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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope this finds you well.

## School production, Six: Teen edition

Our students have been performing the musical Six: Teen edition all week and have been nothing short of sensational. The show is an alternative take on the 6 wives of Henry VIII. The students sang, danced, acted and utterly entertained the sell-out audiences. The talented performers were superbly supported by a dedicated team who managed props, costumes, front of house, the accompanying artwork and literature, lighting and sound. All together an amazing musical that will live long in the memories of those who came to see it. The cast and crew should be thoroughly proud of themselves for what was one of the highlights of the year. A huge well done everyone involved and thank you to all the parents who encouraged their child through the many practices and for helping them make it through the tiring week of performances.

## Careers education

Next week in school, we will be marking National Careers Week. Students will get involved in a range of activities and will have the chance to reflect on what kind of career might be of interest to them. Please click [here](#) to see the comprehensive parent and child information sheet that has been produced to support National Careers week. I hope you and your child find it informative and interesting. Please [click here](#) to find out more about what we do at Plymouth High to help students reflect on the type of career that might best suit them.

## Reading for pleasure

World Book Day was Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and so this week has been an ideal time for us to reflect on the joy and benefits of reading. Please [click here](#) to see what the reading agency have to say about the importance of reading in every young person's life. We strongly encourage students to read a wide range of texts and for them to challenge themselves to branch out and experiment with different genres and authors. Our library team and student

library ambassadors can support students in making choices about books that might be of interest to them.

### **Comic relief**

As usual, we will be supporting Comic relief with a range of activities and a mufti day. The comic relief mufti day will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and students are encouraged to think of a red nose day theme for their mufti outfit. If parents would like to make an additional donation to comic relief via school, please [click here](#) for our donations page where over 99% of all money donated makes its way to comic relief.

### **What's going on in school**

Don't forget that our website has details of all the amazing things young people are getting up to, please [click here](#) to see the latest posts.

### **Industrial action and NPD**

The next two days of proposed industrial action are scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Given the number of colleagues who have decided to exercise their right to take action, it is likely that we will continue with the same arrangements for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March as we did for the industrial action day this week. I will keep you posted on our final decisions, but thought you would appreciate knowing in advance what we are likely to be doing.

You will know from our [school calendar](#) that we had a staff training afternoon planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> March. As the training afternoon clashes with the potential industrial action day, we have cancelled the staff training event. If your child is studying from home on the industrial action day, independent work will be set for them and posted on MS Teams in the usual way.

Very best wishes,



**Simon Underdown.**  
**Headteacher.**