

"For life, not school, we learn"

15th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well and that you enjoyed a relaxing break over the Easter period.

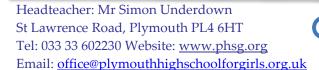
I wanted to update you on the current position with regards to Duke of Edinburgh.

In order for us to be permitted to run DofE at school, we must have a DofE manager and a Deputy. We currently have both these positions filled, but the position for next academic year is uncertain. We are doing all we can to be in a position to run DofE, but I wanted to be transparent with you as early as possible. Should we not have a DofE manager and Deputy in post for 2024 25, students can still take part in DofE via other local organisations.

**Plymouth Scouts** – website: <u>plymouthscouts.org.uk</u> which has links to all Scout Groups across Plymouth. If parents are unable to find a local group, please email John Davies <u>dc@plymouthscouts.org.uk</u> who can put you in touch with your nearest group and can signpost to groups in South Hams and Cornwall. Parents of students who are already in a Scouting group can email <u>plymouthscoutsdofe@gmail.com</u> to register for DofE.

**Girlguiding Plymouth** – to join Girlguiding you have to register on the National website Register a child | Girlguiding they will then put you in touch with a local group (all over the city). Parents of students who are already in a Guide group can email David Hood DofE Adviser | Girlguiding Devon (devonguides.org.uk) to register for DofE.

**Air Cadets (Plymouth and Cornwall Wing)** – there are several Squadrons in Plymouth (City of Plymouth, Devonport, St. Budeaux, North Plymouth, Plympton, Plymstock and Saltash) and parents can find their local one at <u>Royal Air Force Air</u>















<u>Cadets | Royal Air Force Air Cadets (mod.uk)</u> and from there register with a Squadron and join DofE through them.

**Plymouth Drake Sea Cadets** – website: <a href="www.sea-cadets.org/plymouthdrake/">www.sea-cadets.org/plymouthdrake/</a> there are two groups that meet at Crownhill Fort Road on a Tuesday and a Thursday evening. There is currently a waiting list to join but it is possible to register interest at <a href="mailto:admin-plymouth@cadetmail.mod.uk">admin-plymouth@cadetmail.mod.uk</a>

**Devon Army Cadets** – website: <u>Devon Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK</u>. There are detachments in Mutley, Honicknowle, St. Budeaux, Torpoint and Saltash, and they can be found here <u>Find a detachment | Army Cadets UK</u> and from there parents can follow a link to enable their child to join as a cadet.

Best wishes,

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