

# Plympton Academy

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## Spring Newsletter 2018

Dear parents/carers

It's been a great start to the year. Our students are making great progress and I'm proud to see them working so hard and with so much passion. Through our student voice, it is lovely to hear how positively our students talk about the Academy.

"Aussie flu" is continuing to spread across the country with dozens of new cases reported every day. Experts are calling it one of the worst flu seasons in 50 years, and Plymouth is one of the most severely hit areas nationally. The Academy has unfortunately had numerous staff who have been absent as a result and I appreciate the support of students and parents during this period. We do hope we are over the worst of this and look to ensure that quality first teaching is the experience of every student.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for the continued support in ensuring our students are smart and ready to learn when they come to the Academy. Being ready to learn on time, and having the right equipment, means that conversations around their learning are the priority and we can encourage our students to become inspired by the work they do. Here is a brief reminder of some uniform rules that have been raised by students and parents:

- We have a flexible approach to footwear and allow trainers as well as shoes. However, these must be completely black, with no coloured logo, laces or sole.
- Maximum of two stud earrings allowed in each ear. This is a change to our uniform policy that the Junior Leadership Team brought to the Academy and we are pleased to be able to listen and adjust our policy as a result.
- Nose studs are not allowed. Clear plastic studs are allowed as replacements only.
- Girls' skirts are to be either the Luton or Charleston, available from A-Game suppliers.
- No jeans or denim are to be worn at any time.

If you have any queries about our uniform please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

The next Week 10, week beginning 5th February, sees some lessons collapsed and students taking part in activities and workshops such as E-Safety, Healthy Lifestyles, Democracy in the UK and fitness testing. The focus for our exam year groups remains in subject areas with their normal timetable continuing. This week promises to provide rich learning experiences for all our students.

There are many events happening over the next semester, including our in-house production of We Will Rock You. Tickets are available now from Reception.

Please remember the Academy is closed on 29th March for a staff CPD day.

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