

Hele's School

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Friday, 2 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Term dates 2021/2022: Please find below our agreed term dates for next academic year. These dates have been aligned across our family of Westcountry Schools Trust Secondary Schools to support opportunities for shared staff training and development. A copy of the dates is also on the School website should you need them for future reference.

Autumn Term 2021 (Monday 6 September – Friday 17 December 2021)		
Term 1 35 days	Monday 6 September	School closed to students for Staff Training
	Tuesday 7 September	Term 1 begins Year 7 (8.30am) and Year 12 (by appointment)
	Wednesday 8 September	Term 1 begins Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 (8.30am)
	Friday 22 October	Term 1 ends. School closed to students for Staff Training
Monday 25 – Friday 29 October		HALF TERM
Term 2 35 days	Monday 1 November	Term 2 starts for all students (8.30am)
	Friday 17 December	Term 2 ends for all students (1.20pm) and staff (3pm)
Monday 20 – Monday 3 January		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (includes Bank Hols. on 27 and 28 Dec. and 3 Jan.)
Spring Term 2022 (Tuesday 4 January – Friday 8 April 2022)		
Term 3 34 days	Tuesday 4 January	Term 3 begins for all staff and students (8.30am)
	Friday 18 February	Term 3 ends for all staff and students (3.00pm)
Monday 21 – Friday 25 February		HALF TERM
Term 4 35 days	Monday 28 February	School closed to students for WeST Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 1 March	Term 4 begins for all staff and students (8.30am)
	Friday 8 April	Term 4 ends for all staff and students (3pm)
Monday 11 – Friday 22 April		EASTER HOLIDAY (includes Bank Holidays on 15 and 18 April)
Summer Term 2022 (Monday 25 April 2022– Tuesday 26 July¹ 2022)		
Term 5 24 days	Monday 25 April	Term 5 begins for all staff and students (8.30am)
	Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
	Friday 27 May	Term 5 ends for all staff and students (3pm)
Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June		HALF TERM (includes Bank Holiday on 30 May)
Term 6 39 days	Monday 6 June	Term 6 begins for all staff and students (8.30am)
	Friday 22 July	Term 6 ends for all students (1.20pm) and staff (3pm)
	Monday 25 July	Staff training day (disaggregated)
	Tuesday 26 July	Staff training day (disaggregated)
Mon. 25 July – Thurs. 1 Sept.		SUMMER HOLIDAY
195 days		

¹ Disaggregated staff training days on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 July 2022 in lieu of Twilight training – no staff required to attend school on these days. Last day for students and staff Friday 22 July 2022.

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Year 11: ordinarily at this time of year, we would invite parents and carers of Year 11 into school for an evening to go through everything related to Year 11 and the forthcoming GCSE exams. This year, unfortunately, it is not possible to have families on site, therefore we will be providing this information virtually by means of a video link. Please expect a more detailed letter from Emma Clapham (Assistant Principal) later today if you have a child in Year 11, which will outline how we intend to support your child through their final GCSE year.

Management of COVID-19: Plymouth City Council have released a helpful flow chart to support families in taking their next steps where a child may be displaying COVID-19 symptoms. I attach this flow chart for your reference.

Updated policies: please be advised that the Hele's Local Governing Body ratified two updated policies at our virtual Governors' meeting last night: the WeST Drugs Policy and the WeST Exclusions Policy, both of which operate across our Multi-Academy Trust schools. School policies are updated annually on a rolling programme and these policies, along with others, can be found on the Hele's School website in the 'school information' section under 'policies and documents'.

Good news: I followed with interest the Devon Under-13 Girls Football Cup Final last weekend. Two of our girls, Libby Williams in Year 9 and Evie Richards in Year 8, represented Plympton Girls in the tie against SB Frankfurt Youth. Although they were eventually beaten by a very strong side, both girls played very well, with Libby scoring a goal and Evie kept busy defending.

Awesome students: I'd like to thank and congratulate those wonderful students who featured in our recent filming to showcase Hele's School. In these times of COVID when we are unable to welcome visitors on site, we wanted to find a way to take some of that Team Hele's spirit and share it with prospective students and their families to support them in making their choices for Secondary School in a few weeks' time. Lily Van Veen, Aidan Hannon, Samuel Horton Annah Ishimwe, Laya Pearce, Olivia Kennedy and Hannah Duckworth did a remarkable job in sharing their thoughts so eloquently about our school and their experiences and are to be commended for their efforts. If you'd like to see the children in action and watch the two short films (each one around 90 seconds long) then please follow the links: <https://youtu.be/ZeRWxZvqLIE> and https://youtu.be/W_u8kvkMg4k. I've no doubt you will be impressed upon viewing and may well shed a tear or two of pride, as I did! Holly Roser and Joseph Hannon, our Head Girl and Head Boy, also presented at the virtual Open Evening with such confidence, credibility and warmth – natural presenters, the pair of them! All our young people are great ambassadors for Hele's School and demonstrate exactly why Hele's is a great place to learn and a great place to grow. I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them!

Kindest regards,



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