



Friday 12 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Headteacher Update

I would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year and hope that you managed to have an enjoyable and restful festive period with family and friends. It was wonderful to welcome back our staff and students last week for the start of the Spring term. We are pleased with the positive start our students have made and thank everyone for their support with some new approaches within the school.

Congratulations to our Under 13s girls football team who travelled to Dorset on Tuesday to play Budmouth Academy in the last 32 of the National Cup. They won the game 5-1 with Evie P scoring a hat-trick and further goals from Amelia G and Priyah J. They have now reached the last 16 of this national competition and are awaiting with anticipation for the draw to be made in relation to who they play next.

On Friday 5 January, we held our annual Sixth Form Awards Evening. This event welcomes back our Year 13 students who left last academic year, to acknowledge and celebrate their personal achievements and contributions to the school community. It was lovely to catch up with so many students and hear about how well they have settled at their universities, apprenticeships and places of employment and also the many adventures they have been on since leaving us. I would like to thank the sixth form team for their hard work in organising such a wonderful evening.

I am delighted to share our enrichment programme for the Spring term. The programme provides a wide range of opportunities for all of our students to participate and engage in. We place a real value on our enrichment offer, as this is a fantastic way to further develop our students' characters beyond the classroom. Please do take the time to look through the programme and talk with your child about the positive benefits of getting involved.

We are pleased to be working in collaboration with the NSPCC who support us as part of the delivery of our personal development programme. On Thursday 25 January, they will be visiting our school and will be offering a parent information event around online harm and how you can support your child to manage the challenges our young people face navigating the online world they are exposed to. We will send further details of the event next week.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Baring, SENDCo, and Mrs James, teacher of Religious Studies, who have joined us here at Plymstock.

Looking ahead...

Thursday 18 January 2024 – Year 9 Options Evening

Monday 22 January 2024 – Sixth Form Application Deadline

Wednesday 24 January 2024 – Parent Forum

Thursday 25 January 2024 – NSPCC Parent Information Event

Thank you for your continued support of Plymstock School.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Yendell', written in a cursive style.

Alan Yendell
Headteacher