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Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Year 12 parents' evening

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the postponement of the parents' evening originally scheduled for Thursday, 27th February 2025. You will know that we rescheduled this parents' evening, and you will receive a letter in the coming week to invite you to make an appointment for the revised date. Unfortunately, we are unable to transfer the appointments made for the 27th February to the new date. Therefore, the entire booking process will need to be repeated. Please accept our apologies for this. The new parents evening will take place on **Thursday 3rd April 2025** and the meetings will be offered **from 15:45 until 18:00**.

Bedrock parent event

To strengthen those all-important, home-school links and ensure that everyone is invested in our literacy strategy a reminder that parents of students in years 7 to 9 are invited to attend an online Bedrock Parents' Evening on **Thursday 20th March (7pm to 8pm)**.

The hour long event is designed to share:

- Insights on why language is vital to academic success
- Essential takeaways to equip parents to play an active role in language development at home
- A demo of Bedrock's platform and the parents' portal

[Please click here to book your place](#) for this webinar



Tranquil turtles

Congratulations to Miss Jones's tutor group, 7T, who are the Tranquil Turtles winners for this week. Students are encouraged to take part in our wellbeing Pulse surveys. The tutor groups with the highest engagement go forward into the pot for outright winners. They each receive a tranquil turtle and get to have the big soft turtle in their form room for the week. Well done to everyone for taking part and especially to 7T.

Chemistry Olympiad

The results are in! In January some of our Year 11 and Year 12 students took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry 57th Olympiad Challenge (a competition aimed primarily at Year 13 students who have already completed most of their A Level studies). This year 16,216 students entered across the country and our students as always rose to the challenge, collectively achieving 2 silver awards, 7 bronze awards (one of which was one of our amazing year 11 students), and 6 participation awards. Well done to all those who took part and we look forward to seeing them for the 58th Olympiad Challenge next year.

Why read the news?

It carries information about politics, economy, entertainment, sports, business, industry, trade and commerce. With this habit, it will not only enhance our knowledge about general information but it will likewise improve our language skills and vocabulary. Perhaps have a look at the following reading suggestions with your children.

Art [Secret of being a creative genius discovered - The Day](#)

Tech [Mushrooms and 3D printing: green fashion is here - The Day](#)

Mathematics [Zero: the idea that changed the world - The Day](#)

A change to our communication platform

We are in the process of moving to a new management information system called Arbor. This change will happen across the Trust and moves us away from SiMs (which we use currently). This means that we will share with you a new parent app and the communication from school will come from a new email address. In time, we will replace ParentPay with a new integrated parent payment system, but ParentPay will remain for now. Please do ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit so that

when we do transfer it will be as seamless as possible for you. There will be more information in due course.

School website latest news page.

This is where we celebrate student achievements and promote school related news. Please [click here for our latest news](#)

Dates for your diary

All years

4th April The last day of term and our Gym and Dance festival. Mufti day (no contribution necessary) and normal day timings.

22nd April First day back after the Easter holiday. Full uniform and normal day timings.

Year 8

20th and 27th March parents' evening online

Year 12

3rd April Parents' evening online

After Easter, year 12 mocks

Best Wishes,



Simon Underdown
Headteacher