



Our ref: WMS/GG

12 September 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in guiding your son / daughter through Year 12. We are very proud of their successes during Year 12 however, students must be prepared for the busy academic year ahead. To enable you to continue supporting your son/daughter during their final year at Plymstock School please see the key dates below.

The first parents' evening is on Wednesday 28 November between 15.45-18.15. Further information will follow regarding this evening. However, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team or your son/daughter's subject teachers prior to this date if you have any questions or concerns.

September	
17 th September	Early Closure
24 th Sept-5 th Oct	Year 13 Assessment Period
October	
2 nd October	Collapsed sessions lessons 1 & 2
8 th -12 th October	Charity Week
11 th October	Year 13 (select students) Apprenticeship Fair (Bristol)
15 th October	Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry UCAS deadline
18 th -29 th October	Half Term
November	
1 st November	Progress Checks home
3 rd November	Year 13 Business Trip (Wembley Stadium)
6 th November	Year 12 & 13 Senior Maths Challenge
10 th November	Mock Law Trial Heat (Plymouth County Court)
14 th November	Early Closure- GCSE Presentation Evening
16-18 th November	Year 12 & 13 Art Trip
22 nd November	Collapsed Day
28 th November	Parents' Evening 3.45pm-6.15pm
December	
20 th December	Last day of term- Early Closure
January	
7 th January	First Day of term
15 th January	Year 13 UCAS deadline
February	
18 th -24 th February	Half Term
25 th Feb-4 th March	Year 13 Mock Exam week

March	
7 th March	World Book Day
19 th March	Collapsed session lessons 3,4,&5
28 th March	Progress checks home
April	
3 rd April	Parents' Evening 3.45-6.15pm
5 th April	Last day of term
23 rd April	First day of term
May	
6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
7 th May-26 th June	Year 13 A Level exams
27 th May-2 nd June	Half Term
June	
26 th June	End of A Level exams
28 th June	Year 13 Summer ball
August	
15 th 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 or send a message via PS Engage 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.

Exams

This year the JCQ have asked that **ALL** students ensure they are available until **27th June 2019**. This is in case any examinations have to be postponed due to any national or local disruption during the June 2019 examination series. This is the first time they have given themselves the option of moving an examination at a very late stage should they wish and **it is vital that candidates remain available up to and including this date.**

Even when students received their examination timetables and they finish before this date, they must remain available. Please do not book any holidays until after 27th June 2019.

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.

Yours sincerely



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