



12 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

Year 11 and 13 celebrations and public examination period.

Our year 11 and 13 students have enjoyed their celebration days this week. We had a bouncy castle on site and a variety of activities to give students the chance to have fun together and mark this key moment in their lives. As usual, our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and approached their celebration days with the right spirit and sense of fun. It has been a pleasure working with these talented and caring young people and we wish them the very best of luck in their examinations.

Year 11 and 13 from Monday 15th May.

You will recall from my previous letters that from Monday 15th May, the daily arrangements for year 11 and 13 will change to take into account the public examinations timetable.

From the 15th May until the May half term holiday, lessons will continue for those students who do not have to miss their class because of a public examination. Students who do not have a public examination **can choose to attend** these classes if they wish or study at home.

Students who come into school for 8.40am must go to their tutor room to register.

All students who come into school after 9.05am, whether this be for a session with a teacher or for a public examination, must sign in at reception.

All students attending sessions with teachers must sign out if they leave the school site before 3.30pm.

Invigilators will explain to students the signing out procedure following a public examination.

After the May half term holiday, we are not expecting year 11 or 13 students in lessons due to the frequency of the examinations, however students can make appointments with their teachers to come in and see them for revision if they wish.

The signing in and out arrangements remain the same as above.

Year 11 must wear full school uniform when they attend for revision classes and/or public examinations. The rules for hair colour, nails and jewellery remain the same.

Miss Yarwood is leaving

At the end of the summer term, Miss Yarwood will be moving to Switzerland with her partner for a new adventure. I know that you will join me in wishing her well. We have recruited a new languages teacher, Miss Hofmann, who will start in September.

Miss Yarwood joined Plymouth High and started her teaching career in Jan 2020. During her time with us, Miss Yarwood has taught French and German and has led Temple House. She has very much enjoyed working with our students and the languages department. Miss Yarwood says that she has been particularly impressed with the language captains who have run the clubs and competitions and she will miss their enthusiasm and love of languages.

Early lunches

From Monday the 15th May the school day will change slightly.

School will start and end at the same time, but the timings of the lessons will alter in light of the GCSE and A Level examinations taking place

The timings of the day will be:

Tutor time	8.40-9.05
Period 1	9.05-10.05
Period 2	10.05-11.05
Break	11.05-11.30
Period 3	11.30-12.30
Lunch	12.30-13.30
Period 4	13.30-14.30
Period 5	14.30-15.30

Students who would have PE periods 3 and 4 and go offsite for their lessons will continue to do so and will have their lunchtime on their return at the normal time of 13.30-14.30.

Students who are offsite for PE will need to order any food with the Refectory at breaktime to ensure that they get their choice at lunchtime

Thank you for your understanding at this very important time of year for many of our students.

Breakfast club

During the examination period the Refectory will be offering a breakfast club where students can come into school and purchase a variety of breakfast options.

These options will include:

Cereals - different milk options available to go with the cereals

Toast

Bacon Baps

Fruit Pots

The Breakfast club will be open to **ALL** students (not just those taking an examination) from 8am to 8.30am each day starting on Monday 15th May.

Depending on the popularity and potential viability of breakfast club, we would consider making this a permanent offer. I will keep you posted on this, but for now, the service will run during the examination period.

St Lawrence Road works

A reminder that St Lawrence Road works start week beginning 15th May. The road will be closed beyond the school gate on St Lawrence Road, meaning that the road to our main gate will be a dead end for much of the time between now and the middle of July.

We anticipate a degree of chaos as members of the public get used to the new arrangements. I would ask parents to be particularly mindful of the very likely traffic issues in St Lawrence Road and encourage everyone to avoid the section of road in front of our main gate.

Year 11 and 13 book returns and parentpay arrears.

If your child is in year 11 or 13, please be kind enough to ensure that you have cleared any parentpay arrears and that your child has returned any loaned books. Thank you.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.