

# Hele's School

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Friday, 2 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter the month of December, the time-honoured tradition of dressing the Christmas tree in Reception once again fell to the top performing students from Year 7 at the milestone of completing their first full term at Hele's School. The 6 students chosen to decorate the tree this year have achieved 100% attendance to date and over 100 Achievement Points each on ClassCharts (and not one Behaviour Point amongst them) - truly fantastic accomplishments! Congratulations to Louis Kittlety, Oliver Markillie, Nate Brooker, Evan Koffi Young, Betty Clarke and Holly Hart on their superb effort and commitment to learning, and keep up the great work!

**“Life Lessons with Scrooge”:** Thank you for all the generous donations in support of the English Department's appeal on behalf of the Plymouth Food Bank. There is still time to bring items in and a reminder that the following items are particularly in demand: cereals; tinned meat (steak/chicken/curries/pies); tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding; coffee/tea bags; tinned peas/carrots/sweetcorn; jam/peanut butter/chocolate spread; UHT milk/long-life fruit juice cartons; crisps/savoury snacks; toiletries (deodorant/shampoo). We appreciate things are much tighter for many families this year, but anything you are able to donate will be much appreciated by those in need. Please drop contributions to the English Department whenever you can.

**Christmas jumper/mufti day:** The last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, will be a mufti day in aid of Save The Children. We are encouraging voluntary donations of £1 per person, but any contribution is much appreciated. This year, whatever anyone donates will make double the difference, because the UK government is going to match all donations to Christmas Jumper Day! That means your contribution will go further than ever to help change the lives of children and young people who need it most.

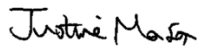
**Good news:** It was a pleasure to be involved in the CCF interviews for Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy Section yesterday. The competition was incredibly high with some exceptional candidates putting themselves forward for consideration and a tightly fought recruitment process. Elise Dilworth in Year 13 was the successful applicant and takes up this leadership role in the CCF with immediate effect. We know she will continue to be a wonderful role model to younger Cadets, having achieved the 'Best New Recruit Award' back in Year 10 and continuing her effort and commitment to the CCF since. Congratulations also go to Cameron Lear, who passed the promotion interview stage and now has to wait only a short while until the Navy Section grows when Year 9 join the CCF when he can then take up a much-deserved promoted post. Well done, Elise and Cameron!

## Looking ahead:

- Tuesday, 6 December: Year 12 Learn to Live Roadshow, Plymouth Guildhall, 12.10pm - 3pm
- Wednesday, 7 December: Christmas concert, 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Saturday, 10 December: Plympton Team Ministry Christmas Tree and Crib Festival, Plympton St Mary and Plympton St Maurice churches, 10.00am – 5.00pm (free of charge)
- Sunday 11 December 2022: Plympton Team Ministry Christmas Tree and Crib Festival, Plympton St Mary and Plympton St Maurice churches, 12.30 – 4.00pm
- W/b Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner each day (advanced bookings only)
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Year 7 Sustainable Gifts Fayre, 5.00 - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 11 RS students to Exeter University lectures  
A Level Awards Evening, 5.00 – 6.00pm
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper/Mufti Day. Last day of term - School ends at 3pm.

Best of luck to the CCF Cadets from all 3 sections who are off to camp at the Footsteps of Discovery Bushcraft and Survival School in Cornwall this weekend. Not a million miles away from the TV programme, 'I'm a Celebrity, Get me Out of Here!', our Cadets will be surviving off the land, learning how to make fires, wood carving, shelter building, making water safe to drink as well as axe throwing and using other primitive weapons...and sleeping under the stars, of course. I'm sure there will be a few tales to tell come Monday morning!

Kindest regards,



Justine Mason  
**Principal**