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# Plymouth High School for Girls

*"For life, not school, we learn"*

20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

With the hot weather we are experiencing at the moment, students might find it more comfortable to wear a summer hat to school and should ensure they have their water bottle with them. Between now and the end of term, there will likely be occasions where I relax the uniform rules, because of the heat, and say that on particular days blazers are not necessary, just like I did for today. However, the forecast for next week is not so hot, so normal uniform rules (including blazers) will be expected. A reminder that the jumper is not a compulsory uniform item.

The GCSE and A level examinations have finally finished so our hardworking and diligent year 11 and 13 students can take a well-earned rest. Throughout the public examination period, the behaviour and attendance of our students has been exemplary, and we are very proud of them. Thank you to our parents and carers of year 11 and 13 students for being so supportive and encouraging, together we will have helped our young people to maximise their outcomes. Results days are Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August for A level results and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August for GCSE results day. Students are welcome to collect their results in school from 8.30am.

Please see the link [here](#) for some useful advice for parents and carers around young people's use YouTube Kids. I think it's worth a read and hope that you will find it worthwhile.

Some parents have reported that they have had difficulty accessing The Day publication articles I share with you and our students each week. Clicking on the link below, then the article you are interested in, should solve the problem.

[www.theday.co.uk/?id=07A12FCA-1B41-46B0-94D3-B87FDB915341](http://www.theday.co.uk/?id=07A12FCA-1B41-46B0-94D3-B87FDB915341)



## Parent and Carer surveys

Over the last few weeks we have collected your views on various aspects of school. Your thoughts and feedback are invaluable to us, and we very much appreciate your participation.

Following on from our survey about Extra-curricular Clubs, we would like to ask you to complete this follow up survey so that we can gather more information from you about our offer.

Follow up survey to Week 3: Extra curricular Clubs [click here](#)

If you have missed the previous surveys but you would like to take part, the links can be found below. Each survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Your responses will help us identify areas for improvement and celebrate our successes.

### Survey Schedule:

Week 1: School Life

Link <https://forms.office.com/e/GSk88szGAu>

Week 2: Attendance

Link <https://forms.office.com/e/DS8GmfyKHr>

Week 3: Extra curricular Clubs

Link <https://forms.office.com/e/4HE6RXDFye>

Week 4: Thinking Tools

Link <https://forms.office.com/e/1sRnXSyvJC>

Week 5: Home School communication

Link <https://forms.office.com/e/0LPRHZYUxG>

## Reading

The average reader can read 238 words per minute (WPM) while reading silently. When reading aloud, the average reader can read 183 words per minute (WPM).

Reading doesn't need to take up all of our time. The most effective way to read more is to start with 25 pages a day. Twenty-five pages a day is not far off 10,000 pages a year. Of course, the number of pages we read is not as important as enjoying what we read.

Please remember that clicking on the following link [www.theday.co.uk/?id=07A12FCA-1B41-46B0-94D3-B87FDB915341](http://www.theday.co.uk/?id=07A12FCA-1B41-46B0-94D3-B87FDB915341) first may help when accessing the articles below.

Music [Classical pianist, 19, wins pop star status - The Day](#)

PE [Cricket in crisis as racism row spreads - The Day](#)

French [L'appel de Mbappé à stopper l'extrême droite - The Day](#)

### **A message from our new catering provider, Impact Food Group**

From September 2025 we will have a new catering provider, **Impact Food Group** operating as 'Innovate' in our refectory and at Bertha's.

Innovate are entirely aligned to working with our schools to create a positive food culture and change the eating habits of a generation.

Our Trust's student voice, who were involved in the selection process of our new catering provider, support Innovate's commitment to delivering brilliant food, an impassioned service, and a genuine partnership with PHSG and Thinking Schools Academy Trust.

With the transition to a new caterer and our move to a new technical system, we will also be changing the way parents and carers pay for your child's meals.

We are currently working on how the catering system will work with making payments and aim to provide more information about this before the end of term.

Parents and carers will remember that in the letter last week the request was made to ensure that their child's ParentPay food account is in credit for this term. Any credit at the end of the year will be paid back to parents and carers.

Best wishes,



**Simon Underdown**  
**Headteacher**

### **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

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Open evening

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6pm– PTFA meeting, please email PTFA [pta@plymouthhighschoolforgirls.org.uk](mailto:pta@plymouthhighschoolforgirls.org.uk) if you would like to attend this online meeting

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July – Curriculum enrichment week

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports awards evening

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Music festival and early finish for students

