



13 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

LGBT month

You may know that February is LGBT History month and this represents a good opportunity for us all to celebrate the differences and individual preferences that make up the rich tapestry that is our local, national and international community. Showing respect to others and being tolerant of each other's individual preferences are important to us at Plymouth High. We want everyone in our community to feel valued and to have a true sense of belonging, being respectful and tolerant is a big part of this. Of course, respect and tolerance are two of the British values and underpin our activities and thinking throughout school life.

Throughout the month, there will be activities and events enabling us to raise awareness and demonstrate respect and tolerance towards those in the LGBT community and their allies. I am sure that our students will find the activities informative and interesting. I will keep you posted on the activities that we have planned, but wanted to give you advance notice of our forthcoming mufti day on 10/2/23 in support of the [Just Like Us Charity](#). As a reminder, jewellery, hair and make-up expectations are the same on a mufti day as they are on a normal school day. As you would expect, we require students to make sensible choices about their mufti clothes and think about what is appropriate for a positive learning environment.

Calendar

Our [calendar](#) gives details of upcoming events, but I thought you would appreciate a reminder that it is the year 9 options evening on Thursday 19th January and the week after it is the year 9 parents evening. Our half term holiday for students runs from

Monday 13th to Monday 20th February inclusive. Monday 20th February is a staff training day.

Parent pay accounts

Many thanks to parents and carers who regularly top up their child's parent pay account. This makes things run smoothly in the refectory and enables everyone to pay for their food and drink choices quickly. Please be kind enough to check your child's account, clear any arrears and provide a credit balance in line with your expectations around what they will be purchasing.

Student voice

This month we will be holding the first of our student council meetings that will directly feed into the Trust decision making process. You will remember that Plymouth High leads on student voice throughout the Trust and our student leaders are gearing up to make sure that their voices are heard.

Very best wishes

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Simon Underdown.
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