



Plymouth High School for Girls

“For life, not school, we learn”

8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to have our young people back with us and we have enjoyed such a positive start to the term. The buzz around the place has been palpable with students being happy to see each other again and enjoying their learning.

We are not running physical assemblies at the moment so I'm gradually making my way around the form groups to see everyone. My message has been about the need to look forward, enjoy being at school and focus on what we can control rather than allowing ourselves to worry about what has passed.

We will guide our students through the year and encourage them to do their best as we always do. The key to success this year is the same as any other. Students should; try hard in every lesson, ask if they are unsure, complete all assignments on time and to be mindful of others. Of course, as with any year, maximising attendance is a key factor in ensuring strong outcomes.

As you know, we have put in place a number of measures to keep people safe and our students have risen to the challenges of meeting these requirements. We have asked students to come to school with a face covering to wear in busy areas of school and as they leave school. We have been in communication with those families where their child cannot wear a covering and we ask that everyone is sympathetic and understanding of this. Government has made it clear that those people accessing public transport should wear a face covering. Our young people may need regular reminders of this, and I thank you in advance for your support and assistance.

I would be grateful if parents would remind their child(ren) about the measures in place to ensure their safety, particularly as they travel to and from school. The space outside our school is limited, so I ask that parents do not congregate outside of school to collect their child. Gatherings of large numbers of people in small spaces goes against the social distancing measures set out by the Government. Please instead use the side roads or local car parks for collection. Indeed, St Lawrence Road is marked with double yellow lines, so parents should never stop in this area.

Inevitably, people will forget from time to time and may need reminding, but we understand this. As ever we work in partnership with our parents and carers and I thank you for your ongoing and continued support.

Best wishes,



Mr S Underdown
Headteacher