



8 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Headteacher Update

This week we have had the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many wonderful achievements from our young people through our Year group celebration events. We have also had the chance to meet and spend time with our new incoming Year 7s and meet their parent/carers. Today, we will have finished a very busy week coming together as a whole school community for our wellbeing walk and Year 11 Prom!

This week has certainly reminded me of the importance and value of belonging to a community; I would like to thank you all for the many kind and encouraging words I have received since we shared with everyone that I will continue to lead Plymstock School as Headteacher. This position continues to be a privilege and honour. As always, the team and I will continue to work restlessly in ensuring that we provide the very best quality of education for all.

I would also like to take the opportunity to provide you with an update regarding some staffing changes that will come into effect at the start of next academic year within our Pastoral and Inclusion team.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to two of our established Heads of Year, Mr Wyatt and Miss Robb, who will both be pursuing new and exciting opportunities next academic year. I would like to personally thank them for the wonderful work they have done during their time at Plymstock School. They have certainly made a positive difference to so many children and young people.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Summers, who is leaving Plymstock School to take up a new challenge as Deputy Headteacher at a school in Paignton. Whilst I am personally delighted for Mrs Summers, at the same time I know how much we will all miss her. Ms Baker has accepted the position of permanent SENCo and there could not be anyone more fitting to carry on leading the great work within our SEND department.

In addition, I would also like to share that Mrs Harris and Ms Offer have accepted new roles within the school and will be joining the safeguarding team as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) to provide greater capacity and expertise. They will remain part of the pastoral and inclusion team.

These changes have led to the school appointing two new Heads of Year. I would like to welcome Mr Farrant, who many of you will already be familiar with in his current role as a teacher of Science at Plymstock. In addition, we are delighted to welcome Ms McCullar, who is currently a Head of Year at Devonport High School for Boys, to our team. She will bring a great deal of experience and expertise and add real strength to an already excellent team. I am also pleased to share that Mrs Smith has been appointed Head of Year 7, along with Mrs Davis being appointed as Assistant Head of Year on a permanent basis.

In addition to these appointments, there will be some changes to the current year teams. Students have been informed of these changes during assemblies this week. Your child's Head of Year will be writing to you prior to the academic year finishing.



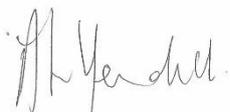
Year teams for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Year 7: HOY: Mrs S Smith	Ass. HOY: TBC	SEND Team Lead: Mr N Walker
Year 8 HOY: Mrs M Kirk	Ass. HOY: Mr P Chivers	SEND Team Lead: Mrs E Pullan
Year 9 HOY: Ms R McCullar	Ass. HOY: Miss S Holton	SEND Team Lead: Mrs E Whitehead
Year 10 HOY: Mr S Farrant	Ass. HOY: Mrs S Harvey	SEND Team Lead: Mrs A Chesney
Year 11 HOY: Mr S Wookey	Ass. HOY: Mrs K Davis	SEND Team Lead: Mrs K McCoy

I am really pleased that our children and young people will continue to be supported by such a wonderful group of individuals, who are dedicated to ensuring the children under their care are given every opportunity to have their abilities and talents fully supported.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support for Plymstock School. I will be writing to you all in the final week of term, however, in the meantime if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Kind regards



Mr A Yendell
Acting Headteacher

