

18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear parent/carer

What a term this has been, it has flown by. We have all had to adapt to the new IT systems and both students and staff have worked hard to make these changes happen. This positivity is so evident in all that the learning community of Plympton Academy do; it makes me proud to be the Headteacher here.

We are currently holding a voting process for our new Head Student and are excited to be able to move the student leadership agenda forward. Our students are our greatest ambassadors, and they have some great ideas on how to improve the Academy. We will update you as soon as we have more news!

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with some staff news. Dr Ian Jamison is suffering from Bowel Cancer and will be taking an extended period of sick leave from half term, until the end of his treatment.

Please understand, and emphasise to students, that he is extremely positive about the treatment, and looking forward to getting on with it. He is under the care of an excellent oncology team at Derriford and has an excellent prognosis. This is a type of Cancer that can be successfully dealt with through a combination of Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy and Surgery.

We are always looking for ways to improve communication between the Academy and parents and I hope you have been enjoying the weekly news updates that have been shared with you. These, along with the parent forums that have been put on, are all aimed to keep you more up to date with what is happening in the Academy.

We have another busy term starting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, with parent's evenings, trips to Bude and year 11 mock exams. These along with the Autumn concerts and Carol concerts will provide a rich experience for all of our students.

Happy half term



**Lisa Boorman**  
**Principal**