

Hele's School

A great place to learn. A great place to grow.



Friday, 9 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Some wonderful news to start the new term in hearing that Hele's has been accredited with the World Class Schools Quality Mark, joining a coveted network of just over 140 schools in the UK with the award.

A challenging assessment process by education charity World Class Schools Quality Mark scrutinised students who worked to identify and demonstrate characteristics, skills and competencies using a rigorous character development framework as a benchmark. The framework highlights characteristics across individual areas including leadership, community, learning and workplace. The premise is that if the school is truly 'World Class', then its students should be able to demonstrate this in whatever context they find themselves.

This morning, I had the privilege of presenting a number of Year 10 and Year 12 students with their certificate and shared the feedback from WCSQM that the award is, *'a credit to your hard work and dedication showing that you go 'above and beyond' academically and through your commitment to extra-curricular opportunities. You should be very proud that you have been officially recognised as a 'World Class' student'*. Warmest congratulations to Year 12 students: Amber Lord; Natalia Wiewior; Rachel Eddy; Erin May; and Jessica Reed and to Year 10 students: Ikah Soria; Abbey Miller; Lily Anderson; Scarlett Aubury; Leah Johns; Iulia Pop; Lola Jenkin; Freya Martin; and Doreen Hamed. We are incredibly proud of your achievements – quite literally, out of this world!

More good news: Year 7 student, Jessica Skelton, recently competed in Telford in her first national age group competition for trampoline and double mini trampoline (DMT). Jess's strong performance in DMT sees her qualify for the British Championships in September, and she is working hard to master the double somersault to stand a chance of making the finals. Keep up the hard work, Jess!

Congratulations to Year 7 students Freya Senior-Gosling and Isobel Stewart who have been accepted to join the prestigious Exeter Maths School Maths Student Community, with Alexander Quarterman, William Prout and Benedict Woolven-Allen securing a place on the waiting list.

Charlotte Smith is former pupil of Hele's School who graduated in 2010 and now owns The Linda Mortimore and Charlotte Smith School of Dance, a local Plympton-based dance school. It was a pleasure to receive an invitation from Charlotte to attend the super performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at The Quad Theatre, Marjons, during the Half Term break. The overwhelming majority of the wonderful dancers were Hele's students and there was even a member of staff performing which was great to see. Congratulations to all for a brilliant show!

Looking ahead:

Tuesday, 20 June: STEM visit to The Institute of Research in Schools IRIS Conference, University of Exeter

Thursday, 22 June: Year 8 Parents' Evening via MS Teams

Sat, 24/Sun, 25 June: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Final Expedition, Dartmoor

Principal: Justine Mason

Seymour Road, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon PL7 4LT

Telephone: 01752 337193 Fax: 01752 331460

email: heles.school@plymouth.gov.uk website: www.heles.plymouth.sch.uk

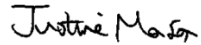
Hele's School is part of Westcountry Schools Trust. Registered address: Harford Road, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 0AJ
A charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. Company number: 07398467



As the weather warms up, may we remind parents to ensure children are attending school with drinks to remain hydrated. Bottles can be refilled during social time but this remains a student's responsibility and permission is not given to leave lessons for this purpose. Please also ensure students have sun cream and/or a hat if required to offer protection from the sun whilst travelling to and from school and during social time. Full uniform should continue to be worn please, and staff will grant permission to remove blazers in lessons and during social time where the temperature necessitates. We do hope the sunshine will stay with us for some time to come!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justine Mason". The script is cursive and fluid.

Justine Mason

Principal