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Dear Parent/Carer

Although this Easter term is shorter than others, it has been packed full of activities and our Year 9 students have, as always, been taking full advantage of the opportunities placed before them.

March saw many of the Year Group perform on the big stage at G - Live, alongside several other local schools. It was apparent to all who saw the performance just how much enjoyment the students took in participating and it is a testament to all the amazing work put in during their Performing Arts lessons over the past three years. I'm sure I speak for all Year 9 students when I thank Mr Owen, Miss Carter, Mrs Starr, Mr Annan, Mrs Thompson and all the other staff who put so much of their time into supporting our students.

We have also seen the Geography Field Trip to Cornwall, which presented our students with a fantastic opportunity to apply what they have been learning "in the field". The below is an account of the trip from one of our student leaders.

"On the first day, we spent a couple of hours in the evening at the St Ives lifeboat station, having travelled 7 hours to Cornwall. We were briefed on their job and had a private tour of their lifeboats. We had chilli con carne for our first meal at the hostel with a hearty baked potato.

The following morning, we went to the Geevor tin mine, where we were informed of the thrilling life of a 20th century miner. After, we visited an art gallery and had delicious takeaway pizza for the second evening. At 7:00pm we went to see one of Shanty Baba's famous walks, during which we listened to local ghost stories.

On the 3rd day, we visited a telegraph museum and had a tour of the Minack Theatre, which overlooked the rough seas of Cornwall. We then travelled to a 'country skittles' restaurant where we played classic Cornish skittles and chilled in a recreational area.

On the 4th day, we had an educational walk along the coast, run by a local geography teacher. He explained that we were standing on land formed from what used to be the mantle; incredible! Next, we had a quick pasta meal back at the hostel and went to the nearby cinema - of course with popcorn. On the last morning, we left the hostel and travelled back in the minibuses to the Eden Project, where we did some group work and an interesting workshop. Finally, we started our long journey back home."

It was a pleasure to see so many students and parents at the Year 9 Consultation Day and I know that staff were really encouraged with how engaged students were. There were lots of conversations about the upcoming options and I know many students and parents left reassured about the choices that were being made.



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Enrichment day this week was another great opportunity for students to experience different ways of learning. Many of our students took part in the trip to the London Docklands, which also took a tour of West Ham football stadium. They learnt about the physical and human geography of the area, as well as the logistics of running a large stadium open to thousands of people each week. Students in school were fortunate to attend our careers fair, which featured exhibits from a large range of local and national employers. Student were able to spend time discussing the different career paths open to them and I was again so impressed with the mature attitude the students took to this. I know they will have gained a great deal from the experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and carers an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to all that Summer term has in store for us.

Kind Regards

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