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Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

21 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Our Year 11 students are doing an amazing job with their mocks. Thank you to our wonderfully supportive parent/carer body for all you do at home to help our young people be their best selves. As a reminder, teachers have set aside time to support Year 11 and 13 with examination readiness by offering bespoke lunchtime and/or after-school revision sessions. The timetable can be found on our website [here](#). There is also full revision hub page on our website [here](#) where students can access all things connected to their examinations.

HST 2026

I am delighted to share that following a competitive and thorough selection process, the Head Student Team for 2026 has been appointed. Ellen will be the head student, and the three deputies will be Beatrice, Zara and Catarina. All students involved in the process performed wonderfully and should be very proud of themselves. You will hear more from our new team in due course.

Curriculum Enrichment Week 2026

Thank you for supporting your child through the process of choosing activities for Curriculum Enrichment Week. We're delighted to confirm that students have now been advised of their allocated activity. They've also been added to the reserve lists for their other preferences, although this may not be needed.



- **Payments and Deposits via Arbor.** The Guardian Portal is live for deposits to be paid through the Arbor app. As outlined in the CEW booklet and communications that have been sent to parents and carers, please ensure any deposits are made by **midnight today, 21st November** to secure your child's place. The app will also show dates for remaining instalments, but you're welcome to pay the full amount upfront if you prefer.
- **Payment Deadlines.** Please note that missing payment deadlines—starting with the holding deposit due by midnight today – may result in your child's place being reallocated to someone on the reserve list. If you'd like to discuss costs or set up a payment plan, we're here to help. Just get in touch. For further questions, please refer to the CEW booklet or email **Mrs Gill** at nichola.gill@phsg.tsat.uk.

Christmas menu

Our wonderful kitchen team have created a Christmas menu that they hope will appeal to our students. There are halal friendly and non-halal menus as well as vegetarian and meat-based dishes. We are hopeful that there will be something for everyone. Please see the link for further details: [Christmas menu](#)

School Admission & Transport Policy Consultation

Devon's annual consultation on **School Admission Arrangements for 2027–28 and Education Transport Policy (including Post-16 Transport) for 2026–29** is now open and runs until **Friday 16 January 2026**. This is an important opportunity for parents/carers and the wider community to share views.

Key dates:

- Consultation ends: **16 January 2026**
- Arrangements determined: **28 February 2026**
- Published online: **15 March 2026** at <http://devon.cc/lapolicies> and <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>
- Deadline for objections: **15 May 2026**

You can view details and respond via Admissions Consultation – Education and Families (www.devon.gov.uk).

Food Allergy Information

Please be kind enough to check that your child's allergy details on the Arbor app are correct. Some students have reported discrepancies, which can cause issues in the dining room as our kitchen team works hard to keep everyone safe. Thank you for helping us ensure accuracy.

CAMP Countdown – 3 Weeks to Go!

We're nearly there! Let's make this a festive evening to remember. A huge thank you to parents who have already donated mince pies, we are so grateful. There is still time to contribute; every donation helps. Our amazing PTFA is working hard to make this the best event yet.

Tickets: Book [here](#)

Limerick of the Week from Miss Roughton

*In December, the snow softly fell,
And mince pies cast a sweet spell.
With carols in tune,
And lights by the moon,
It's a story we're eager to tell!*

Year 8 Reading Enrichment Project

This week, our English Subject Captains inspired Year 8 with a special presentation launching a seven-month literary adventure! Students have received their 'tickets' for a world cruise through the written word, exploring cultures and diversity across continents.

They can travel solo or in groups of up to four, creating scrapbooks along the way. The journey will culminate in May with a presentation and scrapbook showcase. We hope you'll support our Year 8s as they 'Race Across the World'. For more details, please contact **Mrs Blunden-Currie**.

A-Level Art Highlights

- **Oil Painting Workshop with Jo Beer:**
Year 12 and Year 13 students gained invaluable insights into professional practice and advanced oil painting techniques during this inspiring session.
- **London Art Trip:**
Despite the rain, our artists enjoyed a magical day exploring the Tate Modern and the Saatchi Gallery, seeing world-famous works up close and gathering fresh ideas for their own projects. It was a long day—but completely worth it!

Attendance Matters

Mrs Moody, our Attendance Improvement Coordinator, sends her thanks for your continued support in promoting regular attendance. She will be emailing families regularly with up-to-date attendance figures so we can work together to spot changes early and provide the right support.

If you have any questions or need advice on all things attendance, please contact Mrs Moody at Pippa.Moody@phsg.tsat.uk. We're here to help.

Very best wishes,



Simon Underdown
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

All year groups

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| 10 th December | Carols and mince pies. From 5.30pm in school. |
| 18 th December | Drama festival. Non-uniform day. |
| 19 th December | Last day of school, full uniform. Carol service and early finish. Students leave at 12.30pm. |