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Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

12 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

I wanted to start my letter this week with a huge thank you and also a plea. My thanks are to our PTFA. They are a small group that work so hard behind the scenes and they are determined to make a difference. One of the recent improvements they have been able to make is to fund our latest reading initiative, The Day, an online verified information resource. You may remember that I have included details of The Day in my last few letters. I hope that students have found the articles interesting. There have been pieces to read on a wide range of topics including the European football championships, elections in the UK, US and France as well as details of the developing position in the Ukraine. All the articles are verified so that parents and carers can relax knowing that what their child is reading is balanced and age appropriate. Without the invaluable support from our PTFA, we would not be able to provide The Day at no cost to students.

We are keen to maintain our The Day subscription year on year and hope to use the PTFA funding. However, the PTFA need your help, and this is where the plea comes from. If you would like to support the great work of our volunteers or you just want to find out more, please contact them on, phs-pta@tsatmail.org.uk I am certain that our PTFA would welcome additional support. The PTFA will be out in force for the 11+ assessments in September, so that might be a great first event to get involved in.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

I do hope that students enjoyed their enrichment week. The feedback from staff that have taken students offsite or overseas has been that our young people have had a great time and have been a credit to the school and themselves. There have also been a range of onsite activities where students have spent the week immersing themselves in weeklong learning.

End and start of term

We will hold our annual music festival on Friday 19th July. There will not be any year 12 lessons on this day. Friday 19th July will be a non-uniform day, although no contribution is necessary. The school day will finish for students at 1pm and although lunch will not be served, students can still buy food at breaktime. The DHSB buses will arrive to coincide with our finish time, but we cannot change the times of other buses or trains. If you would like us to supervise your child until 3.30pm on 19th July, please do contact their Head of Year.

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The new academic year starts on Wednesday 4th September for new year 7 and 12 only and on Thursday 5th September for everyone else. You can see the term dates for 2024 25 [here](#)

Very best wishes for a wonderful summer break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Underdown
Headteacher