



Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you had a lovely Easter break.

This letter includes some updates and key information for the first half of the summer term.

### **Parents' Evening Survey Results**

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening last half-term. Getting your views is very important to us and we do act on the feedback given. The survey results are as follows:

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1. My child feels safe and happy at Settle College.	Yes – 100%
2. The Parents' Evening I attended tonight was informative and helpful.	Yes – 100%
3. My child is making good progress at Settle College.	Yes- 98%; No – 2%
4. The school communicates clear and helpful information about my child.	Yes – 100%
5. It is easy to communicate with my child's teachers.	Yes – 100%
6. Settle College has provided clear guidance and support in preparation for the Options process.	Yes – 100%
7. The school has responded well to any concerns I have raised.	Yes – 82% n/a – 18%
8. My son/daughter has been well supported in their preparation for their AS examinations.	n/a
9. My son/daughter has been well supported in their preparation for the next stage in their education.	n/a
10. I have found receiving pieces of work with silver stickers helpful.	Yes – 100%
11. Settle College makes sure its students are well behaved.	Yes – 100%
12. Settle College is well led and managed.	Yes – 100%
13. Settle College deals effectively with issues linked to bullying, including e-safety.	Yes – 100%
14. Would you recommend Settle College to another parent?	Yes – 100%

### **Parent Partnership Group**

Thank you to the parents who attend our half-term Parent Partnership Group meetings. This is another way of us finding out your views on current developments. At the last meeting there was a discussion around 'Life after Levels', school success, Home Learning and Rewards trips.

Many parents attended the Parents as Learners workshops for English, Maths and Science last term. We hope you found these useful and we will be running more sessions in the next academic year. The powerpoint presentations can be found on our website in the 'Parents', 'Parent partnership' section.

### ***Attendance Update from the Department for Education***

The Department for Education has recently updated their guidance on attendance in schools. From the beginning of the academic year 2015/16 the government is reducing the threshold for Persistent Absence from 15% to 10%. For 2014/15 the DfE will publish current Persistent Absence levels at both 15% and 10%. Therefore, from September 2015 a student will be classed as 'persistently absent' if their attendance falls to 90% or below.

### ***Uniform***

If there is an issue with your son/daughter's uniform please provide a note to their tutor indicating when the issue will be resolved. If uniform issues are persistent we will send students home. The pastoral staff will contact you first before sending a student home.

### ***Summer Examinations***

We will be running revision sessions in the coming weeks and months. The revision sessions timetable can be found on our website in the 'Parents', 'Extra-curricular section'. Some subjects will also be running revision sessions over the May half-term holiday. Details of these sessions will be available on our website.

The dates and times of all summer examinations are on our website in the 'About the school', 'Exams' section.

Moodle, our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), is full of useful revision materials for each subject and can be accessed at the bottom of the front page of our website [www.settlecollege.org.uk](http://www.settlecollege.org.uk). All students have been provided with personal logins.

### ***General Election***

As the General Election is fast approaching, many of our Sixth Form students will be able to vote for the first time! Robert Ogden, our Head Boy, has arranged for some of the local candidates to visit Settle College next week. The candidates will be holding a question and answer session with the students - I am sure this will provoke some interesting debate!

### ***Literacy and Numeracy Focus***

We now have a Literacy and Numeracy fortnightly focus across all subjects to raise the profile of Literacy and Numeracy across the curriculum. The focus is communicated to students via the screens around the school and in tutor time. The Literacy and Numeracy focus can also be found on our website so that you can support your son/daughter at home. This can be found by clicking on the 'Year 7 to 11' tab.

### ***Keeping safe on line***

There is a section on our website with advice about keeping safe online including a link to the CEOP website (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). Any online concerns can also be reported directly to CEOP by clicking on the link.

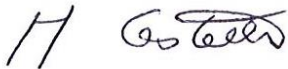
We will be running a 'Keeping Safe Online' workshop for parents and carers on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm – 9pm in the Upper School Hall. The workshop will be led by Settle police officer PC Dave Riddler. Please do try to attend if you can. The workshop we ran last year really did highlight the many issues with online safety and provided very simple strategies to follow to ensure children are safe online.

**Dates for your diary for this half term:**

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	A2 Art exam
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	A2 Art exam
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	PTA meeting in the Library at 6.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	GCSE Art exam
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Post 16 offers published
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Exam season starts
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	AS Art exam all day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Partnership Group meeting in the Library
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	AS Art exam all day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Finally, I wish all students about to embark on their summer examinations the very best of luck. We are always here to help and provide any advice and guidance at this crucial time. All students involved in exams should be revising as there are now only four school weeks until the summer examination season begins!

With all best wishes



Ms M Costello  
**Principal**