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Dear Parent / Carers,

Another busy week in school with lots of different events taking place from the 'Look to the Future' Fayre, visits from the British Aerospace Roadshow and the BBC - there have been so many different opportunities for our students. Students have spent the last two weeks thinking about their futures and what careers they might be considering - it has been a pleasure seeing the wider community coming together to help support them in these conversations.

I have been leading assemblies focusing on the advantages that our students have and encouraging them to be aim high and live the best lives they can. Our curriculum is focused on working together as a community - we want to be courageous, compassionate and curious about our world. As we develop our House system in the new year, we will be developing these themes even further.

I would like to welcome Mrs Berriman who has joined our Design and Technology Department. She will be working very closely with Mr Braine on developing the DT projects that the students have been focusing on this term.

Please remember to donate for Plympton Foodbank - details below.

Thanks for your continued support.

Shaun Willis.

Headteacher.



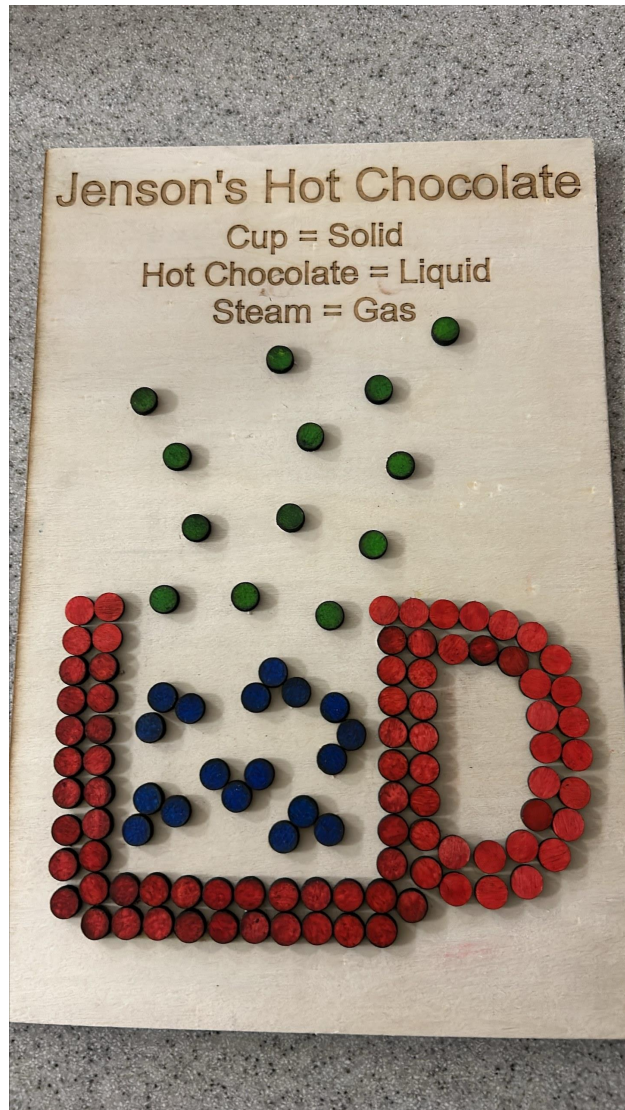
Focus on: Careers

Over the past two days Plympton Academy have held a careers festival, with a wide variety of activities taking place. On Thursday Year 7 and 8 took part in a British Aerospace / RAF workshop exploring a variety of careers in STEM whilst all students had the opportunity to visit the careers fayre in the Sports Hall where over 20 different employers, colleges and universities including Falmouth and Plymouth University; the RAF; Devon and Cornwall Police and Lorne Stewart ran stalls where students could find out about the wide range of career opportunities in the South West. On Friday we were very fortunate to welcome the BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow to the school. Hosted by Steve Forbes (BBC Bitsize; TalkSport and Sky Sports presenter) students in Years 7-10 and 12 listened to Fi Darby – Outdoor and Travel Writer; Archie Farmer – BBC South West News Journalist and Emma Lockard – Freelance Toy Tester and Researcher to find out about a range of creative career opportunities that are available in the South West.





Student Showcase: Jenson



Jenson in Yr7 has turned science into something delicious with his homework on the differences between solids, liquids, and gases. Using hot chocolate as the perfect example, Jenson showed his understanding of states of matter:

- **Solids:** The cup
- **Liquids:** The hot chocolate
- **Gases:** The steam

A great piece of creative homework, well done Jenson !

Subject Showcase: A-level Geography



On Wednesday, our Year 12 Geographers were able to experience a 'changing places' day at the University of Plymouth. During the day they were able to see what life is like at University by attending lectures and workshops. They learnt about the importance of rebranding places in order to improve environments, along with designing a new town on the outskirts of Devon with sustainability in mind. Our students had incredible discussions throughout the day, which will help with their up coming exams.

Classroom Showcase





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At Plympton Academy, we take pride in our learning environments that inspire our students to thrive both academically and creatively. Our Class Teachers have thoughtfully designed their rooms to support engaging, dynamic, and enjoyable learning experiences. Above is a glimpse into some of the fantastic spaces we are proud to have here at PA.

Sports Round Up

We've had an exciting run of sporting fixtures recently, with many of our students stepping up to represent Plympton Academy—some for the very first time! It's been fantastic to see their determination and teamwork in action across various sports.

Yr7 Netball

KS3 X-Country

Yr10/11 Plymouth Rugby Festival

Yr10/11 Basketball League

Yr8 Basketball League

Yr13 BTEC Sport Outdoor and Adventurous Unit

There have been plenty of successes along the way, and we are proud of everyone who participated. Whether it was their first game or one of many, each student showed great commitment and represented the academy with pride. Well done everyone!











Plympton Foodbank Appeal

The BIG Give:
Christmas appeal
2024!

Please bring all donations to your tutor room

Any donations are welcome, however the Foodbank are in short supply of the following items:

- Mince pies
- Selection boxes / chocolates
- Christmas stuffing
- Christmas pudding / cake
- Chutney
- Crisps
- Savoury snacks / crackers
- Gravy mix
- Powdered milk
- Sugar
- Ketchup / brown sauce
- Noodles
- Squash / long life juice
- Washing up liquid
- Shaving foam
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

Plympton foodbank

Plympton Academy

We're proud to be supporting Plympton Foodbank this Christmas season to help those in need within our community. While the specific items listed above are greatly needed, all donations are warmly welcomed.

You can find out more about Foodbank here : [Plympton Foodbank | Feeding Local People in Crisis](#)


How to Donate:

- Drop items off at Reception

- Students can bring donations to their tutors during Tutor Time

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Notices



Children and Young People's Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A confidential, free advice line available to all children, young people and their families who are on the Neurodiversity Pathway within Plymouth.


What we offer

Advice and support including:

- Sleep
- Diet
- Anxiety
- School refusal
- Friendships
- Positive support strategies

Contact us

Please call 01752 435150
Monday to Friday
9 - 11am and 2 - 4pm



Please complete our questionnaire using the QR code provided.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

Prom for All:
The Dress & Suit Drive



Plympton Academy are setting up 'Prom For All' to support all students in having the opportunity to attend prom. We are looking for donations of good condition prom style dresses and suits, shoes and accessories.

Any donations will be gratefully received at the Academy reception!

Details for Year 11 wishing to access the 'Prom for All' service will be out in due course.

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

Thursday 12th December

Yr10 Parents Evening

Thursday 19th December

Carol Concert

Friday 20th December

Students Finish at 12:00

We are a community – courageous, compassionate and curious about our world.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.
