



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

11th May 2020

Dear Year 11 and 13 students and your parents,

If it were not for the lockdown, we would have reached that time when normal lessons and school would have switched to study leave and examination preparation. Whilst there's little point in your teachers helping you to prepare for an examination that won't happen this summer, they are still there for you.

I have asked Year 11 and 13 teachers to stop setting lessons as per the school timetable and to not run their planned examination preparation support. Instead, I have asked them to be mindful that you may have questions for them relating to preparation for the next phase of your education journey. Indeed, you may wish to spend your time focusing your study on getting ready for September.

A Level and GCSE examination results will be available in school on Thursday the 13th of August and Thursday the 20th of August respectively. Students can collect their results from the library from 8.30am on these days. As usual, teachers will be on hand to offer advice and guidance.

My suggestions for May to September 2020 for our Year 11 and 13 students are as follows.

- Give some thought as to whether you will want to sit any of the November examinations and discuss this with your class teachers so that they can advise you on what you should be doing by way of preparation. (You will remember from one of my earlier letters that these examinations are entirely optional and you do not need to make a decision now if you think you will want to sit any of them. PHSG and Universities will give the grades awarded this summer the same status as in every other year.)
- Discuss with your family the post September 2020 course choices you have made to be sure that they are still right for you.
- Begin some reading and preparation on the subjects that you will be studying from September so that you make the best possible start to your new courses. To help you with this reading, have a look at this [link](#) which takes you to the site that the University of Oxford use to share a wide range of resources that you might consider interesting. The University of Cambridge

have a website which you can access [here](#) that gives a subject by subject breakdown. Both are well worth a look.

- Make time for yourself to relax with your family and stay in touch with your friends.

Stay safe and look after yourself.

Very best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown'.

Simon Underdown.
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