



17 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## RE: Headteacher Update and Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to write to you all to highlight and recognise some of the wonderful achievements within our school community since January. In my welcome letter, I highlighted that this term was going to continue to be a time of uncertainty and that we would undoubtedly encounter several challenges. However, I am incredibly proud of the way our school community has worked in collaboration and has overcome daily challenges in creative ways. I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to our brilliant students and staff, who are an absolute privilege to work with daily.

I am pleased to report that as a school community we have managed to remain open for face-to-face education for all students in all year groups. Whilst I acknowledge that we have had some disruption with positive COVID cases, which has resulted in students and staff having to have time away from school, we have worked hard to keep the school running as close to normal as possible.

There has been a welcome return to some key in-school events this half term, which have been a real highlight. We have hosted several events in our new performance centre and welcomed parents and carers for the Year 9 and Post 16 option choices evenings, which were a great success. Our Year 11 students celebrated their mock exam results and are now working hard to prepare for their next set of mock exams. They recently attended a presentation by the inspirational Samantha Garner on exam stress and resilience. Students across all year groups have enjoyed representing the school in several sporting fixtures and events, with many successes.

One of the biggest highlights of this half term must be the return of the school production – this year being High School Musical. For those that had the opportunity to attend, it was simply brilliant! A big thank you to all those students and staff who put in many hours of dedication and commitment to put on such a wonderful show.

As a school community there is still plenty to do and improve on. We have committed ourselves to a journey of '**restless excellence**' – better never stops! I would like to signpost you all to our school website, and social media (Twitter and Facebook) where you can find up to date information and read about the latest news happening within our school and wider community.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you for your continued support of Plymstock School. I sincerely hope you manage to have a restful and enjoyable February half term. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday 1 March 2022**.

Yours sincerely

Alan Yendell  
HEADTEACHER