



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

31st December 2020

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

I do hope that you had a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

I am sure that you have heard the announcements made yesterday regarding the changes the Government has made for the start of term, this is how it will impact on PHSG.

For the week beginning Monday 4th of January, we will only be open to vulnerable children and children from Key worker families. These families have already been in contact with Mrs Payne to secure their place from the 4th of January so there is no need for them to contact Mrs Payne again. However, if families are yet to book a place for their child to attend school next week under the vulnerable/key worker category, please email Mrs Payne at spayne@phsg.org to book a place from Tuesday the 5th of January.

Year 11 and 13 will no longer be returning to us on the 4th of January as we had expected on the last day of the Autumn term. Instead, Year 11 and 13 will be joining all other year groups for virtual lessons for the week beginning 4th of January.

Lessons will run remotely via Google classroom for all students learning from home from the 4th of January and students should be online at the timetabled lesson times. Teachers will monitor lesson attendance and Heads of Year will keep parents updated if there are lesson attendance concerns for their child. Students should be online for their tutorial session with their tutors. Students should have an appropriate place to study whilst at home and be appropriately dressed to allow for the possibility of live lesson sessions.

From Monday 11th January, we will welcome back Year 11 and 13 students, whilst the rest of the school will continue with their remote learning. Vulnerable and key worker children will continue to attend school.

From Monday 18th January we will welcome back all students.

I will write to you again regarding the Government announced school based COVID-19 testing arrangements when we have more information.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, but we will keep you updated as changes are announced.

Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Very best wishes,

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.