



13 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher Update

I hope this letter finds you well and you enjoyed a restful and relaxing May half term which included the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. Once again, it has been great to welcome back all of our students for the final half term of the 2021-2022 academic year. This half term is always an exciting one but at the same time a very busy one! I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with some key dates and information regarding the final few weeks of the year.

WeST Staff Training Day – Monday 4 July 2022

The school will be closed to ALL students on Monday 4 July due to Trust wide staff training. This was shared with you in March but I wanted to remind you all again.

Year 11 and 13 Exams

The exam season continues to be busy. We find ourselves at the half way point and I continue to be impressed by the dedication, commitment and resilience that students in Year 11 and 13 are demonstrating. We are keen for all students to continue to attend school and access the exam support programme that has been put in place as a way for students to continue to engage with their teachers, maintain their routines and prepare for their exams in a distraction free environment. As always, if any parent/carers has any concerns or would like any further support, please do contact us at the school.

Road Safety

Sadly, I have to report that prior to half term one of our students was struck by a car as they walked across the road, after leaving school at the end of the day. I am pleased that the young person sustained no injuries but it serves as a timely reminder the importance of our students ensuring that they keep themselves safe around the roads. One of the biggest challenges continues to be the use of phones when crossing the roads and the level of distraction this causes. As members of staff we continue to be as visible as we can before and after school and I have been working closely with our local councillor, Rebecca Smith and MP, Sir Gary Streeter to explore further ways to manage road traffic before and after school.

I would also like to remind parents/carers that any student that chooses to cycle to and from school are expected to wear a helmet as a safety measure in case of any accident. I kindly ask that you fully support us in this expectation.

Student Voice

I would like to make you aware that as part of our ongoing commitment to engage all of our students in ensuring they have a voice within the school, we will be conducting a whole school student voice activity this half term. This will provide us with the opportunity to seek views around behaviour, safeguarding, welfare and many other aspects of school life. This will be an invaluable exercise as we start to plan for the next academic year. All information gathered will only be used for internal purposes. If any parent/carers would like further information regarding this, please contact a member of the safeguarding team.

Finally, I am really excited about the wonderful opportunities that are on offer in the final term of the academic year. As we know the past couple of years has resulted in many of our students missing out on all the enriching activities that provide them with an educational experience beyond the classroom. Our wellbeing walk, along with challenge and community cohesion week will be fantastic. I am also extremely proud of the work that has happened in ensuring over 300 Year 10 and 12 students gain experience in the workplace in a few weeks' time. I am really looking forward to hearing from them about the work experience that they undertook.

Final Day of Term

Just a reminder that the final day of the term is Friday 22 July 2022, with school finishing at the normal time of 3.10pm

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of Plymstock School.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Yendell'.

Mr Alan Yendell
Headteacher

