



Plymstock School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in guiding your son / daughter through Year 12. Students must now be prepared for the significant jump from A/S to A2 this year.

The first parents' evening is on Wednesday 30 November between 15.30-18.00. Further information will follow regarding this evening. Listed below are other key dates that will be useful for you:

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| Wednesday 21 September | Collapsed Day Periods 1-3 |
| Wednesday 19 October | Personal Statements to Tutors for January Deadline |
| Thursday 20 October | Last day of term |
| Monday 31 October | Non-Pupil Day |
| Tuesday 1 November | First Day of term |
| Thursday 17 November | Post 16 progress checks home and online booking goes live |
| Thursday 17 November | Collapsed Day Period 1-3 |
| Thursday 24 November | Early Closure- GCSE Presentation Evening |
| Wednesday 30 November | Post 16 parents' evening 15:30 -18:00 |
| Friday 16 December | Last day of term – Early Closure |
| Tuesday 3 January | First day of term |
| Monday 30 January – Friday 10 February | Year 13 Mock Exams |
| Friday 10 February | Last day of term |
| Monday 20 February | First day of term |
| Friday 3 March | Parents' Evening online booking goes live |
| Thursday 9 March | Progress Checks home |
| Wednesday 15 March | Post 16 parents' evening 15:30 - 18:00 |
| Tuesday 21 March | Collapsed Day Periods 1-3 |
| Friday 31 March | Last day of term |
| Tuesday 18 April | First day of term |
| Monday 15 May –Friday 30 June | A Level Exams |
| Friday 26 May | Last day of term |
| Friday 30 June | Year 13 Summer Ball |
| Wednesday 17 August | A Level Results Day |





Attendance

We believe that attendance is crucial in order for students to reach their potential. Students are expected to attend school every day; this includes registration at 8.45am. Registration is an opportunity for students to receive advice, guidance and support from their tutors. Holidays are only authorised in exceptional circumstances. The school attendance policy can be found on the school website or in the Sixth Form Information Booklet given to your son/daughter on the first day of term. Where absence is due to: a medical reason, attendance at university open days or other exceptional circumstances, students are expected to provide evidence and where possible get work from their subject teachers prior to the event. Please phone the Sixth form direct line on 01752 495041 to report any absence.



Student's attendance figures are used in any reference that the school provides. Students will receive the following statement in their reference:



- 95% Outstanding attendance
- 90-95% Excellent attendance
- 85-90% Good attendance
- 80-85% Satisfactory attendance
- Below 80% Poor attendance

Poor attendance may result in a student's place being withdrawn.

Academic Study

Research has shown that students who complete extra reading and read prior to lessons achieve the best results.

Students are expected to complete five hours of extra study per subject on top of the time they spend in lessons. The building has Wi-Fi throughout and there is a timetable of quiet study rooms so that students can work at school during their study periods. We constantly strive to encourage a positive work ethic amongst the students and the Sixth Form area on the school website has helpful hints and tips on how students can be effective learners.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in working in partnership so that your son/daughter has every opportunity to reach their potential. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Please also find attached a copy of the Show My Homework log in details.

Yours sincerely



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