



14th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that this finds you well.

On Thursday of last week, it was wonderful to see so many of our students and staff wearing their yellow and blue accessories in recognition of the plight facing children and young people in Ukraine. You will remember that our Head Student, Esther, nominated two charities to benefit from any fundraising from the event. These charities focus specifically on supporting children in Ukraine, so if you would like to contribute, you can do so by following either or both of the following links. *(Vicki, please insert the links so that the charity name is the thing that parents see.)*

Earth Alliance is our student leadership group that focuses on reducing our impact on the environment in school and across our Trust. Earth Alliance and our facilities team have been looking at ways of better managing our waste and I now have some good news. We are soon to transfer to a new waste contractor which will mean that we will reduce the proportion of our waste that goes to landfill or the incinerator from 92% to 0%. Earth Alliance will be meeting with the new company to discuss how we can best support this transition in school and they will be sharing our story with Eco leaders in other Trust schools in due course. Earth Alliance have also been putting plans together to further reduce our energy use in school and have been thinking about how we will use the energy smart meters that are due in school at the end of the summer term. If you would like to find out more about the students who run Earth Alliance, please visit our website [here](#)

You may remember that I have outlined the improvement work due to take place in school during the current academic year. I have some further good news. It looks as though we will be able to upgrade more of our classrooms earlier than we had originally planned and hopefully start work on student toilet improvements along with replacing a significant number of our older chromebooks with new, high quality MS laptops. I can also confirm that the increase in curriculum time that we gave to our creative subjects in KS3 for September 2021 to balance the curriculum will continue. I am hopeful that this balancing of the curriculum will better enable all students to pursue their interests and develop their talents.



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

As a reminder, school will finish for students at 1.15pm on Tuesday 15th March and teachers will set work to be completed in lieu of period 5. This time will allow teachers to engage in some essential training. Please note that we will not be able to change the times of any student transport on 15th March.

Friday 18th March will be a Mufti day in support of Comic Relief. The student Sports Council will be hosting events throughout the day to raise money for the charity, which will include a cake sale at breaktime and sports games / activities on the courts during lunchtime. If students wish to make cakes to sell, please bring them to the PE office at the beginning of the day.

Very best wishes,

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.