



5 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

## **Student leadership - antibullying**

Student leadership is an important part of life at Plymouth High with students from across the year groups getting involved in helping to shape the future of our school. One such group is the antibullying team who have been doing sterling work to raise the profile of our 'it's good to speak out' agenda. They have been running activities and creating chances for students to get together to talk. The antibullying Easter raffle was a huge hit resulting in lots of kind messages being sent around the school. The next initiative for the antibullying ambassadors will be to work towards the diversity badge and they already have plans for events and activities for people to get involved in.

## **Uniform**

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain the highest standards of uniform. A reminder that the blazer is a compulsory item of uniform for students in years 7 to 9 and optional for 10 and 11. Students in years 7 to 9 are welcome to wear the school jumper in addition to the blazer, but the jumper is optional. From September, the blazer will be compulsory for years 7 to 10.

## **Year 7 parents' evening**

The year 7 parents' evenings will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May and will be online. Booking information will be out soon for parents to select their slots. There should be sufficient appointment slots for parents to be able to have an appointment with teachers from every subject.

## **KS3 Examinations**

Students in year 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting their end of year examinations in all subjects in the week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Students have been given their timetables to help them plan the next few weeks of revision. Teachers have provided revision lists

and materials on TEAMS and will be supporting students as they prepare for their assessments.

Year 9 students will be assessed in all subjects, including those that they are not taking onto further study at GCSE level. All GCSE and A Level assessments include a written element, so the KS3 examinations provide a super opportunity for students to practice across many different disciplines. Following the assessments, we will provide feedback to students and parents about the progress made in all subjects.

### **Year 10 revision evening**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April year 10 students and parents were invited into school to find out how best students can prepare for the end of year examinations.

Students and parents listened to a brief talk from myself, Mr Law (Head of Year 10) and our wonderful Head Student Team on how best to prepare for the end of year 10 examinations. People were then able to visit subject areas and talk to subject specialists about how best to prepare for different examination questions.

The presentation used in the talk can be accessed here.

 [PARENTS Y10 revision evening.pptx](#)

Lots of students and parents said that they found the evening useful and went away with a clearer plan of action for revision. Thank you for your support.

### **Year 11 and 13 celebration events**

Year 11 and 13 are nearly at the end of their regular timetable as the public examinations will start fairly soon. Parents will remember that my letter of 10<sup>th</sup> March outlined our plans for examination provision. Please [see here](#) for the letter. Just scroll down to see the year 11 and 13 arrangements.

Both year groups will enjoy a celebration event in school to mark their hard work and dedication. Year 11 will have their celebration event from 9am to midday on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Year 13 will have their celebration event from 9am to midday on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

## **Mental health awareness**

Mental health awareness week runs from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> May. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May, everyone is encouraged to wear a green ribbon, in their hair or pinned to their uniform, to show their support for mental health awareness.

## **Arts week**

Our Trust wide arts week will run from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June. Students are encouraged to get involved in the activities that will take place during the week and also to submit entries for our two competitions. One is to produce a piece of art work, the other is to create a talent video. The video should last for no more than 2 minutes and can be a solo or group performance. The winning entries for each competition will be put forward to the Trust final. The deadline for both competitions is 19<sup>th</sup> May so that the winners can be announced during Arts week. Students will be given further information in school.

## **Food Service**

Following on from the canteen price increases and feedback from parents we can confirm that the daily spend limit will increase to £7.00 per day with effect from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## **Feedback**

We would very much like to hear your views about our school, so if you get a moment, we would be grateful if you would complete the short parent survey here: [Parental Survey](#)

Very best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.



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