



28 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June we held our open evening for year 7 entry. As usual our student ambassadors were amazing and showcased our school magnificently. So many of our visitors commented on what a wonderful job our students did and how well they were able to communicate what it is like being a student at Plymouth High. Thank you to our parents for being so supportive of this.

I am also so grateful to all our parents for the way you work with us as we try and provide the best possible environment for all our young people. Indeed, I shared with our visitors on the 27<sup>th</sup> how at Plymouth High we enjoy positive and professional relationships with our parents and that this is a key factor in our ongoing success. Thank you.

## Hummingbird

Yet again our fabulous Hummingbird electric car racing team have been victorious. On 26<sup>th</sup> June they raced against a number of other teams at Predannack airfield and came away with the trophy for outright race winners. Our talented Hummingbird team of dedicated students and staff continue to push the boundaries of what is possible with our car and engineering. Thank you to our sponsors, Becton Dickinson, for their ongoing support. Thank you also to the parents of our student race team, your support and encouragement makes all the difference.

## Year 7, 8 and 9 assessment outcomes

Years 7, 8 and 9 sat their end of year assessments before half term. These have now been returned to students whilst teachers are in the final stage of preparing reports. The reports will give details of how well students performed in their tests and will be distributed to

parents very soon. If parents have any questions about the assessment outcomes for their child, they should contact their child's teacher who will be happy to help.

### **Immunisation, Kernow Health**

If your child wasn't vaccinated (HPV, Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio booster and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations), during the recent school visit by Kernow Health, and they had consent from you to see them, please look out for an email from them with a link to book a clinic appointment.

If you have not yet completed consent and wish to do so, please contact them on 01392 342678 and Kernow Health can assist you with a clinic booking. Parents can also email: [kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net](mailto:kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net)

You can find out more about the NHS seasonal flu vaccination here: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

You can find out more about the NHS secondary school Immunisation programme here: [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations)

### **Year 12 potential medical or dental applicants**

If your child is planning on applying to either a medicine or dentistry course in October 2024, now is the time to register for a UCAT admission test slot.

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/ucat-test-dates/>

Over the next two weeks your child will have the opportunity to complete a marked full UCAT mock examination. This will give them guidance on how ready they are for the assessment and when in the testing window it would be best for them to sit the real test.

For those applying to veterinary medicine there is only an admission test for applications to Cambridge University. This is a new form of test called the ESAT and there will be a mock examination for those taking this test in October.

If parents have any questions, they are welcome to contact Dr Doddrell at [Charlie.Doddrell@phsg.tsat.uk](mailto:Charlie.Doddrell@phsg.tsat.uk)

## **150 Celebration**

The celebration day to commemorate 150 years of Plymouth High draws nearer. Parents and students will know that we have selected the 4<sup>th</sup> July to be the day we officially mark our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be 150 related activities for students to take part in during the morning, including singing the school song and visiting our archive room, and then school closes at 12.30. In the afternoon, we will be hosting alumni and special guests.

Student leaders staying for the afternoon session will need to collect a consent letter from Miss Roughton and return it to her before 4<sup>th</sup> July. As is usually the case when we have a shorter day, we are unable to change bus or train times, but they will be running as usual from 3.30pm. If you would like us to supervise your child until 3.30pm, please do let their Head of Year know.

## **Curriculum enrichment week**

Curriculum enrichment week is scheduled to run week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> July. Depending on the activity, students will need certain kit items and this has been communicated to parents via trip leaders. With only a week to go before the activities, parents will want to check that their child has everything they need. Parents are welcome to contact their child's activity leader if further clarification is needed.

## **The school song**

The Plymouth High school song has not been sung at school in a long time. We have decided to bring it back in the year we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we ran a mass sing on the courts so that students could hear it and sing it. For many, the lyrics and tune had not been seen or heard before. Parents might like to ask their child to give them a rendition of the school song at home.

Best wishes,



**Simon Underdown.**  
**Headteacher.**