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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

150th anniversary activities

This week we held the second round of our 150th Anniversary Bake Off competition. Bakers from year 11 and the sixth form battled it out to see which team would be heading towards the final to join our winners from year 7 and 8. Students made chocolate truffles using a recipe from one of the student magazines from the 1960s. I had the privileged position of being one of the judges and can say that all the students produced wonderful truffles making it really tricky to select the winners. However, winners there were and Latimer went through for year 11 and Temple for the sixth form. Well done to all our talented bakers, check out the full article [here](#).

This week we also held our 150th Anniversary quiz to test the PHSG history knowledge that our contestants have been revising over the last few weeks. All Houses were represented by both staff and students and everyone had a great time. The library was packed with teams and everyone demonstrated superb PHSG knowledge, well done to all who took part. There was a tie break between two Houses and with time running out the tie breaker question will be announced in the final assembly next week.



Welcome to our new students

Today we held our information event for students thinking of joining Plymouth High in September for their A levels. Over 50 students came to our school for a chance to meet our existing sixth form students and to see what it is like to study here and what opportunities there are for our young people. Our visitors also met with key staff to discuss their future plans and what they would like to study. Students have been invited back in May for a taster event. The sixth form at Plymouth High is very popular within the city and we regularly welcome over 40 students from other schools into our year 12 along with our own year 11 students who choose to stay on. PHSG sixth form is a vibrant and friendly place with hard working and determined students. It is the perfect way to transition between GCSE and University or apprenticeship.

Uniform

Thank you to all our parents who support us as we strive for the highest standards of uniform and behaviour in school. Students have been reminded that false eye lashes and make up are not permitted (discreet makeup used as a concealer is acceptable). Jewellery is not permitted other than a watch and a single stud in the lobe of each ear. The majority of our students follow these rules every day and we thank parents for their support. Now is a good time for some students to reset and plan for a return after the Easter break with perfect uniform.

Year 10 parents evening

Year 10 parents have received their letters about the parents' evening after Easter, online booking opens on Wednesday 27th March.

Last week of term

A reminder that we have essential training for staff on Tuesday 26th March and students will leave school at 1pm. If you would like us to provide a safe space for your child until 3.30pm, please contact their Head of Year. As you know, we have not

been able to alter any of the bus or train times, but the usual services will be running at the usual times.

The last day of term will be Thursday 28th March. This is a mufti day (clothing appropriate for school with the usual hair colour and jewellery rules), no monetary contribution is necessary as it is our Gym and Dance festival day. I am sure that students will really enjoy the festival if the practice sessions are anything to go by. School start and finish times for the last day are the same as normal. Sixth form students can study from home on 28th March or come into school if they are part of the festival.

Teachers have been discussing the new mobile phone rules with students this week to help them prepare for returning after Easter. Thank you to parents who have discussed the new rules with their children, we very much appreciate your support as we continue to try and provide the best environment for our young people.

Next week you will receive our termly summary newsletter, I do hope you find it an interesting and enjoyable read.

Best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown'.

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.