

Hele's School

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Friday, 13 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all those families who attended our Post-16 Open Evening this week; it was an incredibly busy and informative evening and as always, our young people did an exceptional job of showcasing the Post-16 offer at Hele's. If you missed the evening, or indeed are just interested in the courses and experiences available, please do look at the [Post-16 section of the Hele's website](#), where you will find a wealth of information and advice.

Related to our high-quality Sixth Form provision, what an absolute pleasure it was to welcome back a number of Hele's alumni this week. Several young people staffed information stalls about Further Education, Higher Education, Apprenticeship or other Training opportunities at our Careers Fair and shared their career journey since graduating from Hele's, and Joe Wilson, who is currently studying Law at Exeter University, addressed our Latin cohort - once Team Hele's, always Team Hele's!

Careers Information and Guidance: Building on the success of the Careers Fair at Hele's this week, I would like to draw your attention to 'The Big Parents Evening', a free Careers information event for parents on Sunday, 22 January at Home Park Stadium in the Mayflower Grandstand. Discovery College, part of YMCA Plymouth, is organising the event. Several sessions are available to access from 2pm – 7.15pm. For further details, please see [The Big Parents Evening - YMCA Plymouth](#).

Adult Education: Committed to lifelong learning as we are at Hele's, we are pleased to signpost the On Course South West Open Day on Saturday, 14 January at 10.30am at Hyde Park House, PL4 6LF. Most of the courses, which are aimed at adults aged 19 and above, are free with flexible learning in a classroom or online to fit around your lifestyle or work commitments. Courses include classes to help you support your child through GCSE, budgeting skills and money saving apps. To register your interest for the Open Day, please call 01752 660713.

Free support sessions for parents and carers: Parenting can be really difficult, especially in such challenging times. The 'Let's Talk' programme is designed to increase parent and carer knowledge around key risks whilst giving simple tools and techniques to help you support your child through weekly 90-minute online sessions, starting at 7.00pm. The programme, primarily aimed at families with children aged 9 – 12 years, is outlined below:

Tuesday 17th January 2023	Tuesday 24th January 2023	Tuesday 31st January 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology• Difficult emotions• Substance misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships• Exploitation• Pornography• Societal Stereotypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical risks• Safety planning• Mental health• Self-care

Tickets are free and available at [Let's Talk Pre-Teens](#).

Enrichment Week: We have now worked through all applications for places in Enrichment Week and made allocations. This has been shared with students in Years 7, 8, and 9 today via tutors and there are lists up in tutor bases for students to check if they have missed this. The vast majority of students have been allocated to one of their 3 choices, and we have worked with parents to find a best fit where this has not been possible. Any deposits to

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be paid will be visible on your ParentPay account by the end of the day today, and we request that this initial deposit is paid by 31st January please so that we can secure the places for students.

Good news: We are excited to have unveiled our STEAM mural in the Piazza, which is adjacent to the Main Hall. As part of a joint curriculum project between Art and Careers, our students worked hard on creating a design to capture their career aspirations in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths, before commissioning the wonderful artist, Mrs Murals to commit the design to brick. The final product is truly inspiring, and I urge you to see for yourself by checking out the Hele's Facebook page, Twitter page or walking through the area when you next visit the school for an event. Thank you to Mr Whitehead and Mrs Yeomans for embracing the project, and to Ellie (aka Mrs Murals) for all her hard work in all weathers throughout December! Congratulations to all those students who played a leading role in this project and whose work will inspire a generation at Hele's:

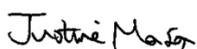
Year 10: Oscar Rayner (Chief Designer)	Year 9: Izabel Smith	Evie Fleming
Scarlett Aubury	Seth Collier	Rebecca Hutchons
Lily Anderson	Alfie Randall	Jacob Lane
Leah Johns	Nell Kowalczyk	Adriana Svitakova

Looking ahead:

- Monday, 16 January: MFL Careers talk to Year 8 from David Binns, UK Director of Sanako, a Finnish Education Technology company
- Tuesday, 17 January: Year 10 visit to Plymouth University - Maths is Your Future seminar
Year 10 talk on 'My journey from Apartheid to Freedom' by Chris Lubbe, an international visiting speaker who has worked with Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu
- Thursday, 19 January: Year 11 Art trip to London
- Thursday, 19/Friday, 20 January: Year 1-1 Employer interviews

Best of luck to our U13 girls' football team, who boarded the Plymouth Argyle team minibus at 7am this morning to head to Bristol to play in the second round of the English Football League (EFL) Girls Cup. Our girls are representing Plymouth Argyle after winning the city-wide tournament in November, scoring 23 goals in 7 matches and conceding only 2. We can't wait to hear how they perform on a regional stage - whatever the outcome today, we are incredibly proud of our girls!

Kindest regards,



Justine Mason
Principal