



10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well as we look forward to the last week in school before the Christmas break.

## PHSG Governance

You may know that our Chair of Governors, Mr Gary Chapman, is stepping down at the end of term. Mr Chapman has served PHSG for 8 years, first as a parent Governor, then as Chair since 2019. Being Chair of Governors at a secondary school is a huge undertaking and Mr Chapman has always given so freely of his time and energy making a significant contribution to school development over the years. It has been my pleasure to work with such a dedicated and experienced Chair and I am grateful to him for his support and encouragement. On behalf of all those connected with the school, I wish Mr Chapman good luck and good health for the future. Staff will have the chance pass on their best wishes to Mr Chapman on the last day of term.

I am delighted to announce that one of our existing Governors, Mr Mark Beavan, will be taking over as Chair from January 2022. Mr Beavan has been a Governor at PHSG since 2019 and we are delighted that he has accepted the new position. On behalf of us all at PHSG, I thank Mr Beavan for taking over as Chair and feel confident that Plymouth High will continue to enjoy professional and dedicated Governance.

I am grateful to parents who have contacted us about the possibility of serving on the Governing body. Myself and Mr Chapman have already spoken with interested parents and Mr Bevan and I will continue to do so over the coming weeks. As a reminder, if you would like to have a conversation about becoming a Governor at PHSG, please contact Mrs Rogers at [K.Rogers1@tsatrust.org.uk](mailto:K.Rogers1@tsatrust.org.uk) to register your interest so that we can book in some time for a conversation at the earliest opportunity.

## Junior Maths Challenge

We are excited to announce that all of our year 7 and 8 students will be taking part in this special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary 45 minute online challenge on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Our competitors will be entered against other students of the same age across the country to compete for a bronze, silver or gold certificate using their mathematical problem solving skills. Students have been sent some information on teams including a link to a practice challenge on the UKMT website so that they can prepare. We can't wait to see how many of our fantastic Mathematicians will achieve an award in this special event.



## **Last day, first day**

As a reminder, the last day of school is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with a 1245 finish time. The first day back is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and it is a normal school day. I would be grateful if you would arrange for your child to take a lateral flow test before they return to school to help us keep Covid-19 out of school. LFT kits are available in school, students should ask their tutor if they need extra kits for the holiday period.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and will be in touch again in January.

Best wishes,



**Simon Underdown.**  
**Headteacher.**