



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

17th June 2020

Dear Parent, Carer and Year 12 student,

I would like to start by congratulating our Year 12 students on all of their hard work during this difficult period and how well they have prepared themselves for the assessments they are now undertaking. I appreciate it can be frustrating working in isolation and you will have received a letter from the school giving more details about how we will be incorporating recordings and Zoom sessions into some of our lessons.

We have been working hard to find a way in which we can give students an opportunity to come into school to gain some face to face support with teaching staff. Unfortunately, we are restricted in what we can do as we are a maintained school and must follow the guidance of the Local Authority. The Local Authority has advised that students cannot mix groups unless there is a 5-day break in between two groups working together. Considering the number of different teaching groups, the number of option blocks and the fact we felt it was important not to disrupt the assessment process, it has proven impossible to give students access to their subject teachers for their subjects without ignoring the guidance of the Local Authority.

We have had an excellent response to our original offer of an 'academic review' style lesson and we have decided that students will be given individual meeting times with their tutor to really focus on their learning so far, what support is needed and how to move forward. We are writing to all parents and students once more, as we feel that even more may wish to take advantage of this individual time rather than the group time we originally suggested.

Students will have received a copy of this letter with details from their tutor about how they can book an appointment time.

Please note a full risk assessment has been completed and all necessary precautions will be put into place.

Thank you for your messages of support and we hope to see all students before the end of term.

Yours faithfully,

Shaun Willis
Head of Sixth