



Dear Parent/Carer,

Headteacher Update – Friday 16 June 2023

I hope this update finds you well and that you have been enjoying the recent fine weather!

I was pleased to be able to share our positive Ofsted outcome and the official report with you last week, which has now been published to the wider public today. There are many positives that we are proud of within our school community; it was very pleasing to have it confirmed that our safeguarding arrangements are effective and there is a strong commitment to ensuring our students receive the right support at the right time.

It was also pleasing to see that the inspectors shared that the majority of our students enjoy their learning, aspire to do well and that they are respectful and kind to each other. Our careers and student leadership programmes have been recognised, along with the extra curricular opportunities that our staff provide, which allow our students to broaden their skills and knowledge about the world around them.

Our vision is to achieve excellence through curriculum and it was fantastic to see leaders and staff being recognised for the work they have been engaging in to develop well-structured curriculums within their subject disciplines. Our culture of literacy was also recognised for our ongoing commitment in insuring we have effective plans in place to support and improve our reading and writing skills for all students.

Celebrations

I am delighted to share that our Under 13s Girls' football team were crowned Devon Schools County Champions after beating Torquay Academy 3-1 in the final. The girls' team have had a very successful season as they also made it through to the final 16 of the National Cup. We are extremely proud of their achievements. Thank you to Mrs Russell and Mrs Rose for everything they have done to support the team this year.

It was great to see our Year 10 GCSE Geography students being given the opportunity to practise their investigation skills and apply their knowledge of beach profiles, measuring long shore drift and the impact of tourism with a recent trip to Dawlish. Thank you to our brilliant Geography team, led by Mrs Richardson, who commented that the students were superbly behaved and a credit to Plymstock School.

Congratulations to Year 12 student Lilia who was awarded first prize in the intermediate category of the Rotary Young Artist competition. I would like to thank the Art department, led by Mr Hurd-Thomas, for the fantastic work they do with our student artists. I know we are all looking forward to the upcoming Art Show, where we will get to see even more of our students' wonderful work.

Finally, huge congratulations to our KS3 Company who took to the stage to perform their devised production 'A School Trip to Remember' on Friday. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the 100 plus members of the audience who came to support our students, as well as our fantastic associate theatre practitioner Sally Burne! Thank you to the Performing Arts



department, under the leadership of Mr Swabey, for all the opportunities they provide for our students to perform.

Safeguarding Matters and Plymstock Library newsletters

I am happy to share that alongside my headteacher update, I have also attached the first Safeguarding Matters newsletter and the Plymstock Library News. Thank you to Mr Ellerton, our Designated Safeguard Lead, and our library team who have put together lots of important and up to date information that I hope you all find helpful.

Looking ahead...

Year 10 Mock Examinations – Wednesday 14 June to Wednesday 28 June 2023

Year 12 Mock Examinations – Thursday 15 June to Tuesday 27 June 2023

Art Show – Monday 19 June to Friday 30 June 2023

Year 9 BFI French Trip (London) – Wednesday 21 June 2023

Year 11 Leavers Assembly – Friday 23 June 2023

Year 13 Summer Prom – Friday 23 June 2023

Year 11 Summer Festival Event – Thursday 29 June 2023

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

Yours faithfully,



Alan Yendell
Headteacher

