



# Plymouth High School for Girls

*"For life, not school, we learn"*

14<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the summer term. It's really odd not to be welcoming our students back in person, but we will make the best of the current circumstances.

Students have been doing well to keep their learning going at home. Teachers will continue to set work for their classes, making sure that resources are available to fit in with the usual school timetable. I hope this will go some way to ensuring students benefit from the usual structure and purpose of a normal school day.

During lockdown, we have moved lunchtime; it will run from 12.30 to 1.30. This means that periods 4 and 5 will be after lunch.

Teachers will do their best to be online in Google classroom during timetabled lesson times enabling students to ask questions in real time. The best way to ask questions is to post in the classroom account, this way everyone else can see the question and the teacher's answers, just like in class.

I fear that curriculum enrichment week may be in doubt. Although there is the possibility that we might see some relaxation of the lockdown measures before the end of the summer term, it could also be the case that we may not be back to normal working conditions. If there is a return to school before the end of the summer term, there may well be a national call for schools to get back to the business of classroom education as quickly as possible.

I also have concerns over whether all of our trip providers will be in a position to offer the packages we had ordered. We should also be mindful that COVID-19 related absences might impact on our ability to ensure that we would have the right staffing profile available to run the trips.

Year 10 work experience was due to run alongside enrichment week, and this is now also in doubt. If the lockdown measures are relaxed enough to allow businesses to return to something like normal conditions, they may not have the capacity to accept students for work experience.

I know that you will be just as disappointed as us if it turns out that we cannot run enrichment week or work experience. We will continue to follow closely all

Government advice over the coming weeks and plan to make a decision before half term regarding enrichment and work experience weeks.

Please do not make any further enrichment week payments at this time. We will write to you soon to set out the next steps.

If we have to cancel enrichment week, we will write to you to explain how we plan to move forward. Parents will not be asked to pay for a trip that does not go ahead.

I wish you health and happiness during the lockdown and hope that students are able to make the most of their learning experiences.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', followed by a horizontal flourish.

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