



2nd April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Squid Refunds

You may be aware of our involvement, at national level, on seeking to support parents to be able to receive a full refund from the sQuid accounts. We are pleased that squid have now decided to honour this. Squid will be returning any remaining balances direct to the school (including the £10 admin fee where parents had claimed their refund direct) as they are unable to return funds to individual accounts. Once received, we will transfer these funds onto students' iPay balances so that they can spend their money through our new cashless system. We hope to do this over the Easter break. Thank you for your patience through what has been a frustrating period for many (including us!) but we're pleased that a satisfactory resolution has now been found. If you have any further concerns, please email ipay@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Linked to this, the temporary facility to use cards and phones for Key Stage4 students to pay for items in the Telfer canteen will be withdrawn after Easter. Year 11 students without iPay funds will be able to use bank cards (but not mobile phones) until the exam season, but Year 10 students will be required to use funds on iPay. Please ensure that iPay accounts are topped up over Easter.

Mufti Day in Aid of Comic Relief – Friday 4th April

We are excited to support our students' wishes for a Mufti Day in aid of Comic Relief on Friday. While we are close to our goal, we encourage all students and staff to continue donating via iPay or the buckets in the Pastoral Hubs. Comic Relief is a fantastic cause that has supported local charities for the past 40 years. We also want to ensure our students embody our value of Responsibility by working together as a House Team to make a positive impact.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that students come to school appropriately dressed. We have informed students that crop tops or very short skirts or shorts are not appropriate. Additionally, for health and safety reasons, open-toed shoes, sandals, or flip-flops are not allowed. Students who are not dressed appropriately will be asked to stay in the Hub until you can bring them suitable clothing. Students should bring PE/Dance kit in as usual for PE/Dance lessons (and are welcome to wear it all day if preferred).



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Part College Closure - Tuesday 22nd April

I am sorry for the late notice of this, but we have had to make the difficult decision to implement a part closure of the College on Tuesday 22nd April. On this day, the College will only be open to Year 11 and Year 13 students, as well as a few Year 12s with forthcoming exams (to avoid any loss of learning time ahead of their public examinations which start on the 5th May). The school will be closed to other year groups.

The reason for the closure is due to the need to urgently migrate our whole college Management Information System due to the system provider not honouring our service agreement. We are clear that their actions are morally and ethically unacceptable and will be challenging the legal position that the provider have taken. However, in order to be able to open legally and safely at the start of term, we will need to create the capacity for system testing and staff training on Tuesday 22nd April. The College will then be open as usual on Wednesday 23rd April.

I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please be assured that a significant amount of the migration work will take place during the Easter holiday break to ensure we minimise the disruption to learning.

Summer Parent/Carer Forums

As we approach the Summer Term, we will be launching another 'round' of parent consultation events. Last Summer Term we had brilliant engagement from parents to a series of consultation events about joining the Ted Wragg Trust. We are now inviting you to come and share your views on a number of aspects of school life that have emerged as themes following the parent survey in January. Whilst the survey clearly showed that parents felt that clear positive progress has been made, we are acutely aware that there is much more to do, including around school culture, behaviour, learning and communications. We agree, and look forward to hearing your constructive feedback to help us build our strategy going forwards.

I am very conscious that there is a lot going on at the moment. We are likely to email again next week with some further updates, but in the meantime I want to again celebrate our wonderful young people. They are a joy and a privilege to work with and have achieved so much this term. We wish them (and you) a very happy and restful Easter break, and with particular wishes to Year 11 and Year 13 students who are working so hard in preparation for their Summer exams that are now just a few weeks away.

Take care,



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