



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope this finds you well.

Today, students have been dressed in bright colours in support of our *True Colours* day. *True Colours* day is a chance for people to show support for the rights of the LGBTQ+ community with the message that tolerance and acceptance are crucial in our society. There have been assemblies run by students all week and a lunchtime quiz, again run by students. We are so proud of the way our students have supported each other and how they have embraced the day.

Our Head Student Team are keen for parents and carers to be aware of the two charities that the school will support this year. The local charity is Hugs Children's Cancer Charity, a Plymouth based charity helping and supporting families (in Plymouth) who have a child with rare childhood cancers. The national charity is Young Minds UK, the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. The links for the websites are below, so do have a look.

<http://www.hugscancer.com/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/about-us/>

You may remember from [my letter of the 4th January](#) that on **Tuesday 15th March** (and also Wednesday 22nd June), **students will leave the school site at 1.15pm**. We are unable to arrange for service or DHB buses to collect students, so alternative arrangements may need to be made. Teachers will set period 5 work to be completed at home. In the afternoon staff will be engaged in essential training.

I am pleased to confirm that we are on track to refurbish the Main Hall, the new library space and the new sixth form study space in readiness for September 2022. I am sure that students will appreciate the newly developed spaces and enjoy seeing their school improved.

As you will know, next week is the last week before the half term holiday. Our last day is Friday 18th February and we will finish at 3.30pm as usual. We all return to school on Monday 28th February for a normal school day.





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I wish you a safe and relaxing break.

Very best wishes,

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.

