



# PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## July Newsletter

### Head's Update

4th July 2018

The sun is shining and we have reached the end of another incredible year. Our students never fail to amaze us; they always strive to achieve their best, push themselves to new limits and work hard in all they do: this year has been no exception.

We have achieved so much in a year—it is impossible to list everything but as always, students have shown ambition, confidence and enthusiasm for all aspects of school life, and have been excellent ambassadors for Plymouth High School for Girls.

As we move into next year, we will be looking to develop these attributes even further and build on the strengths of our students and staff to achieve the best.

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Please note the change to the start of next term, details are at the end of this newsletter.

I hope you all have a good summer, full of rest and relaxation and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Finally I will finish with a picture of our Year 11 leavers day and wish all our students the very best for their results in August.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Willis  
Interim Headteacher



# Departmental News

## Art

Our Annual Summer Art Exhibition took place in The Cells at Devonport Guildhall.

We showcased a collection of inspirational artworks by our A Level students including paintings, textiles, illustration and photography.

The collection was made up of final pieces with some preparatory work demonstrating the progression of the students. The exhibition highlighted the quality of work produced by the students and celebrated their incredible talent and hard work.



## Careers

The Year 9 students recently took part in a one day event delivered by South West Women In Construction. Their challenge was based on Green Living; a team activity looking at the impact of housing developments on the environment and the community.

Each team designed and produced a model layout of a sustainable, mixed housing development, as well as producing a tender document and presenting their ideas.

"I was amazed with the designs the students created in such a short time." commented Sustainability Engineer Eleni Kalyva from Hulley & Kirkwood, "It's great to see some 'Engineering' talent."

The winning team was Tara Webb 9BRO, Lauren Burston 9CRT, Lauren Herd 9JOS, Jasmine Higgins 9ROU, Brooke Freeman 9CRT.



# Departmental News

## PE

So much has been happening in PE it's hard to know where to start! We have had so many individual achievements including:

### Athletics

**Emily Bee in Year 11** who won gold in the U17 women's 80m hurdles at the Southwest England School's Athletics Championships, twice beating the championships record; running an amazing 11:05 seconds. This puts her No 1 in the UK rankings! She also won U17 women heptathlon at the Southwest Schools Combined Events Championships, again putting her at No 1 in the UK rankings. All this as well as doing her GCSE's, an amazing achievement!



And team successes include:

### Athletics

Year 7 athletics team came second (by 1 point) in the city schools competition qualifying for the level 3 School Games; whilst Year 8 came 5th out of 18 with some strong performances from: Janea Oligan, Seana Hurrell and Libby Weddle.

### Swimming Gala

This was won by Temple for the 5th year running! Individual trophies went to: Erin Powell, Aimee Brownridge and Amber Francis, with Tai Roche-Walker setting a new school record for the boys freestyle race.



***Congratulations to all our sporty students for their achievements***



### Swimming

**Niamh Hutchinson in Year 8** will compete in the National Open Water 2km race in Sheffield at the end of July

**Cara McVeigh in Year 8** achieved 3 regional times in the 50m fly, 50m back and 100m fly.

### Indoor Rowing

**Ellie Childs and Jenna Taylor-Kempster in Year 11** have both been selected to participate in the 13th School Games finals at Loughborough University.

### Trampolining

**Libby Weddle in Year 8** gained 11th place in the country whilst competing in the Double Mini Trampoline at the British qualifiers in Sheffield.

### Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Alford who was awarded the players' player for the Division 1 Netball League. She was chosen by all the other players in the league and her team also won the Sporting Team of the Year.

# PTFA News

## Job Vacancy – PHSG Quiz Master

This month I have decided to hang up my PTFA Quiz Master role.

I have thoroughly enjoyed putting the quizzes together over the last few years and want to thank all parents, students and staff who have supported me and the PTFA with the quiz nights. A special thank you to Mrs Randell who has been joint quiz master with me for the last year. The quizzes are great fun - even when people question my well researched answers!

The reason that I am hanging up my quiz master jacket, is that I love quizzes and would actually like to come to one.....so do you fancy taking on the role of quiz master supreme? If you are interested then please email the PTFA to express your interest and to find out more.

[ptfa@phsg.org](mailto:ptfa@phsg.org)

**Donna Roughton**



## Uniform

Before you start to make your purchases for next September's school uniform please refer to the School Uniform section of the student planner. It is compulsory for all girls in Years 7-11 to wear correct, neat and tidy uniform in school and on the journey to and from school. We would like all our students and parents to appreciate the part that uniform plays in contributing to the ethos and reputation of the school.

### Shoes

We wish particularly to clarify our policy regarding shoes: canvas shoes are not allowed on health and safety grounds so students should be wearing black leather shoes NOT trainers and not trainer style shoes.

Please be aware that some manufacturers label such shoes as "school shoes" but if they look like trainers they are not part of acceptable PHSG school uniform.





# Student Achievements

## Student of the Week

Winners for week ending 8th June

**Group** - the Go4Set Team for "Outstanding work on their eco hotel and winning the award for best presentation at Plymouth University". Miss Westaway

Winners for week ending 15th June

**Group** - 8L for "Outstanding music outreach work at Pilgrim Primary School". Ms Marcer

Winners for week ending 22nd June

**Individual:** Aysha Haque 8BRN for "Scoring 81% in her French exam, coming third in the class. This has been achieved despite missing lessons and not always feeling well but managing to keep up with the work at home." Mrs Walters and "For an outstanding exam result and an excellent effort on the Geography fieldwork trip." Mr Graves

**Group: Year 9** for "Their great work with Jenny Sharp from the University of Plymouth on the Maths activities. All taking part and working hard to solve the various puzzles and problems. Some students in particular showing great resilience and not moving onto another problem until they fully understood the problem that they were working on." Miss Roughton



Following an application to the Plymouth Based Charity Beresford-Jones Trust; Aimee Brownridge in Year 9 has been awarded a donation to help with the costs of her trip to Sheffield for the British Swimming Championships.

The BJ Trust would welcome further applications for funding and support.

<http://www.bjtrust.org.uk/>

# Important Notices

## 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.



## MUSIC TUITION

It would be most helpful if parents/carers of students who currently have instrumental or singing lessons could let us know if their daughters are going to continue or not in September. Regrettably there are still instances of lessons being arranged for students who have decided to stop without informing the school; the teacher who has come in for the lesson still has to be paid on these occasions. Please write in or email me on [rlemin@phsg.org](mailto:rlemin@phsg.org)

## 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.

## 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

# Important Notices

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR**

As you may be aware, the Data Protection Law in the UK changed on 25th May 2018. The new law is called the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). These new regulations are about protecting people in the modern information age. It gives more control to individuals and more responsibilities to organisations that collect and hold your data. Schools must comply too with it affecting everyone: staff, parents, students and volunteers.

We already have strict data protection policies. Data is kept secure and used appropriately. Much will stay the same but with GDPR it will bring even better security and greater transparency. In many areas consent is not needed as schools have a duty to keep children safe and deliver a high standard of education. Where consent is needed, you will be asked for it in a clear manner and be allowed to remove it, if you wish.

The attached Privacy Notice forms an Appendix to the updated Data Protection Policy which is currently being amended, but our current version can be accessed on the school's website.

The school welcomes the provisions of GDPR and you can be assured that we will continue to monitor our data protection arrangements to ensure that the greatest possible care is taken with all personal data.

We have appointed Mrs Kathryn Rogers as our Data Protection Officer. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions regarding GDPR at [kr Rogers@phsg.org](mailto:kr Rogers@phsg.org)

As GDPR begins to take effect I'm sure our understanding and engagement with it will develop. If you have any questions regarding GDPR or if you feel there is more we can do to improve our systems and processes, we always welcome feedback from our parents and carers.

Yours sincerely

Mr Shaun Willis  
Interim Headteacher

# Important Notices

## Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

Please may we ask your co-operation in an important matter?

Several of our students are receiving medical treatment which puts them at risk if they are exposed to **Measles, Chicken Pox or Shingles**.

If your child is suspected of having Measles or Chicken Pox you should let us know **immediately**.

It is important that you let us know if anyone has shingles in your household.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our students who are at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents/carers.

Many thanks.

**Mrs Fell**

**SEND & Medical Administrator**

## Plymouth High Charity Walk Across Dartmoor



Last Weekend we completed the 30 mile route from Belstone in the North to Ivybridge in the South. It was a hot, demanding day of trekking over some of the most beautiful wild landscape we have in the South West and a great time was had by all!

Please donate by following the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dartmoorinaday>

**Mr Graves—Head of Geography**





## Term Dates

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### TERM DATES 2017-2018

#### Summer Term:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*May Day - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May*

*Half term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

#### Curriculum Enrichment Week

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

Non-pupil days are:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*(These 2 days are commuted for staff into evening training sessions)*

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### TERM DATES 2018-2019

#### Autumn Term:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Years 7/12 return**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September—Whole School return**

*Half term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

#### Spring Term:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

*Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019*

#### Summer Term:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

*May Day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

*Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*

#### Curriculum Enrichment Week

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019*

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Fourth and Fifth day (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December) to be commuted to twilight sessions

