

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



What a fantastic start to our new academic year! The students have settled incredibly well, including our very enthusiastic new Year 7's!

We welcomed over 250 families to our Open Evening and Open Days, and it was wonderful to be able to showcase our new building and facilities.

We are delighted to announce that our Charity of The Year, as voted for by the staff and the students, is:  
**RNLI**

Today is a MUFTI day - For £1, students can wear their own clothes!

School photos Friday  
15th October  
(Years 7, 9 and 11)



There is an opportunity for **Year 7 and 8** students to participate in **FREE attainment and aspiration raising activities in the October half-term.** Further information on **Page 6!**

## Unwanted Books get sent to Tanzania!

The books were collected by the Rotarians and will be shipped out in the coming weeks. Two retired teachers visited to thank students and talk about their work in a school in Tanzania; Lee and Marley were surprised to hear that the school has over 100 students per class and very few books or materials. . . At the boys request, we will be restarting the collection shortly.

If you have any unwanted books, please send them in.







Our Year 8 Lion King production was finally underway this week, and what a fantastic production it was! Thank you to all the parents that supported their children in allowing them to attend the rehearsals and for attending the show!

Our other Year 8's were allowed to watch the show on Thursday and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Well done to all the cast, backstage crew, staff and volunteers in making this show a wonderful spectacle.







Good luck Mr Hartley and Ms Heard!

**Plympton Academy teachers run London Marathon for charities**

On Sunday two of our teachers will run the London Marathon as part of fundraising attempts for the school's previous 'charities of the year'.

In 2019-20 this was Crohns and Colitis UK and for 2020-21, St Lukes Hospice. As part of the fundraising activities for these charities Mr Hartley and Ms Heard were due to run the London Marathon, which due to Covid restrictions has now been postponed twice.

Students nominate charities that are very close to their hearts and it is really interesting to see which charities are nominated and why. We have a number of students and their families who suffer from Crohns and / or Colitis who have benefitted from the support that Crohns and Colitis UK provide through their local and national groups. We also have students whose family members have been looked after by the amazing team at St Lukes. Unfortunately neither Danni nor Ian were able to run the London marathon when they were meant to, so we are both looking forward to finally making it to the starting line on Sunday. Once the marathon is over we look forward to announcing the overall totals for each charity within the next couple of weeks.

If you would like to sponsor either Danni or Ian, their sponsorship pages can be found following these links:

Danni:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DanniJohns/2>

Ian:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/IanHartley7/1>

# **Dyslexia & Literacy Difficulties Information Evening including Technology Solutions**

Find out how you can use your exsisting tech to support yourself or your child with accessing or improving English skills. Plus, the specific tech designed to support literacy difficulties.

Rees  
Centre

**Come along on**

**Tuesday**

**12th October**

**6pm**

Professional body  
membership

PATOSS

BDA &

Dyslexia Action



**Sarah Baines**  
specialist teacher

**in literacy and dyslexia**

*"Sarah has provided invaluable insights into the literacy needs of many individual children and the interventions she has used and recommended have helped children to make accelerated progress with their learning."*

Primary school SENCO

**- Empower - Encourage - Engage - Exceed -  
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**Plymouth Dyslexia Support**





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benefit system?  
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📍 The Rees Centre Wellbeing Hub  
Mudge Way, Plympton

## **Marjon Scholars Programme**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear parent or guardian,

**We want to share an opportunity for your child to participate in FREE attainment and aspiration raising activities in the October half-term.**

Marjon Scholars Programme is based on the last successful project we delivered in February 2020, just before the first lockdown. This programme, delivered across four days, is designed to support attainment-raising in English while also introducing participants to higher education via fun and interactive activities. The project will also introduce young people to different career sectors and some guidance when choosing GCSE options.

**There are only 30 places available**, and students will be applying from Plymouth and some Devon & Cornwall schools and colleges.

The project will take place at Plymouth Marjon University, from 9:30 AM each day until approximately 3:00 PM. **Complimentary breakfast and lunch are provided each day for all students participating.**

We would encourage you to complete an online application via the link or scan a QR code. Link to apply - <https://forms.office.com/r/YeR9HesLhc>

**The deadline to apply is Friday 8th October 2021.**

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact event organisers at [visitus@marjon.ac.uk](mailto:visitus@marjon.ac.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Maciej Krzyminski, Outreach Officer

