



4 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Headteacher Update – Week 29A

I hope you all managed to enjoy the May bank holiday weather and hopefully enjoyed celebrating our local football club Plymouth Argyle's achievements of being promoted to the Championship! Let's hope that they can now go on to secure the league title. At Plymstock School, we want our young people to work hard towards their personal aspirations and the dream and one of the key players for Plymouth Argyle's success this year has been the performance of one our own, Adam Randell.

Adam is an example of whom we should all be inspired. During his time at Plymstock School, he combined the rigour of his academic studies with the commitment and dedication to pursuing his dream of becoming a professional footballer. Not only has Adam fulfilled his dream, but he also achieved outstanding GCSE outcomes. What a fantastic role model for our students at Plymstock School and across the city!

I would like to take the opportunity in thanking parents/carers for their support during the recent strike days. I acknowledge that the strikes have led to a significant change to our normal ways of working. At this stage we have no further confirmed dates of any planned strike days, however I will communicate with all members of the school community if anything changes.

## New Staff

We are delighted to share that we have two new members of staff who have joined Plymstock School to further support the work within the pastoral and inclusion team. Sarah Cunningham has joined the attendance team and Katy Bartlett has joined the Year 7 team as Assistant Head of Year. They both bring a wealth of experience and expertise, and we are delighted that they have made the decision to join us.

## Uniform Consultation

At Plymstock School, uniform is an important part of our identity that ensures our students feel a sense of belonging within our school community. As a community, we take pride in the professional appearance and dress of our students.

Following parent/carers and student feedback, we have been reviewing the current uniform standards. In response to the feedback and subsequent consultation with students, staff and parents we intend to introduce a new skirt for the 2023-24 academic year. This will be a phased approach so will only impact **the current year 7 students (from September 2023) and the current year 8 students (from September 2024), along with the new intake of Year 6 students (starting September 2023).**

## Parent Forum

On Wednesday 3 May, we hosted our first Parent Forum. I would like to thank those parents/carers that have volunteered their time to work in collaboration with the school to explore ways to further support the school on improving aspects of the work we do. The first meeting focused on areas of the school that parent/carers and student voice have raised, including communication, standards (uniform) and behaviour and attitudes (expectations).

## Looking ahead...

Thursday 4 May 2023 - U18's Plymouth Schools FA Cup Final vs Hele's School at Plymstock School

Friday 5 May 2023 - U13's Plymouth Schools FA Cup Final vs Plympton at Plymstock School

Friday 5 May 2023 - Year 8 HPV Immunisations

Friday 5 May to Sunday 7 May 2023 - Year 10 DofE Silver Expedition

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – National Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)

Friday 12 May – County Cup Finals, Year 9 at Newton Abbot

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE/GCE Public Examinations

I thank you again for your continued support of Plymstock School.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Yendell  
Headteacher

