



8 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

## Courts update

We are nearly at the end of the engineering and geology investigations that have been undertaken on our courts/playground. We have some good news. The engineers have confirmed that the structure is safe and is not in danger of further collapse. We are now in the process of preparing for the exploration pits to be back filled and resurfaced and the whole site cleaned and prepared for use. Unfortunately, this whole process is neither a quick or inexpensive task, but there is now light at the end of the tunnel. I will update you when we have more news, but I am hopeful that this will be soon.

## Health behaviour survey

We are planning to use a national survey in school to collect information about year 8 and year 10 health behaviours during the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Our school, along with several others in the city, has agreed to participate in a very important Health Behaviour Survey amongst young people. We have been asked to support the work of the Local Authority Children's Services and Public Health so that they have a reliable database upon which they can objectively plan health care provision for young people.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified. The Local Authority will only receive a summary of school data within which individual schools are not identified. We will receive anonymous data which will allow us to review our PSHE curriculum. The questionnaire will be taken by year 8 and year 10 students in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March. Further information will be sent to the parents of those students taking the survey. For more information about the SHEU (the schools health education unit) survey please [click here](#).

### **Keeping school up to date**

A reminder to parents that if your contact details, your child's medical details or your address changes, please do let us know. Parents can contact the main school number or email our data manager, Mrs Will, directly at [Rachel.Will@phsg.tsat.uk](mailto:Rachel.Will@phsg.tsat.uk)

### **World book day**

We enjoyed a very successful World book day celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Many students and staff came to school dressed as characters from books and there were various competitions around school. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### **150th birthday bake off**

This week we held the first round of the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday bake off competition. Students from year 7 and 8 teamed up to compete in the competition to bake peanut butter biscuits. All the teams produced delicious biscuits within the time frame and presented them most professionally. Whilst it was hard to select winners, in the end the judges decided that 7A and 8A were the winners. Well done to everyone who took part, but particular congratulations go to Anthony house. There will be heats for the older years, so it will be interesting to see if Anthony stay out in front.

## **International Women's day**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated international women's day with 'wear a red accessory', a break time bake sale to support ending period poverty and to top it off, a talk from Brandie Deignan (CEO Pier Health Group) in the afternoon. We were delighted to welcome Ms Deignan to our school so that our students could reflect on her message on this important day. You can find out more about Ms Deignan [here](#).

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.**