



Devonport High School for Girls

A Specialist Language College

19 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term here at DHSG and as always, I write to you with a few updates.

Governance Update

At the start of term, we heard from Mrs Olivia Grimes that she would be standing down as Chair of Trustees. Mrs Grimes has supported the school during her time as a Trustee and Chair and we thank her for her commitment. The Trustees elected Mrs Vikki Frost as Chair and Mrs Heather Cotton continues as Vice-Chair of Trustees. We currently have a vacancy for a Trustee and if you would like to find out more about this, please email governance@dhsg.co.uk.

Mission Statement

The Trustees have asked that we consider reviewing our mission as a school and consult with all stakeholders on whether this is still appropriate or if it needs updating or changing. Over the course of this term, we will be writing to parents, staff, and students to ask for feedback on the School's mission, vision and values, in order for us to consider what will best reflect the ethos of DHSG in 2023 and the future.

Newsletter

At the end of each term, I will share a newsletter with you on events throughout the term and successes. Sometimes we do not always hear about student successes outside of school, such as competitions. If your child has had recent success outside of school and you would like to share this with us for inclusion in the newsletter, please do let us know by emailing in to dhsg@dhsg.co.uk.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our annual Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on 16 November from 6pm. This is an opportunity for Year 11 students to join us for the evening to consider their next steps, for post-16 education. This year, we are introducing new courses such as A Level Music and English Language. We strongly recommend that all Year 11 students and parents attend to explore their future options.

PE Kit Update

It has been a pleasure to see how smart students look in the new VX3 DHSG PE kit. We appreciate that when ordering individual items, the postage costs are at a set price and this can increase costs considerably. Therefore, we have agreed with VX3 that if parents wish to order kit, as a school, we will do a half termly collection and bring it back to DHSG for students to collect. If you wish to take this opportunity, please indicate this on your order and we will collect the kit for you. The office will send you an email when the kit has been picked up from VX3 and is able to be collected from reception.

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Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your support as parents and carers for your ongoing diligence with ensuring that your child adheres to the DHSG uniform policy. Please could I send a gentle reminder regarding the policy (attached to this letter) and that you continue to support with this. In particular, make up should be kept to a minimum and there should be no false eye-lashes or fake nails/nail polish.

End and Start of Half Term

Just a reminder that we finish at the usual time of 3.35pm on **Friday 20 October** and students return on **Tuesday 31 October**.

My very best wishes for the half term,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'L. Sargeant'.

Mr L. Sargeant
Head Teacher