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Dear Parents/Carers

As we near the end of another term, I wanted to write to thank you all and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. However, I first wanted to celebrate some brilliant moments from this term and let you know about some key dates coming up.

Firstly, year 11 have been busy with their recent mock examinations. We set them a challenge of completing 40 hours of revision using a '5-1 Revision Countdown' document. The cohort maturely approached the mocks and worked hard. We are now processing their results, ready for a mock result day event which was held on 18 December to enable them to feel what the real results day will be like next August. We are now analysing the data across the whole cohort, each department and by all class teachers. The aim is to ensure that all students receive the right feedback in every subject they study, and understand what they must do next to make good progress and be ready for the next round of February mock exams.

This year group are also receiving their leavers hoodies today, 19 December 2025 so that they can start to enjoy them and wear them as uniform, especially as many are growing out of their blazers and are now taller than Mr Saberton! We also hope to see as many parents as possible at the year 11 Parents Evening on 15 January.

This week, they experienced a Babcock careers assembly organised by Mr Riley and Mrs Marshall, to help them understand the type of opportunities available to them should they continue to work hard and stay focused. So far, we are delighted with our year 11's.

Secondly, the +1 Club recent reward day was held to celebrate all students who are doing well with attendance, including the Golden Ticket 95%-100% Club. Students across all years were able to relax and enjoy a movie or partake in a silent disco! The highlight was year 7 and year 8 belting out Wonderwall, and year 9 dancing to Mr Brightside by The Killers. I loved seeing the happiness and smiles. I want LCA students to look back and smile at their time in our school.

However, the +1 Club did get me thinking. The attendance initiative is a great thing; however, we are ultimately rewarding students for doing what they simply *should* be doing: being in school every day. So, we must now start developing the positive behaviour system by rewarding those students who are here every day, but also who work hard with great effort. Our data will give us the information on those students who put in great effort all the time and work hard. We need to start rewarding these children with letters home, certificates, and perhaps linking together +1 Club and high effort as the academic year progresses. This requires some deeper thinking and planning. So, we will start with Year 10 and 11; watch this space.

Next, some things that we have worked on to improve of late:

- Introduced a split use of the Canteen. This has meant less overcrowding, a calmer queuing system and that students can sit down to enjoy their packed lunch or hot dinner. So far, it has really helped create an orderly and improved social feel to the canteen - even on Chip Friday! Timings are as below, but so far, it is easier to get the students through and enable them to enjoy their lunch in a more relaxed setting. And contrary to rumour, the food does not run out by 1:45pm!

Week A

1:30pm to 1:45pm - Year 7, 8 and 9

1:45pm to 2:10pm - Year 10 and 11

Week B

1:30pm to 1:45pm - Year 10 and 11

1:45pm to 2:10pm - Year 7, 8 and 9

- We have also introduced a Red Card detention system at breaktime for any student who does not behave appropriately at lunchtime. To be fair, 95% of students are brilliantly behaved, but a red card issued to those few who need it enables a calmer lunch for all students, as we continue to build good foundational routines and habits.
- From 6 January onwards, we will be looking to improve and tighten the behavioural system. This does not necessarily mean making the system stricter, and changes will be communicated to parents and carers. Expect further communication in 2026, but we will always listen to feedback from parents, carers and students.
- After feedback from a recent Parent Forum, we are now launching a programme in 2026 for LCA High Attainers. This will be led by our new teacher of science, Mrs Luanne Cardis. This is an exciting development and will include trips, experiences, workshops, student voice and a focus on the students who should be securing the top grades across their subjects. Again, watch this space.
- Also, as promised, the first LCA vlog can be accessed [here](#). Mr Dourass has used his great Computer Science skills to generate the first one, and I have to say, the intro did make me laugh. This first edition covers the following:
 1. Year 11 Plans 2026
 2. Three great achievements - staff and students
 3. Christmas events this week

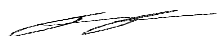
Finally, this week we have had Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner Day and the Christmas Show! It is great to have Looe Primary visiting to watch the Christmas Show, and all LCA students will watch it on Friday. Recently, the spirit of kindness at Christmas has been the theme throughout the academy. Students have had thought-provoking assemblies, and a post-box was set up to deliver special random acts of kindness to each other across the last week - a lovely initiative. There has also been a huge effort led by the LCA Student Council for each tutor group to produce a Christmas Hamper for those less fortunate folks at Christmas. We filled 25 hampers for the Lions Club of Looe. An incredible achievement as staff and students united to create something special. A massive thank you to all who donated.

Also, one local businessperson who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated many gifts and vouchers to the school for families who may find Christmas a tough time to manage. What they have donated is incredible; a huge thank you to them and the staff involved, you know who you are.

All these amazing initiatives are so important at this time of the year. They really do represent our values of respect, resilience, responsibility and kindness underpinned by keeping it about 'people' to develop quality for this community - thank you to all of you, but most of all our amazing students!

So, let me round off now by wishing every single Looe CA family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a good one everybody, and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Boyes

Headteacher

Upcoming key dates for your diaries:

Date	Year Group	
Thursday 18 December 2025	Year 11	Mock exam results day event
Friday 19 December	All students Year 11 Year 10 & 11	Last day of Autumn term – break up for Christmas holiday Hoodies will be given out Reports issued to parents
Monday 5 January	All students	INSET day (school closed for students)
Tuesday 6 January	All students	Students back to school - Spring Term begins
Tuesday 6 January 2026 to Friday 6 February	Year 11	Career interviews
Thursday 15 January - 4pm to 7pm	Year 11	Parents evening
Friday 16 January	Year 7, 8 & 9	Reports issued to parents
Monday 19 January	Year 11	'5-1 Revision Countdown' round two begins (plus 50-hour revision challenge launched)
Thursday 29 January	Year 9	Parents evening
Thursday 5 February	Year 9	Options Evening
Monday 9 February to Friday 13 February	Year 11	Week 1 mock exams cycle 2
Friday 13 February	All students	Last day – break up for half term
Monday 23 February	All students	INSET day (school closed for students)
Tuesday 24 February	All students	Students back to school
Tuesday 24 February to Monday 2 March	Year 11	Week 2 mock exams cycle 2
Wednesday 4 March - 4pm to 6:30pm	Year 11	Careers fayre
Tuesday 10 March to Friday 13 March	Year 11	MFL speaking mocks
Monday 16 March	Year 11	Reports issued to parents
Thursday 19 March – 6pm to 7pm	Year 11	Effective study and revision evening

Please note the two INSET days above are teacher training days and therefore school is closed to all students.