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### ***Respect, Integrity, Self-Discipline, Courage, Gratitude, Empathy***

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break. The summer term is packed full of many different events, both in the school day and also through our enrichment programme and it has been lovely to see more and more pupils engage with different activities. Whilst the temperature has been cool, the pupils have been back on the front lawn for breaks and watching their interactions and being able to flourish in such beautiful setting reminds me of how lucky we are to have our school in this location.

During the Easter break the 10 Tors Team were out on the moor training, and this weekend, our Exmoor Challenge teams are back out preparing for their event. Thank you to parents who have been supporting staff in these activities. We have also been reviewing more opportunities that teachers are planning for later this term, and there are some great things on the way for many of our pupils to take advantage of.

Next week, we have lots of visits from our colleagues from the Central Team, with Mr Alexander coming into school on Monday and Tuesday, along with Mr Hickman who will be with us on Thursday. Their support in helping leaders and staff put the final preparations into the exams and assessments that are coming up has been vital to increase our capacity at school level. Our Year 11 pupils, who have already started sitting their GCSEs, with Art being done on Tuesday and Wednesday this week are now weeks away from the start of the bulk of the series. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard to prepare for their SATs, which are also only a few weeks away, and our Year 10s are getting ready to sit English Literature GCSE. We will also have Mrs Summers working with us to support improving attendance on Thursday next week.

We have been fortunate to have welcomed new colleagues this term, with Mrs Tatchell and Miss Yarwood joining our admin team. On the 29<sup>th</sup> April, we will also welcome Mr Medland, as our new operational SENCO, and Mrs Wavish who will provide additional admin support to our SEN team and Miss Poole, who will be joining our lunchtime team, as our new mealtime assistant.

Please do continue to contribute to feeding back to the school. Each submission is read and where themes are appear, we look to develop key areas of improvement. I would like to thank you for the supportive points, particularly when gratitude towards staff has been raised, these all get acknowledged and celebrated with colleagues.

[Parent Feedback Form](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Arnold  
Headteacher