



23 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher Update

It was a pleasure to welcome our students back after the February half term. I hope everyone managed to have a restful and enjoyable week, despite the mixed fortunes of the weather!

We have been very impressed in the manner in which our students have returned and how they have adapted to the refinements we have made to our CORE expectations. We have made available the presentation to our parent/carers on our school website. The link is here: <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/information-and-updates>.

We would like to specifically share how proud we are of the Year 11 and 13 students, who have returned to head straight into their mock examinations. There is a real sense of purpose and focus as they take advantage of the opportunity to engage in the examination process leading towards the final few weeks before they sit their formal exams in May and June.

It has been wonderful to catch up with those students who enjoyed their recent trip to Iceland, which was organised by Mrs Richardson, our Head of Geography. Providing enrichment experiences both at home and abroad is highly important in bring learning to life but also allows students to create lifelong memories. We have a number of educational trips coming up over the next few weeks, including Normandy (France), Battlefields (Belgium) and Skiing (Andorra). In March, three Sixth Form students will be travelling to Poland along with Mrs Littler to take part in lessons from the Auschwitz project; I am sure this will be a very moving and rewarding experience.

We are very excited and looking forward to celebrating the power of reading on World Book Day, which is taking place on Thursday 7 March. A reminder that we are inviting students in Year 7-10 to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book; this could be anything from a favourite childhood story to a work of classic fiction!

Finally, the very best of luck to our Under 13s girls football team who make the long-awaited trip to South Croydon to play Riddlesdown Collegiate on Friday 1 March, with the aim of reaching the semi-finals of the National Cup. We are all behind you!

Looking ahead...

- Tuesday 20 February to Friday 1 March 2024 – Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations
- Thursday 7 March – Year 8 Parents Evening and World Book Day
- Wednesday 20 March – Year 10 Parent Information Evening

As always, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of Plymstock School.

Yours faithfully

Alan Yendell - Headteacher

