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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year at Mullion School, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly successful year and to thank you for the support you continue to provide our school community.

This year has been packed with achievement, opportunity and memorable experiences. Every week, our students remind us why we are so proud of our school. Whether in classrooms, on sports fields, through performances, competitions, community work or educational visits, our young people have continually demonstrated the values that make Mullion such a special place.

One of the highlights of this year has been welcoming our Year 7 students. They have enjoyed what I believe has been the most successful first 200 days imaginable. They settled quickly into secondary school life, embraced new opportunities and established themselves as valued members of our community. We are enormously proud of how well they have adapted and flourished.

Our Year 11 students have shown tremendous resilience and determination throughout their examinations. They leave us having worked incredibly hard and having represented the school with maturity and character. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have already begun to take on their role as the senior students at the school. They have approached their studies with increasing maturity and have embraced recent college visits, careers activities and work experience opportunities with enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see so many students thinking carefully about their futures and taking full advantage of the opportunities available to them.

Our enrichment activities have once again shown just how much happens beyond the classroom at Mullion School. This year's ski trip was our largest and most successful yet, providing unforgettable experiences for a record number of students. Activities Week once again demonstrated the breadth of opportunities available to our young people, with students embracing challenge, adventure and new experiences with enthusiasm.

We have also been incredibly proud of the fundraising efforts of Team Cambodia and the support shown by our wider community. We wish our sixteen students, alongside Ms Rebecca Goodrum and Ms Estella Brett, the most wonderful and transformative experience as they travel this summer.

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Across the year, students have represented the school with distinction in a remarkable range of sporting activities. We have celebrated our Under-13 Football County Cup winners, the achievements of our girl footballers in reaching the latter stages of the National Cup, students representing Helston Rugby Club, competitors at the Cornwall County Swimming Championships, show jumpers, cricket club members, darts club competitors and the many students who volunteer to support sporting events. We have also enjoyed success through Mullion Surf Lifesaving and our growing surf and sea safety programmes, which reflect our unique coastal location.

There have been countless opportunities beyond sport and performance. Students celebrated World Book Day and Anti-Bullying Week, with students proudly wearing odd socks to support this important message. Our mathematicians achieved certificates in both the Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenges, while Year 10 peer mentors and maths coaches supported younger students and contributed to research work with the Education Endowment Foundation. Students participated in the public speaking competition, Cyber Escape Room Challenge and our Barnstormer event, whilst forty-one students participated in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and many others continue to work towards their Silver Award.

One of the things that makes Mullion School so special is the strength of our house system. Whether competing in Sports Day, pancake races, MasterChef competitions or TT Rockstars challenges, students consistently demonstrate determination, teamwork and pride in their houses. The friendly rivalry between houses remains one of the highlights of the school year.

The arts continue to flourish at Mullion School. Students have participated in the Winter Showcase, Christmas Through the Ages, the annual dance show, the Cornwall Music Festival, performances from our string and brass ensembles and more recently, a performance in school of Wyrd Sisters. We were delighted to see students performing with the TPAT Super Orchestra at Hall for Cornwall and to provide opportunities such as the National Youth Proms visit in London. Visits from organisations such as the Elmore String Quartet have further enriched students' experiences.

One of the greatest strengths of Mullion School is the willingness of students to support one another. Our Year 10 peer mentors have provided invaluable support to younger students and contributed to educational research projects. Across the school we see examples every day of students showing kindness, leadership and community spirit.

After an incredible 35 years of service, we thank Jane Gomez for her unwavering dedication to generations of Mullion students. Her kindness, care and commitment have touched countless lives, and she leaves with our deepest gratitude and best wishes.

We also bid farewell to the indomitable Andrew Martin, proud Head of Yestin House and tireless champion of so many young people over the years. His contribution to school life has been immense.

We also thank Leonnie Taylor for her work within our Modern Foreign Languages faculty and wish her every success for the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome new colleagues to Mullion School. A warm Mullion welcome goes to Claire Whitehouse in Mathematics, Simon Clarke in Geography and Christine Dowrick in Modern Foreign Languages. We look forward to welcoming them fully into our community.

There are simply too many achievements to include in one letter. I would encourage all parents and carers to visit the Mullion School Facebook page, where you will find regular updates and photographs showcasing the incredible experiences and opportunities enjoyed by our students throughout the year.

Behind every visit, production, sporting fixture, intervention, competition, enrichment activity and successful lesson stands a member of staff who has given their time, energy and expertise for the benefit of our students. I am enormously grateful to every member of Team Mullion for their unwavering dedication to our young people. They continue to go above and beyond every single day.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Strong partnerships between home and school are vital to student success and we greatly value your contribution to school life.

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the high standards we have in relation to our uniform. We take pride in our school and the students within it. Our students tell us that the uniform is comfortable and provides a sense of belonging. As families prepare for the new academic year, please ensure students have:

- Completely black shoes without logos, flashes or coloured laces.
- Light blue polo shirt with the school logo (prefects wear a red polo shirt).
- Black formal skirt, black formal tailored shorts, or formal black school trousers.
- Dark blue school sweatshirt with the school logo.

A reminder that school finishes this Friday at 1.00pm and students may wear their PE kit on the final day.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 2 September at the normal start time, and we look forward to seeing every student achieve 100% attendance on the first day of term.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to another successful year together in September.

Kind regards



Michelle Dunleavy
Headteacher