



24 November 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Student librarians

I am delighted to announce that hot on the heels of appointing our 2024 Head Student Team and Earth Alliance student leaders, we have now recruited our new group of student librarians. The student librarians have a crucial role to play in the running of the library and are a tremendous asset to our established team. Many congratulations to the following students on achieving the role of student librarian; Delilah 8DVS, Eloisa 8RIC, Ruby 9RRY, Alexandra 9MWA, Melody 9VAR and Mya 12GRA.

Children's Commissioner survey

You will remember that I shared a link with you last term that takes you to the Children's Commissioner survey. Parents and/or students can fill it in, so if you haven't already done so, you may wish to log on and fill it in. Students or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Further resources are available on the Commissioner's website. The Commissioner wants to ensure that the voices of children in Plymouth are fairly represented in the findings so that their views can be shared with senior politicians.

Consent for influenza vaccinations

As a reminder, all students in years 7 to 11 will be offered a free influenza vaccination, but we need your consent for the vaccination to be administered. Please visit our website here [Plymouth High School for Girls - Administration Of Medicines \(phsg.org\)](http://plymouthhighschoolforgirls.org.uk) for more information and to access the consent form.

PTFA support

Our amazing new PTFA are already busy supporting school projects. This term they have funded; The happy news newspaper, a year 8 extra-curricular educational programme and a rewards initiative for the sixth form. The Sports council student leaders are currently preparing a bid for the PTFA to consider after the PTFA reached out to our student leaders. The secretary of the PTFA has already met with our 2024 Head Student Team. If you would like to be part of the new PTFA, please email them at phs-pta@tsatmail.org.uk

Carols and mince pies evening

Thank you to those parents who have donated a box of mince pies for our annual CAMP evening due to be held on Wednesday 6th December. If you were thinking of donating and have not yet had the chance, we would be very grateful for extra boxes. Many thanks in advance.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Carols and Mince Pies event, please do so using the link below:

[Carols & Mince Pies at Plymouth High School for Girls, Newman Hall event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Bertha's to return

We are putting plans in place to move Bertha's (our outside catering unit) from its current position on the courts to the old carpark. We are hopeful that the move will be completed before the end of January 2024. This will return us to our more flexible and spacious break and lunchtime arrangements.

Uniform

Thank you to all the parents that support us each day with our uniform standards. As a reminder, the blazer is a compulsory item for years 7 to 10 and students are expected to wear it every day. For a full rundown of our uniform expectations, please visit our website [here](#)

The last week of term

A reminder that the Drama festival is on Thursday 14th December. This will be a non-uniform day (no contribution necessary), but the rules around jewellery and hair colour remain as per the uniform policy. Friday 15th December is our last day of term and is a full uniform day, we will be going to the Church on North Hill for our carol service.

The school day will **finish at 1.30pm on Friday 15th December**. However, we will not be able to change the contract bus pick up times. If you would like a safe space for your child to wait in school until 3.30pm on Friday 15th December, please contact your child's head of year. For years 10 and year 11, this will be Mr Law. Mr Law will look after both year groups whilst Mrs Nichol Boyle is on maternity leave.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.