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Dear Parents/Carers

The end is nigh for our Year 11 students. The majority of assessments are now complete and the remaining few will be completed over the next week. We can honestly say they deserve their summer break!

After the most difficult of years we couldn't let our fabulous Year 11 students take their next steps without a fitting farewell celebration! We will be holding the first ever 'Plymfest', a day time event full of carnival colour and festival vibes without the wet weather, so wellies are not necessary. Students do not need to be in school until 11.15am where they will be escorted to the Sports hall. This event will start at 11.30am and no late comers will be admitted after this time. This is a non-uniform event. More details will be given to our students over the coming few days. The programme will consist of the following:

11.30am - PlymFest opens

11.45am - Presentation

12.15pm - Food

12.30 - 1.15pm - Games/Shirt signing/ Photos

1.15pm - Festival ends

As mentioned previously I have tried to organise a trip to Thorpe Park. However, with the changing picture of COVID and not being able to get the necessary assurances of refunds in the event of a cancellation I regrettably have to stop any further planning.

As we approach the end of this process I will be reflecting on what we have done over the past year. I have already spoken to many students on what has worked in terms of support and more importantly what we could do better for future year groups. I have been immensely impressed with the maturity of their responses and their honesty! However, as parents your feedback is just as important. Feedback on what you think has worked well and again what we could do better for future year groups and for parents would be very helpful. Please email me at mataylor@plymstockschool.org.uk I will endeavour to get back to all parents who contact me.

As we approach the end of this assessment season, can I ask if you plan to throw out old uniform, PE kit, football boots, trainers or revision guides etc, please can you bag them up and we will take them off your hands. Please ask your son/daughter to take them to the PE office.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this year group and with you as parents. It has been a roller coaster but without your support it would have been harder still. Teenagers sometimes get a hard press, but I can honestly say this year group has been AMAZING! They have approached all assessments with focus and purpose and their results will highlight this.

I look forward to seeing your son/daughter at the Year 11 Leavers day next week. As mentioned last week, for your son/daughter it's time for them to look forward to a long summer holiday and for you as parents it's time for you to give yourself a treat!

Best wishes

Mark Taylor
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