



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

16th June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to start by congratulating our students, staff and parents for their hard work and commitment to their studies during this period of lockdown. Staff have worked hard to ensure that students are set work which will support them in the next stages of their education.

We have learnt from our students that they very much appreciate some form of direct contact with their teacher, whether that be to hear or see staff. With this in mind, we may increase the range of activities used to include narration of power points, podcasts or Zoom sessions. We fully appreciate that students want to speak to their teachers and that it can be frustrating working independently. Please note that these types of lessons will not happen for every lesson or for every subject, but will be offered if the member of staff feels it is appropriate and they are able to do so.

If your daughter/ son does take part in a 'Zoom' lesson, we ask that they adhere to the following:

- Ensure you are working in a quiet space
- Dress and behave appropriately
- Sit at a desk or on a chair
- Use the PHSG logo as a virtual background: this will be sent to each student and can be set up in Zoom. A plain background will need to be used to set this up. If students are not able to do this, then they will need to turn their camera off
- Make sure you are muted when not talking
- Be respectful at all times
- Think before you write
- Raise your hand or use the chat function to show that you wish to ask a question

All sessions will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom so that any student who is unable to make the lesson will still have access to the learning.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation. We hope that this extension of our offer will support students in their learning even further.

Kind regards,

Shaun Willis
Deputy Headteacher