



1 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

Our recent Trust wide student voice meeting was a huge success and our student leader representatives really enjoyed discussing their thoughts and ideas with both secondary and primary students from across the Trust. As a result of the meeting, Plymouth High student leaders were able to start forming links with their counterparts at Plympton academy and they are very much looking forward to developing this collaboration. We can be very proud of our excellent student leaders in the way they represented themselves and our school.

A shout out to parents and carers who are serving in the Armed Forces

If you are a parent or carer who is serving in the Armed Forces, please do let us know by contacting Miss Barker at Jackie.Barker@phsg.tsat.uk. Miss Barker runs the Armed Forces support group and offers a termly meeting with students who we know have a parent and/or carer serving in one of our Armed Forces. The students are encouraged to meet to talk about their experiences with other like-minded students. We also provide opportunities for visits, our most recent one being to the local Naval Heritage Museum.

Hummingbird competition

Our amazing electric car racing team, Hummingbird, kindly sponsored by Becton Dickinson, have just launched a competition to design the new kit car. They are very keen to get as many students involved as possible. Students have been given

information about the competition, but I thought parents would appreciate knowing that it is underway. We very much look forward to reviewing the entries.

Careers information

The 4th – 9th March is National Careers Week. Plymouth City is marking this event by hosting an Early Careers Fair to give young people the chance to meet Plymouth's top employers and to give them chance to reflect on what their future might hold. It is being held on Saturday 9th March 2024 at Home Park, Plymouth Argyle from 10am – 2pm. Students, families and friends are all welcome to discover potential next steps and opportunities available to the city's young people. Please click on the following link to find out more. [Careers Fairs - Plymouth Makes](#)

The new menu

There will be a new menu in school after Easter, please see the attached flier.

A reminder of upcoming dates for your diary

A reminder that year 8 parents' evenings will take place on Thursday 21st March and Wednesday 27th March. The meetings will be online and booking details will be sent out to parents next week. Parents may find that appointments are offered on one or both days depending on the subject and the number of year 8 classes teachers have. I hope parents find the meetings helpful. If you find that you are unable to make a booking with a teacher that you would like to speak with, please contact Mrs Banks who will try and find a solution.

We have our Trust-wide staff training afternoon on Tuesday 26th March. Classes will run in the morning as usual and school will finish for students at 1pm. We are not able to change bus or train times on this day and the services will run as usual from 3.30pm. Should you wish for us to provide a safe place for your child to wait in school until 3.30pm, please contact your child's head of year.

The last day of term is Thursday 28th March and is the day that we will have our gym and dance festival. Normal school timings for this day, but it will be a mufti day, no contribution is necessary. A reminder that our expectations around jewellery, hair colour and makeup/nail varnish remain in place for mufti days.

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.