



# PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## July Newsletter

**16th July 2019**

As we come to the end of the year, it is a real pleasure to reflect on how much the school has achieved and all the opportunities the students have been given. This wouldn't be possible without dedicated students, hardworking staff and supportive parents.

Plymouth High continues to have a strong community and this has been hugely evident this year.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hope you all have a wonderful summer. I hope that all students and staff can rest and recuperate in preparation for what I am sure will be another busy and successful year.

**Mr Shaun Willis**  
**Interim Headteacher**

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### School Return Dates

**Years 7 and 12—Wednesday 4th September 2019**

**Whole School—Thursday 5th September 2019**

At the end of every summer term we inevitably find ourselves saying some goodbyes and this year is no exception. This summer we say farewell to Mrs Hughes from Languages, Mrs Randell from Maths, Miss Paviour from Science and Miss Bloomfield, Mrs Jagger Rowden and Mrs Ganea from the support staff. We also wish Mrs Hatfield well; she will be going on maternity leave. Good luck to each one of you and thank you for your contribution to PHSG.

In the new term we will be welcoming: Mr Underdown our new Headteacher, Mrs Will maths teacher, Miss Taylor English teacher, Ms Hicks science teacher, Mrs Gilchrist German teacher, Mr Davies science teacher, Miss Puddeford science teacher and Mr Stokesbury our new peripatetic music teacher. We also welcome our new parent Governor—Mr Beavan.

# Student Achievements

## Student of the Week Winners

### Week ending 5th April

**Individual:** Mia 10T for "her outstanding composition work in music this week. Her work already shows the exceptional accomplishment I would expect of a much older student." Ms Marcer

**Group:** "The following girls from years 8-12 spent hours this term learning and practising a performance for Megan's Extended Project. They then went to a Plymouth Raiders game and performed it in front of the entire audience so that Megan could film her EP. They did a brilliant job and the finished piece looked excellent. They were: Sandra, Dominique, Heloise, Lara, Olivia, Lizzie, Lois, Lydia, Megan, Chloe and May". Mrs Goolden

### Week ending 3rd May

**Individual:** Shannon 10MCA "For producing, as a peer mentor, a great revision power point presentation for 7L to help them revise for their Year 7 RS exam." Miss McAulliffe and Mrs Goolden.

**Group: Student Panels and Tour Guides** who have been involved with the staff interviews this week. As follows: **Tour Guides** - Madison, Polly, Casey, Lauren, Tilly and Maisie. Year 8.

**Student Panels** - Aiva, Jada, Lauren. Year 10. Ruby-Rose, Cara, Holly, Josie. Lizzie, Maddie. Year 9. Ina, Isabelle, Freya. Year 8. Libby, Ella-May, Rebecca. Year 7.

### Week ending 10th May

**Individual:** Maddie 9HAT for "For an outstanding effort when working on "Much Ado about Nothing", going above and beyond what was required." Miss Hoyte

**Group:** "All the Year 11 French and German GCSE students for their efforts in their speaking exams, in particular Abby, Daisy, Lois, Claudia and Charlotte for their HUGE improvement since the mocks and their excellent performances." Mrs Carter

### Week ending 16th May

**Group: 9T** for "The way that they researched and presented their work on genocides since WW2. They were well prepared and had researched a variety of areas. They all spoke clearly and in a sensitive manner, as appropriate for the task. They gave each other thoughtful oral peer feedback." Mrs Brownbridge

### Week ending 24th May

**Group:** Emma and Freya, Year 9. "For doing a little litter pick before school and collecting a whole bin bag of rubbish from the school grounds." Miss Boyle

### Week ending 7th June

**Individual: Eowyn 9RFD** for "For her recent success in the Learners Award Competition. A number of students in Year 9 were entered into the competition to be an engineer for a day. Eowyn was short listed and came first in our Region for her design innovation idea. There is also a possibility her design will be selected to be manufactured by undergraduates at UWE. She will be going to Bristol University West of England to collect her award next week. Mr Watson

**Group: 8K Running Club** "For turning up religiously (10 of them) being motivated and improving every week - a pleasure to spend lunchtime with!" Mrs Goolden

# Student Achievements

## Student of the Week Winners

### Week ending 14th June

**Individual:** Abigail 9WAN for "her design entry for the Leaders Award in DT. Her entry was selected as it was awarded a Distinction and will go on display at University West of England, Bristol." Mr Watson

**Group:** DofE Team: Amelia, Lara , Poppy, Tara, Abigail "for not only finishing their DofE practice expedition but completing a beach clean at Talland Bay and collecting a bin bag full of rubbish that they then carried for several miles." Mr Goodchild, Mr Graves and Mrs Carter.

### Week ending 21st June

**Individual:** Isla 10THA for: "being a star in GCSE PE athletics lessons. As she is an experienced athlete she has been helping other students to improve their skills; she is a natural leader. She takes the initiative to not only work independently herself but encourage and motivate others to do the same." Miss Luscombe

**Group:** Year 8 Carnegie Book event students - Nancy, Ruby, Amelia, Anya, Sophia, Faye, Hannah, Penny, Ellie, Ina, Lilly for: "their excellent contribution for the Carnegie Day last Thursday". Miss Harris and Ms Straker

Also, Carys and Farah, Year 12 for: " running a creative writing activity for the Hyde Park Junior school children, they did a fantastic job, well done!". Miss Harris

### Week ending 28th June

**Individual:** Ava 7L: "She was extremely helpful on a particularly busy day in reception." Mrs Ganea

**Group:** Sports Leaders: "for helping at Keyham Barton Primary Sports Day. They were really enthusiastic and adapted well to lead the younger students as well as the older ones. The teachers from the primary school were very impressed with them and passed on their thanks. The girls included: Year 8 - Erin, Emmie, Bella, Mali, Lauren, Fleur, Ruby, Aleena and Year 9 - Daisy, Charly, Leoni ". Miss Luscombe

### Week ending 5th July 2019

**Groups:** Year 9 Enterprise Building Competition - Eloise , Phoebe , Phoebe, Sophie -May , Lara - all 9T. They won the whole Building Competition, judged by people from the industry. Fantastic presentation, research and effort. Miss Boyle

And...

Year 9 Junior House Captains - Ruby-Rose, Holly , Josie, Lizzie , Maddie , Phoebe , Abi, Cara. With the addition of May. For all their hard work during the Year 6 Induction Days. True role models for Plymouth High School. Ms Straker and Mrs Goolden



# Student Achievements

## A Level Art Exhibition at the Sherwell Centre on North Hill, Plymouth.



**Year 7** Form Captains recently took the food and toiletries that the year group have been collecting down to Plymouth Foodbank at the Oasis Project. The girls learned how the charity carries out it's work and also helped to make up some food bags for people in need. Thank you to all of the Year 7 students, staff and parents for their donations and support of our community project.



## Year 9 Enterprise Day

Our Year 9 students were challenged to provide sustainable housing on a brownfield site during their enterprise day. The judges from South West Women in Construction and Cllr Rebecca Smith were very impressed by the level of detail and the imaginative use of the space in all the presentations. Congratulations to the winning team from Temple.





# Department News

## Design Technology

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been working on the 'Chopped Challenge'. They were tasked with making a dish using 4 mandatory ingredients that were only revealed to them on their planning day. The following week, in pairs they produced their dishes. They were judged by a panel of teachers on: creativity when using these ingredients, taste and presentation.

The girls really enjoyed the challenge as can be seen from their comments:

*"I thought "Chopped" was exciting, it was interesting to cook a meal under pressure" Grace*

*"I really enjoyed "Chopped" and I thought it was such a fun challenge because it really tested our teamwork and work ethic, and it was super knowing we did it all (mostly) ourselves" Izzy*

*"I liked the "Chopped" challenge as it was a lot of fun even though it didn't come out how we wanted it to" Unnamed*

*"I actually really loved it because we had the challenge and the independence to bring in the ingredients and also having to come up with an actual recipe was great fun" Unnamed*

*"I really liked "Chopped" because it allowed me to be creative and make something I would want to eat" Isolde*



## MFL/Music



We recently held an evening showcasing the work done in the departments of modern foreign languages and music. We heard a great variety of dialogues, songs, poems and instrumental groups. In the interval there were stalls offering food and drinks with a European twist – at which we encouraged everyone to order in French or German! Thank you to everyone who supported us.

# PE

## Team Successes

### Athletics

The Year 7 athletics team competed in the Plymouth Schools competition at Brickfields on 5<sup>th</sup> June. As a school we came 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 15 schools which was fantastic.

The Year 7 Super8 team qualified for the Devon Summer School Games and competed at Exeter Arena against the best schools in the county.



### Rounders

The Year 9 rounders team played numerous competitive games this season, winning all but 2 of their games. They were placed second in the league which was great and also earned them a place in the Level 3 finals of the Devon Summer School Games.



### Swimming Gala

81 students competed in this year's Swimming Gala. Temple were aiming to regain the title for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Three school records were broken including; Blythe in Year 7 who broke the junior breaststroke record; the Year 7 Anthony team in the Junior Freestyle Relay; and the Year 8 and 9 Temple team in the Intermediate Freestyle Relay.

## Individual Successes

### Dressage

Huge congratulations to Scarlett in Year 9 who is representing Great Britain in July at the Hickstead International CDI. She has worked so hard and trained so many hours for this opportunity, we wish her every success.



### Athletics

Congratulations to Mali who performed so well in the 200m at the Devon Schools Athletics event, she has been selected to go to the English Schools Athletics Championships in July.

### Karate

Megan competed in the SRK Winter Open Champs in London in June and achieved a Bronze medal.

### Dance

Mia attended a Ballet Competition in London on the 16<sup>th</sup> June and received a substantial prize for her choreography. Congratulations to Affinity (Year 12) and Vee (Year 9) who attended the World Freestyle Dance Championships last month, reaching the semi-finals in their categories.



**Rowing**

Ellie 1<sup>st</sup> (Senior women) - in the Plymouth and Wimbleball Regattas in June with Maisie coming 2<sup>nd</sup> (J15 class)

**Swimming**

We have heard that congratulations are in order for the following girls who have qualified for this year's Summer Nationals in August.

Victoria Year 12, Aimee Year 10, Cara Year 9, Niamh Year 9 and Blythe Year 7. More congratulations are in order for Niamh who has also qualified for the National Open Water.

**Athletics**

Emily Year 12, achieved 4th place in the 100m hurdles and relay at the English schools Championships last weekend.

**Tae Kwondo**—Congratulations to Harriet in Year 7 who participated in a Plymouth area TaeKwondo tournament in June and won a gold in Flying Side Kick, a silver in Patterns and two 4th places in High Kick and Sparring.



## 11+ Practice Examination

On Saturday 29th July Plymouth High School welcomed over 170 primary girls to sit the 11+ practice examination. It was a busy affair first thing, but soon all students were settled in to the Gym and the Main Hall ready for the start. All the girls did very well coping with the structure of the exams and hopefully it was a good learning experience for them both in how to manage their time in an exam and also with getting used to the process. I do hope they now feel more prepared for the real exams in September and I'm pleased to say there were a lot of smiles at the end of the session.

Many thanks to the staff who helped on the day and a big thank you to our wonderful student team: Polly 8CLW, Rhiannon 8CLW, Lilly 8ROP, Emmie 8FLT, Keeley-Rose 7BKS, Ruby 8ROP, Rosie P 7WAL, Roan 8FLT, Mia V 7GDN, Storie 7PA and Bel 8FLT who did a great job of welcoming parents and students to Plymouth High. We look forward to seeing some of the girls again in September for the real 11+ examinations. - Mrs Rogers 11+ Co-ordinator

## This Month's Hot Job

Today's Hot Job is Early-years Teacher. Also known as nursery teachers, they are specialists in early childhood development. This job is predicted to grow 4% nationally by 2023. If this is something your son or daughter might be interested in, you can find more information at [careerpilot.org.uk](https://www.careerpilot.org.uk) and see local job market information.

Careerpilot has information on over 800 jobs. Each job profile explains entry requirements and regional employment. It's a one-stop website explaining all the choices, qualifications, and courses available to 13-19 year olds. There's also a [Parent Zone](#), with information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decisions about study and work.

# Notices

## HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

**Students** may contact staff if they have queries, firstly by visiting them in their department area, and only contacting them using school email system if they really can't see them in person.

**Parents** may wish to contact staff. The following outlines what the Headteacher regards as important considerations regarding home/school communication, particularly by email:

- ♦ All communication must respect the dignity of the recipient.
- ♦ Within 48 hours: receipt of an email will be acknowledged by school either by the person contacted, or the most appropriate person able to deal with the issue (term time only, not after 5pm nor over a weekend).
- ♦ Within 5 working days: school will provide a response to the email by telephone or in writing, or e-mail. This may include informing the sender that more time is required to provide a full response. If this is the case, staff should indicate a time frame for a response.
- ♦ Staff will not be expected to monitor or respond to e-mails outside their normal working hours (nor at weekends and published school holidays).

Whilst this is extremely rare, if a member of staff receives an e-mail or call which is of an aggressive tone, sets unreasonable demands or could otherwise be interpreted as harassing, they will refer this to a senior line manager in the school, who will decide if consideration needs to be given to dealing with further communication under our Complaints Policy.

## Is Your Child Eligible For Free School Meals?

The school also benefits if your child is eligible for free school meals so please check the criteria below – if you meet any of these you can register by going online at:

[www.democracy.plymouth.gov.uk](http://www.democracy.plymouth.gov.uk) or call into the school if you are unsure.

- ♦ Income Support
- ♦ Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- ♦ Income-related Employment and Support Alliance
- ♦ Guaranteed element of pension credit
- ♦ Child Tax Credit, (most recent award notice—with no Working Tax Credit **AND** annual income that does not exceed £16,190)
- ♦ Universal Credit—from 1st April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

**Please Note:** Eligibility for Free School Meals cannot be determined until you have received your first Universal Credit statement or entitlement letter. We have been Informed by DWP that they may take up to 6 weeks to process your first/new claim

- ♦ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act



# Notices

## STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

For safety reasons if your daughter has to leave school during the school day, and you are unable to collect her, she must have a note in her planner with clear instructions that you give permission for her to leave unaccompanied. Without your express instructions to this effect we will not allow any students to leave school unless they are collected by an adult from reception.

## PARKING

Out of respect for our neighbours and for health and safety reasons there is NO PARKING on the school site or for collecting/dropping off students on the double yellow lines outside our school gates.



## NUT ALLERGY

Please be aware that we have a student who is severely allergic to nuts and we would, therefore, appreciate where possible that you try to avoid putting nuts into packed lunches.

Although we are not going completely nut free, we have stopped selling packets of nuts as snacks in the canteen to try to reduce the risk to her and appreciate your support.

Many thanks.



## SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

Don't forget for our students there is a drop in clinic to see a School Nurse; this is held at lunchtime on alternate Fridays in the counselling room.

YikYak



Ask.fm



Kik Messenger



Whisper



Omega



After School



Tik Tok



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Children are spending more and more time on their mobile phones. Making them aware of the dangers of social media, and protecting them from these dangers can be very challenging. These are some of the better known sites that pose risks to children—are they on your child's phone home screen?

To help safeguard your child please regularly take the time to talk to them about the way they use their social media apps:

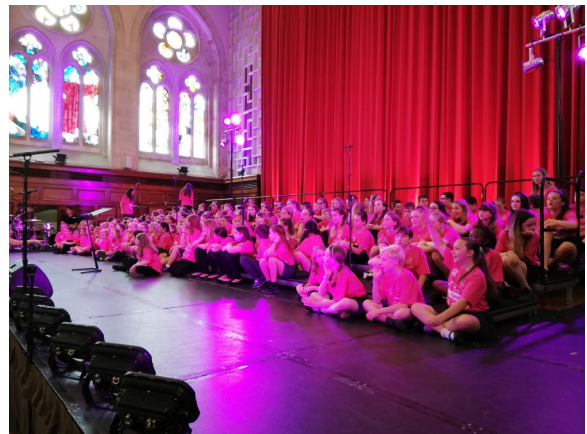
**Do they always know who they are engaging with?**

**Do they share their passwords?**

**Do they feel comfortable with what they are seeing and doing?**

**Do they feel pressure from "friends" to do/say things they don't want to?**

# Curriculum Enrichment Week Photo Gallery



## Term Dates

### TERM DATES 2019-2020

#### Autumn Term:

Monday 2nd September 2019 – Friday 20th December 2019

**Wednesday 4th September - Years 7/12 return**

**Thursday 5th September—Whole School return**

*Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019*

#### Spring Term:

Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 27th March 2020

**Students return 7th January 2020**

*Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020*

#### Summer Term:

Tuesday 14th April 2020 – Tuesday 21st July 2020

*May Day: Updated to Friday 8th May*

*Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020*

#### Curriculum Enrichment Week

*Monday 6th July—10th July 2020*

#### The five non-pupil days are:

**Monday 2nd September 2019**

**Tuesday 3rd September 2019**

**Friday 18th October 2019**

**Monday 6th January 2020**

**Thursday 11th June 2020**

## Dates for your Diary

End of Term	Wednesday 24th July 2019
Years 7 and 12 Return	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Whole School Return	Thursday 5th September 2019
Years 7 and 12 Expectations Evenings	Wednesday 11th September 2019
Years 8 and 10 Expectations Evenings	Thursday 12th September 2019
Open Day	Tuesday 17th September 2019
Year 7 Camping Trip	Monday 23rd —Friday 27th September 2019
Year 8 HPV 1 immunization	Tuesday 24th September 2019
Half Term	Monday 21st—Friday 25th October 2019

Best wishes for a happy

summer holiday

See you in September!