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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

Latest Hummingbird success

I am delighted to share with you that on Wednesday 21st June, our Hummingbird Team scooped all the top positions in the Greenpower Formula 24 South West heats at Predannack airfield. A huge well done to everyone involved. Our students led the way by winning both of their races and being awarded the best presented team. A fabulous effort by Team Hummingbird.

The team attended the heats hoping to be able to qualify for Goodwood finals later this year. After a nervy practice (the car stopped working due to the batteries not being plugged in properly!), the team competed in both of their races and never once dropped below first position at any point in the race. Leading from start to finish is remarkable.

The team are so grateful to our sponsor, Becton Dickinson, and to the parents who were able to be there. Our drivers were amazing and were widely regarded to have driven the car 'like they stole it' and the pit team delivered some lightning speed change overs. An amazing effort and we look forward to the next round in October. See the link [here](#) for our website Hummingbird story.

Earth Alliance invite a speaker into school

Our student leadership group, Earth Alliance, have invited into school a guest speaker to present to students at 1pm on Monday 26th June. The guest speaker from Clean our Patch will be speaking to students interested in making a difference to their local area. The theme will be "how we can all make a positive difference to improving our environment". The talk will focus on the environmental impact that small changes in our everyday habits can achieve. There will also be the chance to consider the environmental impact of things we do and the opportunity for an open discussion about plastic waste and pollution.

Students who are interested in taking part should come along to the library for 1pm on Monday 26th June where the Earth Alliance team will welcome them.



Trust wide student voice

Plymouth High led the way again this week at our Trust wide pupil voice committee meeting. Students from Plymouth High, Plympton Academy and Rochester Grammar School presented to the Board of Directors the thoughts and views of students from across all the schools in our Trust. The meeting lasted for over an hour with student leaders speaking directly with Trust Executive leaders on matters that are most important to students. The environment, food service, club and activities and learning were all discussed. The Board of Directors hear directly from senior student leaders three times a year and Plymouth High always takes a lead role in this. Our Head student, Poppy and our Earth Alliance leaders Ella and Lucy were amazing.

Curriculum enrichment week and work experience

Following on from my note to parents on 22/6/23, I confirm that all curriculum enrichment week activities and work experience placements will go ahead as planned. Plymouth High staff have decided that they want to support these important weeks despite the National Education Union calling for industrial action on the 5th and 7th of July. There are colleagues who are eager to make it clear to the Government that they are concerned about school funding, but felt that they simply couldn't take action that interrupted curriculum enrichment week or work experience. Thank you so much for the messages of support and empathy we have received. Colleagues have really appreciated this.

Sports awards event

We are having a sports awards evening on Tuesday 11th July and are running a raffle to generate some funds to make the evening self-sustaining. If you are able to provide a prize of any kind, the PE team would be very grateful. Please be kind enough to contact Mrs Goolden at Emma.Goolden@phsg.tsat.uk if you are able to provide a prize for the raffle.

Best wishes



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