



29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

PHSG PTFA

I am delighted to report that the newly formed PHSG PTFA (parent, teachers and friends' association) met last night to discuss fundraising and enrichment opportunities for our young people. Members volunteered to take on particular roles to make sure the association is effective, but all members were eager to encourage more parents to join. If you would like to find out more, please email the PTFA at pta@plymouthhighschoolforgirls.org.uk. The association are hoping to set up their first event fairly soon and will share the details as soon as they can. Thank you to those parents who were able to make it last night. If you had any technical problems joining the meeting last night, please do email the PTFA to register your interest.

PHSG treading the boards

Congratulations to Faye (Yr13), Flo (Yr12), Eliza (Yr10), Dora (Yr9), Morgan (Yr9) and Martha (Yr7) who performed onstage at the Theatre Royal last weekend with Plymouth Performing Arts Academy, in 'Sunday Night at the Lyric'. They danced and sang in front of a packed house with only one full theatre dress rehearsal. An amazing achievement from some very talented performers.

Duke of Edinburgh Award celebration

Over 250 students and family guests attended the inaugural DofE presentation/awards evening on Tuesday 26th September. The audience were shown all the amazing volunteering, physical and skill based activities that the students had been participating in over the past year. Students also had the chance to share their experiences of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Expeditions. These included the Gold specific 'residential' section and a special award for one of the Silver Expedition teams who dealt with an emergency first aid situation on Dartmoor whilst on their expedition. It was an inspiring evening and we thank all the parents who have supported their child through these challenging awards.

Positive behaviours

You will recall from my previous letters that we have been working on our positive behaviours policy so that we can continue to drive forward the high standards and expectations we have at Plymouth High. We hope that this will add further to our positive and productive school environment.

To enhance our partnership with families we are launching a new form of regular communication from week beginning Monday 2nd October. Parents will be notified on a weekly basis about their child's achievements and emailed about any detentions. Since the awarding of achievements far outweighs sanctions, we are hopeful that this will be mainly an opportunity for sharing successes in school. Parents are welcome to contact their child's tutor should they wish to know more about why a sanction has been set.

Year 11 parents evening

A reminder that the year 11 parents' evenings are set over two days, Thursday 5th October and Thursday 12th October. Parents will be able to make an appointment with all of their child's teachers, but these appointments are likely to be spread across the two evenings. All parents of year 11 students have been sent a link to enable them to make appointments. I do hope you find the meetings beneficial. The year 11 mocks are just before Christmas, so the discussions will no doubt be really useful. There is also a year 11 revision evening scheduled for 5pm in school on Thursday 19th October where we will share with parents and students some ideas about effective examination preparation.

Half term holiday

The last day of this half term is Thursday 19th October as Friday 20th October is a training day. We will finish at the normal time on Thursday 19th October. We return to school on Monday 30th October for a normal school day.

Very best wishes,



Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.