

Hele's School

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Friday, 30 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a joy this week to experience the sounds and sights of extra-curricular provision returning across the school, with hundreds of children engaging in a range of sporting or performing arts-based activities or engaging in CCF, Duke of Edinburgh and the like. Another step closer to the days of old that I know we all crave, and one that we will keep under close review as we carefully expand our provision throughout this term and next.

Upcoming Parents' Evenings: a reminder that Parents' Evening for **Year 9 is this coming Wednesday 5th May**. Please click on the link on the Hele's School website (under the 'Parents' tab) or alternatively visit <https://heles.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the School Reception and staff will be happy to add appointments on your behalf. All appointments will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Year 7 Parents' Evening, as communicated to Year 7 families last week, has been rescheduled to take place on **Wednesday 9th June, 4pm – 7pm**. This change is to accommodate the Year 11 and Year 13 assessments that are replacing summer exams, in light of the government's decision to cancel GCSE and A Level exams this year due to Covid.

Year 11 and Year 13 assessments: Y11 and 13 students enter the home strait next week as their three-week period of Summer Assessments begin. All students are now in receipt of their personal timetable and will complete their assessments in class over the coming weeks. Although these are not formal exams and make up only one part of the 'basket of evidence' for each student, all members of the school community will play their part in ensuring the conditions for students taking assessments are right by keeping noise between lessons to a minimum and being mindful that some students may be working through breaks.

For parents and carers of Y11 and 13 students, as well as those students lower down school completing qualifications this year, further details will be shared over the coming week around the baskets of evidence and how grades are calculated. If you have any queries in the meantime, please direct these to Mr Stone (stoneka@heles.plymouth.sch.uk) for Post-16 students and Ms Clapham (clapham@heles.plymouth.sch.uk) for Y11 and below.

Good news: It was great to hear news of Ruby Watson in Year 7 who had an awesome first tennis tournament of the season! Showing strength and resilience, she fought through two tough matches to win two out of three matches last weekend, earning her ranking points and an improved LTA rating – I think that's game, set and match! Well done, Ruby!

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and hopefully some sunshine!

Kindest regards,

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