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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well and that you have been enjoying the good weather.

Mary Poppins

The school production of Mary Poppins has been a triumph, thank you to everyone who was able to join us over the course of the three-evening run. The cast and crew created a delightful performance which was both seamless and professional. The songs were delivered with real style and passion, bringing the whole thing to life. At the end of the final performance on Thursday 9th May, students took the opportunity to thank Miss Crouch and Mr Simpson for all they had done to make sure that everyone was trained and ready for the shows.

Blazers

As the weather starts to warm up, I thought it worth reminding parents and carers that the jumper is an optional item, the blazer is compulsory. Students may decide that they wish to leave their jumper at home so that they do not get too hot during the day. Students are expected to have their blazers on to start and finish the school day and also as they arrive and leave lessons and move about the school between lessons. If they feel hot in class, students just need to ask to remove their blazers. Students are free to remove their blazers at break and lunch if they are running about outside.

Free KS2 support and 11+ preparation

Plymouth High have teamed up with ATOM learning to provide additional help for pupils in primary school who are preparing for the 11+ or any secondary school transition. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) to find out more. The support offered by ATOM is free for those primary aged students who qualify as pupil premium. We will be communicating with our primary school

partners, but thought that if PHSG parents knew of anyone who might be interested in support from ATOM, they could pass on the details.

Year 7 parents' evening

Next week on Thursday 16th May and then again on 23rd May we have our year 7 parents' evening. Parents have been sent booking information for the online meetings. I hope you find the conversations with teachers helpful.

Year 7, 8 and 9 assessments

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 are preparing for their end of year assessments. The assessments take place in the last week of this half term, week beginning Monday 20th May. Teachers have posted revision information on teams and will be running revision activities with their classes. Your child will want to prepare for these assessments and may wish to discuss it with you at home. Please do ask your child to talk with their teacher if they would like any additional support.

Mobile phones

Thank you for your support with our new policy on mobile phones. A reminder that phones should be switched off and in bags from when students arrive on site and until they have left the site. If students wish to store their phone safely in school, they are welcome to. They should talk with their tutor about this. The rules remain in place for year 11 during examinations. Sixth form students are permitted to use their phones in the sixth form study centre only. The rules remain in place for year 13 during the examinations.

Best wishes,



Simon Underdown.
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