

# Hele's School

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Friday, 15 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a week of celebration at school this week, with year group assemblies celebrating individual and collective successes over the year, followed by Sports Day on Wednesday and finally Awards Evening last night. Despite the heat and sometimes tiring conditions, it has been wonderful to recognise and celebrate the efforts and triumphs of so many students over the course of the week and to look forward to the year ahead and all the excitement that's still to come as we push towards the end of term.

**Weather warnings and Enrichment Week:** Enrichment Week is nearly here! We are excited to have such a fun week ahead of us to wrap up the academic year and hope all students are looking forward to their activities. Given the forecast for the week ahead, I wanted to reassure you that we are taking additional precautions where necessary, and activity leaders may make some minor changes to planned activities should the heat be too intense.

Please help us keep everyone safe by ensuring that your child brings their sunhat, sun cream and plenty of water with them each day, so that they can safely have fun in the sun.

**Hele's Alumni:** It really was a joy this week to welcome back to school some students who had flown the Hele's nest in recent years and moved onto university, employment or training. Five Hele's graduates led assemblies and shared their experiences with our Post 16 students, and their advice and guidance were certainly well-received by all in attendance. We are hugely appreciative to the following alumni for their inspirational input:

Lucy Castle:	Aston University Biomedical Sciences (sponsored by the Royal Navy)
Kelly Armstrong:	Queen Mary University London, Medicine
Bethany Allen:	Kings College London, Philosophy and Modern Languages
Lauren Dixon:	Plymouth University, Law (Exeter University for Masters)
Fliss Wakeman:	Royal Navy Warfare Officer

Any Hele's graduates wishing to share their stories should please contact Lynda Curtis (Post 16 Pastoral Support Manager) at Hele's School via [curtis@heles.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:curtis@heles.plymouth.sch.uk) - we'd be absolutely thrilled to hear what our Hele's graduates are up to. It doesn't matter how long ago it was that you or someone you know graduated – once Team Hele's, always Team Hele's!

**Good news:** It was a sizzling and sweaty day, but Sports Day on Wednesday was a resounding success! With sensible adjustments in place given the weather conditions, it was great for all five activities for each year group to go ahead, culminating with the whole cohort on the athletics track for the hotly contested relay finals. Overall winners by year group were: 7B and 7F tied on 36 points; 8A with 33 points; 9D with 31 points and 10E with a massive 42 points! Congratulations to all the students who took part, either by competing, supporting or leading on events.

## Looking ahead:

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July Gold/Silver DofE expedition – postponed.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Enrichment Week/Work Experience Week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of the academic year

I'll write next week with reminders about uniform reminders, staffing changes and the start of term arrangements. Until then, enjoy the sunshine and here's hoping that we have a brilliant Enrichment Week to end the school year on a high!

Kindest regards,

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