



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you are all well.

I thought I would give you a quick update on school life a month into the new term.

The students are settling into our daily routines with their usual levels of enthusiasm and determination. Whilst the summer lockdown has certainly made the start of the Autumn term more challenging, our young people are working hard to make up for time away from school.

Although we continue to be vigilant around our COVID-19 arrangements, lessons are running to timetable and students are making progress

You may remember that I wrote to you previously about Plymouth High joining the Thinking Schools Academy Trust and that the community stakeholder consultation would be in October. The virtual consultation is very nearly ready and will give parents and carers more information and the opportunity to ask questions.

We are working on a way to provide a hot food offer at lunchtime. The offer will be limited to items that we can distribute to the year zonal areas and that can be eaten easily without the usual dining room facilities. Students will be given details in tutor time.

Our new website is now up and running. If you get a moment, I encourage you to have a quick look. I hope you will agree that it is much more attractive and easier to navigate than the previous version. Our new main school prospectus is also on the website and will be joined shortly by the new sixth form prospectus.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to run parent and information evenings in school, but these will be converted to virtual events. There will be more information to follow, and we will be using our website to keep parents updated.

Although restricted by the current measures, the city wide Mayflower400 project is still running. Plymouth City Council is supporting the "The Story of the Mayflower" to be told by Katy Cawkwell (online live event using Zoom at 8-9pm on Saturday 10 Oct).

Katy is an experienced storyteller, who has worked with many Plymouth schools. The theme will be history told as a story, focusing on some of the lesser-known narratives, including the extraordinary story of Squanto and the devastation wrought by another global virus, this one travelling the world on European ships.

This is a specific version of the school's performance, supported by Plymouth Mayflower400, and is aimed at adults and secondary aged students. If you are interested tickets are; £6/£3 [Ticketsource.co.uk/romseyfestival](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/romseyfestival)

For more details <https://www.facebook.com/events/3504530546266289/>

Very best wishes,



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