



25 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

I am delighted to share with you that so far we have raised over £700 for children in need and across all our Trust schools, we have raised over £18 000. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Langmead, has secured his first Headship. He has accepted the exciting opportunity to set up and lead a brand new Special school within an organisation that specialises in Special provision. Mr Langmead has made a significant impact since arriving at Plymouth High and had expected to be with us for some time. However, this once in a lifetime opportunity came up and he is delighted to be in a position to run his own school. Mr Langmead will leave us towards the end of February 2023 and Mr Willis will be returning to us in the summer term as Deputy Headteacher. We wish both colleagues good luck as they take up their new roles.

New Student Leadership

We have now selected the students who will form the Head Student Team and the Earth Alliance Team for 2023. The selection process was comprehensive and included an application letter, presentation and interview. All the students who took part in the selection process performed wonderfully and should be proud of themselves. The 2022 student leaders played a key role in the selection process and deliberated carefully before the final decisions were made. For Head Student Team we have Poppy (Council and Head Student), Erin (Charity and Deputy Head Student), Nshira (Diversity and Deputy Head Student) and Zara (Magazine and Deputy Head Student). The Earth Alliance will be run by Ella and Lucy. Well done to our new student leaders.

Year 13 Parents Evening

As a reminder, we have year 13 parents evening on Thursday 1st and Thursday 8th December. We run them over two evenings to increase the chance that all parents can get appointments with their child's teachers. Parents may find that they end up with

appointments on both evenings or just on one evening, depending on the commitments of the teachers. Not all teachers will be necessarily available on both evenings. Please do book appointments via the link that has been sent out. I thank parents for their understanding as we work hard to make appointments available for all.

Thinking hats, Thinking maps, Thinkers keys, Habits of Mind

At Plymouth High, we are looking for ways to support students in their thinking. It is important for all students to consider their long term memory and the strategies they can use to improve this. There are many studies which show that students who are aware of their thinking and ways of improving their memory will also improve in their learning and progress over a period of time. We are gradually making greater use of the following strategies in class.

You may find it interesting to discuss these with your child. A parent's guide to each of these thinking tools has been created and can be found on our website, by following these links.

[Thinking hats](#)

[Thinking maps](#)

[Thinkers keys](#)

[Habits of Mind](#)

Carols and Mince Pies

A well-loved and fond tradition at Plymouth High School for Girls is to invite the families and friends of the PHSG community into the school to celebrate Christmas with an event known as 'Carols and Mince Pies' (CAMP).

Students and staff practice throughout the autumn term in order to put on a wonderful show to parents, grandparents and friends, showcasing the student's musical talent. We would therefore like to invite you back into the school after two years of restrictions, for this fun filled evening of singing, music and carolling and of course a mince pie or two!

CAMP will take place on the 7th December in the Newman Hall starting at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm.

Please purchase your tickets online via parentpay from the 1st December.

Tickets are £3 each with a family of 4 ticket costing £10.

The ticket will include entry to the evening, a mince pie and a drink. No actual ticket will be sent, your names will be checked off on the evening, this is in order to save paper and reduce our carbon footprint.

We hope to see you on the night. Merry Christmas.

Christmas Card Competition

Our Christmas card competition is now open. Students have until 9am on Monday 5th December to hand in their designs.

Very best wishes

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

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.