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Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

1 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

This week I wanted to share with you a recent development made by our science department. Mr Waite and his team have developed a new bespoke website for our year 11 students to support independent study and revision as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. Teachers have been sharing details of the site with students and showing them how it can be accessed through the year 11 Teams channel. So far, lots of students have made good use of the resources and I would encourage all of year 11 to continue to do so. For more information click [here](#).

The website contains knowledge organisers for all three sciences, links to quality assured websites and YouTube channels, as well as links to examination practise by topic, as well as examination command word descriptions. The site is updated on a regular basis with the aim of being a one-stop shop for revision in the sciences at this crucial point in year 11.

All academic departments have prepared revision resources for students taking GCSE and A level examinations in 2024 and these can all be found on the relevant Teams channels. If your child is having any difficulty finding the revision materials, please do ask them to check in with their teachers.

A few calendar reminders from me

Our annual carols and mince pies evening is on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm. Mrs Marcer has sent out details about how parents can buy tickets for the event and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

Christmas jumper day is on Thursday 7th December. Details have already been shared about this day, but I would like to remind parents that this is not a mufti day and all other uniform rules will apply. Students wearing a Christmas jumper on the Christmas jumper day do not also have to wear their blazer.

The Drama festival is on Thursday 14th December. This is a non-uniform day, but the rules around hair colour and jewellery remain. There is no need to make a donation for this mufti day.

The last day of term is on Friday 15th December and will include our annual carol service at the Church, it is a full uniform day. Please remember that school will finish at 1.30pm on this day and that if you would like us to provide a safe space for your child until 3.30pm, we ask that you contact

your child's head of year who will be happy to arrange this for you. The contract buses will arrive at their usual times on the 15th, and **will not** be outside school for the 1.30pm finish.

The first day of the spring term is Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

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