



Thursday 16th December

Dear Families

As we approach the end of term we would like to thank all our families for the ongoing support for MBHS. This has been an exceptional year once again and we really appreciate you working in partnership with us.

It has been a tricky time for many of our staff, pupils and families with Covid and other illnesses affecting attendance, but our team of teachers, TAs admin and support staff have consistently and tirelessly worked to ensure school remains a happy and safe place for pupils to be.

We have had a few changes to staffing this term, saying goodbye to a few members of our team and welcoming some new members into the MBHS family. Today is Alice's last day and I know she will be missed by families, staff and children. She says:

Dear families,

After 6 years of working at Plymouth School of Creative Arts, Millbay and High Street, it is time for me to move on to a new opportunity.

It has been a real pleasure to get to know your wonderful children over the years; they are an absolute delight. I will be leaving with many great memories of children learning, dedicated staff, creative projects, community events and happy classrooms.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy festive break and all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to announce that Leea Jolly will take Alice's role as year two class teacher and KS1 lead for the remainder of the academic year - we know she will do a fantastic job and she has already started some work with the Y2 children this week. Rosie Crowford will also take part in Alice's role; working with the EYFS team to develop their provision and ensuring they have access to a rich curriculum. For clarity, the staffing across the federation from January - July is as follows:

Class	Teacher/Lead	HLTA/TA
Nursery	Laura Withey	Carolyn Stratherne Lauren Hawnton Sarah Cleave
Reception	Katie Brownjohn and Rosie Crowford	Kev Rose Hannah Blair

Year One	Will Westlake	Anita Toth
Year Two	Leea Jolly and Rosie Crowford	Vikki Glattback and Kristy Williams
Year Three	Dani Pearse and Rosanna Gilbert	
Year Four	Craig McGregor and Jess Hunter	
Year Five	Ian Crowford and Ashleigh Hedger/Miriam Bennett	Lisa Atkinson Vicky Watts
Year Six	Joe Oddie and Dani Hill	Lotta Sampson-Stone Layla Stringer Georgia Price Adam Green

Due to smaller class sizes, we have slightly altered the way that Year Three and Year Four will work after the holiday. Both year groups will benefit from 'team teaching' from the staff. This means that they remain in the same register groups but they will be taught by both teachers throughout the day and sometimes taught as a whole class by one or both teachers.

The spring term is vitally important for the Year Six class and so we have added support to the team with Georgia Price working with the Y6 groups after the Christmas break. The children will be taught in smaller groups with the Y6 team in addition to Jon Merrison during the morning sessions to ensure we support the children in making good progress and becoming secondary ready!

This term we also say goodbye to Lisa Majer who leaves us after just over a year. Lisa has worked tirelessly with the families and children of both High Street and Millbay and I know you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck for the future.

All of us from MBHS wish you the happiest of holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Tomorrow is the last day of term and we are already looking forward to seeing the children back in 2022 after what we are sure will be a lovely break! A little reminder that Friday is not mufti on either site and children are expected to be in their uniform for the last time in 2021!

Should you require any further information, support, help or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Millbay Academy via our email info@millbayacademy.org or via the High Street email high.st.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk.

Warm wishes

Steph, Jon, Alice and Charlotte
The MBHS Leadership Team