

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week we have celebrated a Trust wide Arts Week and had many different activities taking place on site led by our incredible Art Department. We have many talented artists at the Academy and are looking forward to exhibiting their work later in the term. A fantastic display of Dance was seen in the Morpurgo Studios on Wednesday with choreography by staff and students. It was lovely to see an Academy alumni come back and perform, and he will now be heading off to Falmouth University to continue his career in Dance.

It looks as though the warm weather is going to continue so we do not expect students to wear their blazers for the rest of this term. Please ensure that they come to school with water and sun cream!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20th June:	Trust Wide Staff Training Event	Students will leave school at 1pm.
Thursday 22nd June:	Open Evening	
Friday 23rd June:	Late start for students (0940)	Please note students should not be on site until 0900. Students who arrive before 09.40 will be supervised in the Sports Hall.
Wednesday 12th July:	Sports Day	Open to parents in the afternoon for the track events – details to follow
Friday 14th July:	PlymFest	Open to parents – details to follow
Friday 21st July	Last Day of Term	Students will leave at 1pm

As part of our drive to continuously improve our provision we undertake external quality assurance in all areas of academy life: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal development, Leadership and Management, Safeguarding and Sixth Form. Most recently the quality assurance was around the Quality of Education and we were really pleased to have feedback that:

- Our students study a well-designed and ambitious curriculum that meets the changing needs of the Academy's growing student population, including those in sixth form.
- Teachers deliver this curriculum well, including in the sixth form and they have strong subject knowledge. The lessons are interesting, leading to better learning.
- Students' behaviour around the Academy and in lessons was good. They were polite, opened doors and offered to show the visitors to a room if necessary. They value friendships and generally feel safe.

Whilst we are pleased that our students and staff are recognised for their positive contribution at Plympton Academy, we also recognise some of the areas that we continue to need to improve, striving to be the very best we can be.

The Trust wide training event taking place on Tuesday 20th June is organised by the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, across all schools in the Trust. The event replaces the previous training which could not take place earlier in the year. This provides staff with vital training in preparation for the next academic year and work will be provided on ClassCharts for the period 5 lesson students will not

attend on that day. Please ensure your son/ daughter has transport home arranged. Minibuses will run from 1.15pm on this day.

Whilst we welcome students to use our breakfast club from 8am, we are noticing a significant number of students on site much earlier. This is a concern as they will not be supervised. Please note that students can only arrive on site from 8am and should go to the canteen (or the Base if this is a space they use). At the end of the day, if students are not with a teacher, then they should leave the school site promptly. The library is open until 4pm for those who need to stay later and is supervised.

Lots to look forward to as we finish this academic year and plan for the next one. As repeated in previous letters, we are keen to keep communicating so please contact your son/ daughter's tutor if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Lisa Boorman.

Principal.