



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I hope that you are well and well rested from a half term break, although I am mindful that many of you are critical workers and will not have had a break.

I write to you today to outline our plans for assessments over the coming terms.

Students will continue to complete the work set by teachers in the zoom lessons and the work submitted by students following these lessons, will be assessed by their teachers and appropriate feedback given. This work is formative and provides teachers with feedback on how your child is progressing from lesson to lesson and from topic to topic. Some subjects will assess your child with a more summative piece of work at the end of each half term.

Years 7 - 9

More formalised assessments are planned to take place in school during the week commencing the 24th May for students in years 7 through to 9. These assessments will cover the whole of the content taught in this academic year and serve as a summary of the progress that your child has made in all her subjects. More guidance and information about these assessments will follow after the Easter break when we are more certain of the likelihood of students returning to the classroom environment.

Year 10

For students in year 10, the planned end of year assessments is due to take place in the fortnight commencing 14th June. These assessments will cover the whole of the content taught in this academic year and serve as a summary of the progress that your child has made in all her GCSE subjects. Students already have a plethora of resources to help prepare them for these assessments on their subject specific google classrooms from the GCSE specifications, revision guides and resources, to videos of the lessons that have taken place during lockdown that they can revisit. More guidance and information about these assessments will follow after the Easter break when we are more certain of the likelihood of students returning to the classroom environment.

Year 11

Whilst we await the outcome of the DFE consultation students should continue to work hard on all subjects, with a more concerted effort in those subjects that they are

intending to take at A 'Level. Students can expect to sit some assessments on their return to the classroom, whether these are past papers, examination board produced assessments or inhouse assessment pieces. Staff will ensure that revision lists are provided for any assessment that takes place, and it will my role to ensure that departments do not all set assessments at the same time, but that they are spread out across a half term.

Year 12

For students in year 12, the planned end of year assessments is due to take place in the fortnight commencing 19th April. These assessments will cover the whole of the content taught in this academic year and serve as a summary of the progress that your child has made in all their A 'Level subjects. Students already have a plethora of resources to help prepare them for these assessments on their subject specific google classrooms from the A 'Level specifications, revision guides and resources, to videos of the lessons that have taken place during lockdown that they can revisit. More guidance and information about these assessments will follow after the Easter break when we are more certain of the likelihood of students returning to the classroom environment.

Year 13

Whilst we await the outcome of the DFE consultation, students should continue to work hard on all subjects. We encourage students to work as if the normal summer examination season were running; this is the best advice to give our young people as they aim for the grades needed for their next step.

Students in year 13 can expect to sit their mock examinations one week after their return to the classroom environment. Mocks will therefore begin as planned the week commencing the 15th March. The timetable will follow the same structure as the one released to students before Christmas, the dates will simply have changed. We cannot delay the mocks any further as we would like them to be completed before the Easter break in order to allow staff time to mark and moderate, and then provide quality feedback to students in order for them to show progress in the remainder of the summer term before a Centre Assessed grade will be required. Students will receive an updated personalised timetable for these examinations on their return to school during the week commencing the 8th March. Staff have already provided revision lists and materials on the google classrooms to help support their revision and students have been reminded about the intention for the mocks to run one week after their return to school on a number of occasions.

We encourage all students to continue to work hard and attend all the virtual lessons. They should also think about what extra study may be necessary between

now and the summer to achieve the grades they are hoping for, and should reflect on the targets set by teachers in the reports.

Yours sincerely



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