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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you will know, we have recently held open evenings for entry to year 7 and year 12 with the highlight for me being able to listen to our student leaders talk about their experiences at school. Without exception our student ambassadors spoke with such positivity about their experiences and the opportunities they enjoy at Plymouth High. It was wonderful to hear them talk about the support they receive from staff and how they are treated as individuals. Yet again, our students have stepped forward and shown themselves to be remarkable young people. The confidence and poise that they have shown during these events have left their mark on our visitors with people remarking on how impressive and composed PHSG students are. We are all so very proud of them.

As with the year 7 open evening, we received so much positive feedback during the year 12 open evening with comments around the wide range of A levels on offer, the enthusiasm and approachable nature of the staff and in particular, our students. Parents were so impressed with the energy and passion students have for their subjects as well as the enthusiasm they show for all the extra-curricular opportunities in school.

There are lots of reasons that define Plymouth High as a truly special school, but undoubtedly the most obvious is the student body. Today we will be interviewing for the 2022 Head Student Team. As usual, we were delighted to receive many high quality applications which made it particularly difficult to arrive at our interview shortlist. The existing HST play a key role in selecting the next team and are a central part of the process. We will announce details the new team via our website next week. Elections for student leadership roles don't stop with HST. The deadline for Earth Alliance applications is next week with interviews the week after and then before the end of term we will be appointing the new House leaders. For all of these positions, students go through a rigorous selection process and should be congratulated for their effort and contribution.

As a reminder, year 11 begin their mock examinations next week and we wish them good luck.

Very best wishes,

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.