



1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope this finds you well.

After school on Thursday 30th June we held our open afternoon for new year 7 students. Each subject area was able to showcase their curriculum and the wide variety of opportunities open to our students. We were ably supported by our fantastic student ambassadors. Well over 60 PHSG students supported the evening and the parents I spoke to were wonderfully complimentary about their tour guides, the department ambassadors and the speakers. As you might expect, our students did a fabulous job sharing with people their view of our school and what it's like to be a student here. Special mention should go to Chloe and Izzy from year 7 and our Head Student Team, Esther, Christina, Amelia and Kaitlyn who all spoke at the main presentations. They were articulate and confident, true ambassadors for the school. The sun shone on what was a really positive evening with so many of our visitors leaving saying that Plymouth High will be their number one choice.

I have written to you recently to share my feelings about how well year 11 and 13 approached their public examinations, now it's the turn of year 10 with their end of year assessments. Many of the year 10 students I have spoken to have talked about the revision they have done in preparation for the assessments and what they plan to do in readiness for their year 11 mocks in November and December. So many of them have approached their examinations sensibly and demonstrated excellent resilience. Preparing carefully for examinations is really important and it seems to me that Plymouth High students understand this and value striving for the best possible outcomes.

Sports day is nearly upon us. Our plan is that we will take the whole school to Brickfields and run all the traditional athletics and games events and have a picnic lunch before we come back to school in the afternoon. Students have been informed that they will not be able to take their mobile phones to Brickfields which leaves them with two choices. 1. Leave their phone at home for the day. 2. Hand their phone to their tutor at the start of the day where it will be stored securely and they will get it back when they return to school after sports day. In the very unlikely event that students choose not follow this rule there will be consequences, but our



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students are usually great at following school rules and I thank you in advance for your support in reminding your child(ren) of this requirement.

We have curriculum enrichment week and work experience week next week and I am sure that all our students will have a great time. Thank you for your support in making sure that your child(ren) are prepared and ready for their experiences.

Very best wishes,

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.