



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

16th June 2020

Dear Parent, Carer and Year 10 student,

We would like to start by congratulating our Year 10 students on all of their hard work during this difficult period and how well they have prepared themselves for the assessments they are now undertaking. We appreciate it can be frustrating working in isolation and you will soon receive a letter from the school giving more details about how we will be incorporating recordings and Zoom sessions into some of our lessons.

We have been working hard to find a way in which we can give students an opportunity to come into school to gain some face to face support with teaching staff. Unfortunately, we are restricted in what we can do as we are a maintained school and must follow the guidance of the Local Authority. The Local Authority has advised that students cannot mix groups unless there is a 5-day break in between two groups working together. Considering the number of different teaching groups and the fact we felt it was important not to disrupt the assessment process, it has been almost impossible to give students a meaningful time in school which will adequately support their learning.

We have had an excellent response to our original offer of an 'academic review' style lesson which we have now managed to develop to incorporate some teaching of maths and English. We are writing to all parents and students once more, as we feel that even more may wish to take advantage of some time with Mathematics and English teachers to help consolidate their learning. The new offer gives all students the opportunity to have one day in school focusing on academic review, followed by a lesson of Mathematics and English. Each student has the opportunity to come into school for a three-hour session, after the assessment period, which will run as follows:

Session 1: 10.00-10.40	Academic mentoring
Session 2: 10.45 – 11.45	Mathematics
Session 3: 11.45 – 12.45	English

Students will receive a Google form asking them if they wish to take part in this opportunity and must complete the form by Friday 19th June, in order for us to make all the necessary arrangements. The sessions will begin w/b 29th June and more details will be sent once the place has been confirmed. **If you have already expressed an interest in the previous offer, you will still need to complete the form in order to secure your place for this new offer.**

Please note a full risk assessment has been completed and all necessary precautions will be put into place. All groups will contain fewer than 8 students.

Thank you for your messages of support and we hope to see all students before the end of term.

Yours faithfully,



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