

# Plympton Academy

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Hello Year 7

I wanted to write to you to tell you that Mrs Keane and I and all your tutors are so proud of the start you have made at Plympton Academy.

It makes me so proud to walk through the Year 7 zone and hear so many positive things about how well you are doing. Your teachers have been so impressed by your commitment and dedication to your learning. The cleaning staff tell me everyday that our zone is the cleanest and most looked after in the academy. Mr Taylor and the PE team have been so impressed by your conduct on the 3G pitch at lunch times. Ms Boorman, as the Principal of the academy, has told me personally how impressed she has been with you. As your Head of Year it's such a lovely feeling knowing that you have made such a successful start. As you know, our motto this year is 'Successful 7' and it's clear from the staff at Plympton Academy that you are making the most of every opportunity and that this year will indeed be a success!

A highlight so far this year for us has been the Personal Development Week in early November. So many of you had the opportunity to show off your creative side, be it in the form of Performing Arts, Dance, or Art and Creative Design. I know from speaking to Mrs Romanski that she loved every minute of working with you. But not only that, you blew us all away with your work on a new Lunar Base and the work you created for this was literally out of this world. Finally, you were pioneers with Rick Kavanagh from the Army, as the first students in the country to take part in the virtual Army challenge, during which you had to build your own self propelled vehicle.



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Other highlights have included watching so many of you gain ClassCharts points. It makes me so proud to have given out Bronze certificates to so many students in Year 7 and it's amazing to see that some of you have now achieved Silver - who will be the first to achieve Gold?

Now we need to look forward to 2021. I personally cannot wait to see the possibilities 2021 is going to give us. We have lots to look forward to, including our second Personal Development Week in February, your first parents' evening with your teachers on the 21st May and all the exciting opportunities that will be presented to you both in lessons and in extra curricular clubs.

Key dates for your Diary include

Date	Event
5/1/21	New Term Starts
18/1/21	Start of Assessment Window.
1/2/21	Year 7 PSHE week.
12/2/21	Semester 1 Data published and last day of term.
15/2/21-19/2/21	February Half Term
22/2/21	Staff Training Day.

I would like to finish this letter by reminding you just how far you've come already and so I will leave you with this:

*"Whenever you find yourself doubting how far you can go, just remember how far you have come. Remember everything you have faced, all the battles you have won, and all the fears you have overcome."*

Year 7 - you have got this. Bring on 2021.

Have a great break and thanks for all your hard work so far.

Mr Strachan, Mrs Keane and the Year 7 Team.