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Dear Parents and Carers

As we look ahead to Challenge Week and the start of the summer holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your support throughout this academic year.

You have been incredible. The partnership between home and school is one of the greatest strengths of our community, and it is because of your trust, encouragement and support that we have achieved so much together. Looe Community Academy continues to grow stronger week by week, and I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished as a school community.

But most importantly, I want to thank our students. They are a remarkable group of young people who continue to impress us with their resilience, kindness, determination and character. Every year group has contributed to the success of the school in its own way and they should be immensely proud of what they have achieved this year.

Our Year 11 students left us last month after working tirelessly towards their examinations. We are incredibly proud of them and wish them every success for the future. They leave Looe Community Academy having shown real perseverance, maturity and determination.

Our Year 10 students have embraced the challenge of becoming the school's senior role models. Many have worked exceptionally hard during their recent mock examinations and are already leading by example as they prepare to become our next Year 11 cohort.

Year 7 have enjoyed an outstanding first year at the academy, settling quickly into secondary school life and making a positive contribution to our community. Likewise, Years 8 and 9 continue to be full of hardworking, talented and caring young people who make us proud every day.

Over the course of this year, we have continued to raise standards across the academy. Uniform standards have improved significantly, behaviour during social and recreational times has strengthened, and we have laid the foundations for a positive rewards and behaviour culture that will continue to develop next year. Mr Major will be sending a separate letter and flowchart outlining how our updated behaviour systems will be implemented from September. We want all parents and carers to be fully informed and prepared. As always, our approach will be transparent, fair and clearly communicated.

Our vision remains unchanged:

1. To have a trusted, great teacher in every classroom.
2. To ensure disruption-free learning in every lesson.
3. To be a school where every child is known, cared for, feels safe and is happy.
4. To be a hub of excellence that serves its community and listens deeply to its stakeholders.
5. To transform lives, strengthen our community and make this part of the world a better place.
6. To create a culture of learning where children are confident in who they are, have a strong sense of belonging and live our motto: **"Be the Best That You Can Be"**.

To achieve this vision, we must continue to work together. One area we are determined to improve further during 2026–27 is communication with parents and carers, and we will place an even greater emphasis on this next year.

We must also continue to uphold our high expectations regarding uniform and equipment.

Every student should arrive at school with:

- A pencil case
- Black or blue pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Highlighter
- A hard water bottle (*plastic bottles can be noisy during lessons*)

Looe Community Academy – Uniform & Equipment

As outlined in Mr Major's forthcoming communication and the Behaviour Policy, all staff—including Heads of Year, tutors, teachers and support staff—will expect the highest standards with regards to uniform from September. Where students do not meet these expectations, the sanctions outlined within the Behaviour Policy will be applied until the matter is resolved.

High standards matter. They create a culture of pride, belonging and readiness to learn. We can only maintain these standards by working together.

Further details about uniform and equipment can be found on our website [here](#).

Changes to the School Day

From September, the structure of the school day will change.

Morning Arrangements

- Breakfast Club opens at **8:00am** (entry via the side entrance to the canteen)
- All other gates will open at **8:35am**
- Students should not arrive before this time unless attending Breakfast Club
- Students must be through the gates by **8:38am**
 - Gate 1: Year 11 Side entrance through the canteen
 - Gate 2: Year 9/10 Main Entrance gate, proceeding through to the Science Quad area
 - Gate 3: Year 7/8 Side gate adjacent to Main Reception

We are, therefore, removing roll-call. I want the start of the school day to feel warmer, calmer and more caring for our students. Every day should begin positively, with time spent building relationships and strengthening our pastoral curriculum. Students arriving late will attend Guided Reading in the canteen and receive a detention.

Timings of the Day 2026–27

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:38am	Students enter through designated gates
8:45am	Tutor registration and pastoral curriculum activity
9:10am – 10:10am	Period 1
10:10am – 11:10am	Period 2
11:10am – 11:40am	Morning Break
11:40am – 12:40pm	Period 3
12:40pm – 1:40pm	Period 4
1:40pm – 2:10pm	Lunch
2:10pm – 3:10pm	Period 5
3:10pm	End of School Day
3:15pm – 4:00 pm	Extra-Curricular Activities

Welcoming New Staff

We are delighted to welcome several new colleagues, as well as current colleagues who move into new roles:

- Mr Adam Curtin – Teacher of English
- Miss Amy Blaylock – Teacher of PE
- Mr Declan Arden – Teacher of Maths
- Mr Bryan Maywood – Teacher of English
- Mr Warren O'Riley – Head of Maths
- Mrs Gemma Riley – KS3 Teacher of Religious Studies and PSHE
- Mrs Samantha Palmer – Inclusion Base HLTA Lead

We look forward to welcoming them into our community and know they will make a valuable contribution to life in the Academy.

Farewells

We also say goodbye to several colleagues who have made significant contributions to LCA:

- Miss Lou Irons
- Mrs Jan Owen
- Mrs Sophie Scott-Hammond
- Mrs Liz Fowkes
- Mr Stuart Diggins
- Mrs Ashleigh Woollaston
- Mr Chris Webster

We thank them sincerely for their dedication, commitment and service, and wish them every success in the future.

Key Dates from September 2026

Wednesday 2 September 2026	New Year 7 students start, and Year 11 students return
Thursday 3 September 2026	All year groups return
Tuesday 15 September 2026	Launch into Year 11 Evening
Thursday 5 November 2026	Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday 20 November 2026	Smart Inset Day

This staggered start will allow Year 7 students time to settle into their new environment and support Year 10 students as they transition into Year 11.

Summer Refurbishment Programme

Over the summer, significant investment will continue across the academy, including:

1. Development of a new Year 11 Independent Study and Careers Area.
2. Creation of a new Reading Wall in partnership with the Library Service.
3. Establishment of a new Inclusion Base, designed with input from the students who will use it.
4. An £80,000 refurbishment programme for floors, walls and doors throughout the school—a project we have fought hard to secure because our students deserve an environment that reflects their potential and ambition.
5. An additional 48 seats in the canteen.

These developments form part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our school environment matches our aspirations for every child.

As this year draws to a close, I want to return to where I began: by saying thank you. Thank you for your trust, your support and your commitment to the school. Thank you for working with us, challenging us, encouraging us and believing in what we are trying to achieve together. Most importantly, thank you for the wonderful young people you send to us every day. They are a credit to their families, to their community and to Looe Community Academy. I genuinely believe we are building something special.

This year has been about laying strong foundations, raising expectations and establishing a culture where every child can thrive. Next year will be a year of significant and rapid improvement as we build on those foundations and continue our journey towards becoming an exceptional school at the heart of its community.

I wish all our students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and continuing this exciting journey together.

Yours faithfully



Paul Boyes
Headteacher

A Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As another successful year draws to a close, I would like to thank every member of the Looe Community Academy family for their commitment, support and determination throughout the year.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I want to express how proud we are of our students. They have represented the school with maturity, kindness and resilience, and have embraced the high expectations set for them. Whether through academic achievement, sporting success, creative endeavours or simply the way they support one another each day, they continue to demonstrate the values that make Looe Community Academy such a special place.

I would also like to thank our parents and carers. Your support, encouragement and partnership with the school are invaluable. Strong schools are built on strong relationships between families and staff, and we are fortunate to have a community that cares deeply about the success and wellbeing of its young people.

This year has seen significant progress across the academy. As Governors, we have been pleased to see standards continue to rise, improvements to the school environment, and a relentless focus on providing the best possible opportunities for every child. We are particularly grateful to Mr Boyes, the Senior Leadership Team, and all staff for their dedication, energy and commitment to driving the school forward.

There is much to be proud of, but there is also much to look forward to. The plans for next year are ambitious and exciting, and the Governing Board fully supports the Academy's vision of providing an exceptional education while ensuring that every child is known, valued and cared for.

Thank you for the part you have played in this journey. We wish all students, families and staff a restful, happy and safe summer break and look forward to another successful year ahead.

With best wishes

Naomi Grint and David Swygart

Chair of Governors (Joint)

Looe Community Academy