



27 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

Your Voice

Thank you for the messages of thanks and praise that we continue to receive. Whilst we know we are not perfect, it is lovely to hear that we are having a positive impact on the young people in our care. Hearing your feedback is really important - it helps shape our thinking and decision making as well as addressing any issues that arise. Before I joined Helston, you may remember that I sent out a parent/carer survey to gather your thoughts and opinions about your experience of the College. Six months into my first academic year, I would appreciate your views again to see if these have changed in any way. As we have also moved from one Trust to another, I would also like to gain your thoughts about the key values we promote across the College. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete the survey via the link below by Monday 6 March 2023.

<https://forms.gle/LznsgPqS8scxJZ3C6>

Kindness - the K of PERKS

Our Kindness Ambassadors have come up with the brilliant idea of making March a 'Kindness Month'. From 6 March we will be issuing 'Golden Tickets' to students when they show acts of kindness to others. We will then hold a prize draw just before Easter for all students who post their 'Golden Tickets' into one of our 'Golden Post Boxes'! In addition, students will be invited to write positive messages on postcards to other students and staff and our students in Years 7 and 8 will be given the chance to write letters to students they do not know in another school in England. There will also be a bake sale to raise funds for a charity and lunchtime activities open to all. Many thanks to our amazing team of Kindness Ambassadors for pulling this all together.

Ready - the R of PERKS

Students must arrive to College and to lessons on time, with a full set of equipment which ensures lessons start promptly and without distraction. Being prompt and prepared are good habits to establish in College ready for the workplace when students are older. As you will be aware, students receive a lunchtime detention if they are late to College and an after-College detention if they are late to lessons on three occasions. If your child does receive a late detention, I would be grateful if you could reinforce the importance of punctuality with them.

Please can I also ask for your support in ensuring your child has a full set of equipment. The bare minimum is a pencil case containing a black pen, a green pen, a pencil, a ruler, a pencil sharpener and an eraser.

March Dates for your Diary

- 2 March** - Planned Teachers' Strike Day
- 3 March** – Year 10 Parent Forum
- 6-10 March** – Year 11/P16 Food Practical Exams
- 7 March** – Parent/carer Engagement Evening (PEE) about Attendance
- 9 March** – Year 11 Maths event for Students and Parents/Carers
- 15 and 16 March** - Planned Teachers' Strike Days
- 22 March** - Post 16 Parent Teacher Consultation (PTC) Evening
- 29 and 30 March** - College Production
- 31 March** - Break-up for Easter Holidays at 3.15pm

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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