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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the close of another vibrant year at Mullion School, I am delighted to celebrate the achievements, adventures and everyday moments that have brought our community together. From our youngest Year 7s finding their feet at the start of the year to our Year 11s preparing for their next steps at the end. Every student and member of staff has contributed to a year defined by kindness, determination and self-belief.

Year 7 settled into secondary life remarkably well: they received their iPads as part of the TPAT Advantage project, mastered new routines, and climbed Tregonning Hill on their humanities trip to immerse themselves in Cornwall's heritage. Meanwhile, a number of our Year 8s dove into STEM when they took on the Institution of Engineering and Technology's Faraday Challenge and later watched Atomic Rhubarb transform physics into a spectacular theatre performance. Families of Years 5 and 6 joined us for Open Evening, where our students proudly showcased life at Mullion, and Year 11 explored hospitality careers with a hands-on visit from the Royal Navy.

All the while, our well-being clubs—debate, chess, art, basketball, fitness, badminton, Pride and Calm, volleyball, netball, rugby, football, cooking competitions, homework club, Key Stage 3 band and Code Club—gave everyone the chance to build new skills, friendships and resilience. Our year began with House assemblies and we held Praise Assemblies recognising the effort and progress of students in every year group.

Music students in Year 7 and those students studying at GCSE were inspired by the Prussia Cove String Quartet, and our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions tested determination and teamwork on Dartmoor. We honoured Remembrance together and displayed student work at St Mellanus Church. We shared preparation for Christmas by gathering for Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day—festive highlights that brought warmth and laughter to the winter term.

January saw our Year 9s head to London, exploring Camden Market, a Hindu temple and the British Museum's treasures. Back in Cornwall, Year 8's 'Deep Sea' stoneware mugs emerged from the kiln, showcasing artistry and skill, while Year 9 teams pitched inclusive innovations in the Ctrl Alt Del Conversations workshop. Over 110 students honed employability skills—teamwork, resilience and creative problem solving—in practical challenges, and Year 7 met National Trust staff to learn about conservation roles on the Lizard before rolling up their sleeves on local projects. Our History competition saw impassioned recreations of famous speeches, and thanks to the MSA, our DT and Art students received iPad pens to enhance digital creativity. On the sports fields, Years 7 and 8 boys and U13/U15 girls represented us in football and netball fixtures, apprenticeship workshops for Years 8–11 planted seeds for future careers, and lunchtime clubs across the curriculum continued to thrive.

Spring's warmer days brought new excitement. Our ski trip tested determination and teamwork on the slopes, the Hootenanny filled our hall with music and laughter, and the House Pancake Race crowned Budoc champions amid spirited rivalry. Drama students performed Brain Play at Theatre Royal Plymouth (even working with a National Theatre director), while Year 10 and 11 audiences were enthralled by An Inspector Calls at the Hall for Cornwall. Debate Club triumphed at the Cornwall Music Festival, STEM Quiz and Tutor Design Challenge teams showcased inventive thinking, and Sports Day and Games Day were triumphs of house spirit. Our Vocal Pod's four-part harmony of Earth, Wind & Fire's "September" at Truro Cathedral, World Book Day celebrations, CPR training and Careers carousel events reminded us that learning—and enjoyment—happen in every corner of school.

This summer term has been equally busy and inspiring. Sixteen of our students have led a fundraising drive for Cambodia, demonstrating compassion and leadership. Our musicians shone at the TPAT Music Showcase at the Hall for Cornwall, BTEC Sport students became golfers and surf-club members explored new passions, and house events—from Masterchef to Spelling Bee and the Maths Competition—brought healthy rivalry and fun. Year 9 visited the Minack to see Treasure Island, while Year 7's Activity Week adventures took them from Mullion Cove to St Michael's Mount. Duke of Edinburgh volunteers logged over 500 hours of service, and a group of our students attended the Leadership Conference in Helston. Drama club performed Shakespeare at the Hall for Cornwall, our Year 11 Art exhibition displayed stunning portfolios, students took part in the Olympiad, engineers visited the Marconi Centre, and Year 10 excelled on college visits and work experience placements.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated team. This year, we welcomed Mrs Gardiner, Mr Popperwell, Mr Cassidy and Ms Cann, whose talents have already enriched our school. We said farewell to Mr Loder, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Wilkin. Mrs Barrowman and Ms Mason will also sadly be leaving us and we wish them every happiness in the next steps of their journey. We also celebrate Mrs Penberthy in her new role as Assistant Director of Education for the Trust, knowing we will still see her regularly at Mullion.

As we look ahead to the summer break, please remember that the last day of term is Friday 18th July, with school finishing at 3.15 pm, and our whole-school assembly that afternoon will be a special moment to come together one final time. We return on Wednesday 3 September, refreshed and ready for another year of hard work in every lesson.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards



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Headteacher