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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the sunshine.

We have had a busy end of term with Challenge Week, Sports Day, Year 11 Prom, Awards Evenings, the production of Mary Poppins, and Plymfest, to name but a few. I do hope that you have been able to keep up to date with our news through the website, social media and the Plymouth Chronicle. I would like to thank all of our parents and students who have supported these events which are a real showcase of the importance we place on “Total Education”, where both academic excellence and personal development combine to support the development of successful individuals.

As with all schools we have to sadly say goodbye to some staff this term, staff who have been a pleasure to work with and a great support to our students:

- Mr Yates, Head of Year 10, who has been successfully promoted to the senior leadership team at Eggbuckland Community College.
- Ms Needham, Teacher of Social Sciences, is moving to Torquay Grammar School.
- Ms Noble, Head of English who will be pursuing her teaching career at another school.
- Mrs Lucas, Teacher of Hospitality & Catering, will be taking a break from teaching to spend time with her family.
- Ms Hughes, who was our Teacher of Hospitality & Catering whilst Mrs Lucas was absent, will be teaching RS at Torbridge High
- Mr Schafer, PE Technician, has been inspired to be a PE teacher and will be starting his PGCE training in September in Birmingham.
- Mr Presland, Teacher of History, will be moving to a new teaching post in Cornwall.
- Mrs Rounce, who has been a wonderful teaching assistant offering great support to so many of our students over the years is moving on to work with adults with additional needs at MARJON.

We also wish Mrs Jenner, Team Leader Dance, the best of luck on her maternity leave. We are delighted that both her and her two lovely sons, Thomas and Arthur are all doing well after a very early arrival.

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As we are still a growing school we have been busy recruiting again this year, working hard to find excellence in all areas of staffing and we are delighted to be welcoming the following members of staff to the Academy in September.

- Mr S Richards - Head of English, joining us from the Ted Wragg Trust, previously working in London.
- Ms B Bond - Teacher of Dance, who has been part of the team whilst completing her teacher training year.
- Mr E Lane - Teacher of Computer Science (KS3 lead), joining us from Tavistock College.
- Dr C Gurr - Head of Computer Science, moving to Plympton Academy from Devonport High School for Girls
- Mrs E Harris - Teacher of Hospitality and Catering, who joins us from St Cuthbert Mayne Torquay.
- Ms A Congdon - Teacher of English, who joins us from All Saints Academy.
- Ms I Lau - Teacher of English, who has now completed her Teacher Training at Marjon University
- Ms E Thomas - Teacher of Dance (maternity cover), Ms Thomas is an established teacher of Dance moving from City College to Plympton Academy.

We are also delighted that Mr Bennett will be supporting our Business Studies students for the Autumn term, working alongside Mrs Arkell.

It is always difficult to say goodbye to staff but when opportunities present themselves sometimes we just have to take them. Mr Langmead, our Vice Principal, is moving to another TSAT South West school, Plymouth High School for Girls, to become their Deputy Headteacher. This is a great opportunity for him to be working in another school environment developing his skills set as a school leader with ambitions to be running his own school in the future. Mr Langmead has been instrumental in supporting the improvements that we see today at the Academy and he will be missed by staff and students. We really do wish him well on his new adventure.

To provide us with a matching skills set we will be welcoming Mr S Willis who is currently the Deputy Headteacher at Plymouth High School for Girls and, like Mr Langmead, is looking to further develop his skills set in a different school setting. He is really looking forward to starting at Plympton Academy in September with the remit to continue to develop the Quality of Education for our students.

Further adjustments to our staffing include:

- Welcoming back Ms A Burrows (Performing Arts) and Ms V Bawler (Administrative Team) from their maternity leave and Ms Horton (Pe Technician) from her sabbatical.
- Delighted that Mr T Butler has been appointed as Head of Year 11 and will be working on supporting the students on their journey in the last year of secondary education.
- Mr J Brown appointed as Pastoral Mentor for Year 7, moving on from his role as Seclusion Manager
- Ms C Doyle, additional role as Head of PSHE/RSE, leading this statutory area of the curriculum
- Ms D Heard, appointed as Head of Health and Social Care, continuing on the great work she has been undertaking within this curriculum area.
- Ms G Francis-Lang, additional role as KS5 Team Leader - Maths.

As a reminder, the last day of the summer term is Tuesday 19th July and we will finish at 1.00pm for students. Please make arrangements for them to be collected from school or for them to be able to walk home.

We will be returning to school on Monday 5th September for year 7 and 12 only, the rest of the school will return on Tuesday 6th September. Some parents and students will be invited in to meet with various members of staff on the 5th September, please look out for communication regarding this.

So it leaves me to wish you all a good summer and to thank you for your continued support. Our students have been phenomenal this year and I am immensely proud of them all, as always.

Have a lovely break.



**Ms L Boorman**  
**Principal**