



13th September 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I do hope that you are well.

As many of you will know, I am the Assistant Headteacher in school with responsibility for safeguarding, student support and wellbeing. From September, I will also lead our wonderful pastoral team. We will be making sure that learning and behavioural expectations along with school culture remain a high priority.

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you in relation to our uniform and general expectations ahead of the new term. The majority of our students always wear their uniform very smartly and are on time and punctual. Maintaining high standards is one of the many things that make our school so special.

However, it has become apparent that during lockdown and the period of returning to school under social distancing measures, some students have not been meeting the standard expected.

There has been a small increase in the number of piercings and the amount of jewellery students have been wearing. Along with this, some students have not always been wearing items that conform to our uniform expectations. We have measures in place to reinforce our standards, but would rather all students take personal responsibility to meet our expectations each day.

Please can I ask that you review our uniform expectations [Plymouth High School for Girls - Uniform \(phsg.org\)](https://www.phsg.org) and ensure any new items purchased between now and the new year in September meet the expectations set out within this. Students need to have items of uniform that fit them correctly, with particular attention to skirt length (a variety of lengths are available), correct footwear, and an outdoor coat.

The only piercings permitted are a single stud in the lower lobe of each ear, no hoops. The only other item of jewellery permitted is a watch, no rings or necklaces, again for health and safety reasons.

All students must be able to remove their piercings for PE lessons. Items of jewellery that fall outside of this will be confiscated and sanctions used in line with our behaviour policy.

Best wishes

Sam Payne

Mrs Sam Payne.
Assistant Headteacher.