wishes for a successful start to the new academic year.



Tom Inman
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