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## **MULLION SCHOOL**

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the October half term break, I would like to firstly confirm that the break begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. I would however, like to take this opportunity to reflect on the first half of the autumn term and share with you some of the many achievements, activities, and moments of pride we have experienced together as a school community.

It has been a truly vibrant and purposeful start to the academic year here at Mullion School. From the moment our students returned in September, they have demonstrated a strong commitment to their learning, a willingness to get involved, and a genuine care for one another and the wider school community. We are incredibly proud of them.

This half term has been rich with opportunities for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom and to contribute to the life of the school in meaningful ways. Here are just a few highlights:

Many of our Year 11 students visited Helston Sixth Form, where they explored post-16 options and engaged thoughtfully with staff and students. It was a pleasure to see them asking insightful questions and considering their next steps with maturity and ambition. The rest of our Year 11 (our historians) took part in a fascinating trip to Plymouth, where they explored key historical sites and deepened their understanding of topics that will support their GCSE studies. Their behaviour and engagement were exemplary.

During our Open Evening, we were delighted to welcome prospective students and families to Mullion. A special thank you goes to our Year 7 students, who volunteered their time to support the event. Their enthusiasm, politeness, and pride in their school were truly heart-warming and I believe will make a lasting impression on our visitors.

Many students successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge, demonstrating a love of reading and a commitment to independent learning. We continue to encourage all students to read widely and often—reading remains one of the most powerful tools for academic success.

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Our extra-curricular programme has been thriving this term, with students enthusiastically participating in a wide variety of clubs and activities that enrich their school experience. In music, students have been involved in the Brass Ensemble, Vocal Notes Choir, Woodwind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble, with many also preparing for the National Schools Prom Competition—a fantastic opportunity for our talented performers to showcase their skills. The performing arts have been equally vibrant, with Dance Club and Drama Club offering creative outlets for expression and collaboration. On the sports front, students have enjoyed taking part in Basketball Club, Boys' Rugby, Volleyball, and Badminton, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and school spirit. For those seeking academic enrichment, Debate Club and Chess Club have provided stimulating environments to develop critical thinking and strategic skills. The breadth and energy of our extra-curricular life reflect the enthusiasm and commitment of our students, and we are proud of all who take part.

We are especially proud of the number of students who regularly attend these clubs. Their dedication, creativity, and teamwork are a testament to the vibrant culture we are building at Mullion School.

Our Year 11 students have shown exceptional commitment to their studies this term. Attendance at booster classes has been excellent, and it is clear that many are taking their responsibilities seriously as they prepare for their mock exams, which begin on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We know that this is a crucial time in their educational journey, and we are here to support them every step of the way. After half term, we will be holding a Family Learning Event focused on revision strategies. This session will explore not only what students should revise, but also how they can revise effectively. We will share research-based techniques that support memory retention, understanding, and exam performance. We warmly encourage all families with students in Year 11 to attend.

One of the ways we promote a sense of pride and unity at Mullion School is through our school uniform. We are pleased to see so many students wearing their uniform smartly and with pride. It reflects their respect for themselves, their peers, and the school community. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed appropriately every day. If you require assistance with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year. We are here to help.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of excellent attendance. At Mullion School, we are committed to providing an education of the highest quality, and this can only be achieved when students attend regularly and punctually. Research shows that even a single day of absence can impact a student's progress. We encourage all students to aim for 100% attendance—every day and every lesson truly counts. Your support in this area is invaluable, and we thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure your child makes the most of their time at school.

We believe that the success of our students is built on strong relationships between school and home. Your encouragement, involvement, and communication make a real difference. Whether it is attending events, supporting homework, or simply asking your child about their day, your role is vital—and we are grateful for it.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Mullion School. Their dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment to our students have been evident in every lesson, every club, and every event this term. Whether supporting academic progress, organising enrichment activities, or simply offering a kind word when it is needed most, our staff continue to go above and beyond. It is their passion and professionalism that make Mullion such a special place to learn and grow.

If you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do contact us. We value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve and strengthen our school community.

I would like also to express our gratitude to you for responding so quickly to the issue we had in school yesterday as a result of a power outage which resulted in the closure of the school for safety.

On behalf of all staff at Mullion School, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a busy and rewarding half term, and we are excited about what lies ahead. We wish you and your family a safe, restful, and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back in November, refreshed and ready for the next half term.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Dunleavy Headteacher

