



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Our 2022 new intake open day tours have now come to an end. Our students have been amazing. All the correspondence from prospective parents has been utterly complimentary in terms of how positive, informative, polite and engaging our student tour guides have been. It has been a real pleasure to see so many happy people visiting our school and to see our students perform so magnificently.

As we approach the end of the first half term, students will be sitting assessments in some of their subjects. Teachers will talk with their classes about these assessments and will share with them details of what will be assessed. As with all assessments, it is important that young people strike the right balance between preparing for them and having sufficient time for relaxation away from study. Teachers will be realistic about what they expectant students to do. This week, year 11 have been thinking about strategies that will work for them as they begin to prepare for the GCSE mock examinations that will take place towards the end of next half term. Teachers have posted revision lists and materials on Teams for year 11 students to access and will be supporting mock preparation during lessons. Thank you for the support that you offer at home as our young people gear up for their assessments.

We now have two main exits from school at the end of each day. Students can exit via the pedestrian gate on St Lawrence Rd or via the big gate on Alton Rd. Unfortunately, we have had a number of near misses recently on St Lawrence Rd with students crossing the road and parents picking up or dropping off their child. We do not open the vehicle gate on St Lawrence Road at the end of the day to ensure that students leave the site on a pavement. As a reminder, parents driving to drop off or collect their child should not stop on the double yellow lines on St Lawrence Rd. I periodically write to the City Council and the Police in a bid to keep our students safe as they arrive and leave school. Many thanks indeed for your support.

Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain high standards of uniform in school, students are looking smart and taking pride in their appearance.

Although the heating is on around school, some students may feel that the classrooms are a little cooler than we would otherwise expect. This is as a result of the requirement that we maintain good ventilation to help prevent the spread of Covid 19. Students are advised to consider wearing layers under their uniform (white T shirt for example) if they feel the cold.

As a reminder, the last day of half term for students is Thursday 21st October (Friday 22nd is their first holiday day) and the first day back after the holiday is Tuesday 2nd November.

Very best wishes and thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.



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