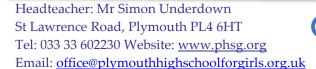6 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year.

I do hope you enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

The students have returned to school looking refreshed and ready to learn and the signs are good that 2023 will turn out to be as successful as 2022.

Year 13 are currently working on their mock examinations and year 11 will receive their grades for the mocks they sat before Christmas along with updated predicted grades on Tuesday 24th January. Year 11 and 13 students still have some new knowledge and skills to master before their courses are complete, but they will also be thinking about their preparation strategy for the summer examinations. Teachers and tutors are supporting year 11 and 13 students on how to prepare for their summer examinations, but please do contact your child's tutor if you have any concerns.

Year 9 have started the process of making decisions around which GCSE courses they wish to study in years 10 and 11. Our advice is always that students should think about what they enjoy learning as a key driver for making their subject choices. The year 9 options evening is on Thursday 19th January at school from 4.30pm to 6pm.

Year 11 are sampling taster courses for their A level choices this term and will be refining their thoughts about what they wish to study next year. As a reminder, the deadline for A level options is Friday 27th January.

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You may have been following on the news the industrial action undertaken by a variety of worker groups. I will write to you separately next week about how industrial action might impact us at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to maintain the highest possible standards of punctuality, attendance, dress and behaviour, it really does make a difference.

Please do keep an eye on the [latest news](#) section of our website to stay up to date with all that our students are doing.

Best wishes

Simon Underdown.
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