



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

26th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you are all well.

As we are now starting to approach the end of term, I thought I would write to you with a few updates.

Schools open in September.

Government has announced that schools will be back in September for all students. I am sure that our students are looking forward to getting back to some form of normal schooling, we are certainly looking forward to seeing them again. Although we have yet to receive full guidance on what provisions we will need to make in September, one of the early indications is that we will have to limit contact between year groups. We are currently working on plans to ensure that we will be fully compliant for September and will share those plans with you as soon as we can.

Curriculum enrichment week refunds.

Many thanks for your patience with regards to the refunds process for curriculum enrichment week. As you might expect, there is a significant amount of organisation and planning that goes into making a large number of payments. We have been working hard in the background to ensure it runs as smoothly as possible and have already been able to make a great many payments. We are hopeful that all refunds will be made before the end of term. If you have not received your refund by the last week of term, please contact our business manager, Mr Paul Renyard at prenyard@phsg.org

Laptops

You will remember that I wrote to you earlier this term with the offer of purchasing a laptop and carry bag for your child. We received a large number of orders and are hoping to be able to start making deliveries soon. We had hoped to get the devices out to you sooner, but Worldwide supply has been adversely affected by the pandemic. We will let you know via email when the devices are available and also how payment and collection will work. There is still time to order a device, please contact Mr Paul Renyard at prenyard@phsg.org if you are interested.

Uniform

Families can order uniform items from our supplier, Proserve. The PHSG page is [here](#). Please contact the company directly for orders. Unfortunately, because of the current restrictions, we cannot offer a fitting service in school this year.

You will all know that there is a new school uniform from September. The new uniform is compulsory for new Year 7, but other year groups are welcome to wear it if they wish. In September, Students in year 8 and above can wear any combination of the old and new uniform. When we went through the uniform change consultation process earlier in the year, the feedback we were getting was that lots of older students were very keen to wear the new skirt and jacket, so please do contact Proserve if you would like to order items for September. The PE kit has also been upgraded with a change to the all-weather top. Older students are welcome to wear the new top if they wish, but the existing PE uniform is still fine for year 8 and above.

Zoom lessons.

Teachers will be experimenting with zoom lessons for their classes over the next three weeks. Students have been sent a protocol for these lessons and our hope is that the lessons will add to the bespoke work that teachers have been setting throughout the lockdown. Not every lesson will be a zoom lesson, and teachers will stick to the timetable as they have been doing during school closure.

The week beginning the 6th July would have been curriculum enrichment week, but it will now be a normal school learning week. We will run a week A timetable. Students have been informed, but a reminder from you would certainly help.

Thank you

As always, thank you very much for all the kind messages we have received, it means so much to know that our efforts are being appreciated.

Best wishes,



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