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Dear Parents

Reference: Carol Service, Pantomime & Concert and Industrial Action 30 November 2011

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Carol Service, with Benediction, to be held on Sunday 4 December starting at 3:00pm in St Peter's church. Everyone is welcome to attend but all of our Year Seven pupils are expected to attend.

I know this is a busy time of year for us all but please, take advantage of gathering together and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. Please complete and sign the tear-off slip below.

The other invitation I would like to make is to our Pantomime and Concert evening shows on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December at 7:00pm. Suggested donations of £2.00 per ticket can be made via the main office of the College. Our Pantomime will be 'Peter Pan' this year. Please join us for our 'home-grown' entertainment full of festive cheer and complete the tear-off slip below.

Plymouth Headteachers have been informed by the National Union of Teachers; the Association of Teachers and Lecturers; the National Union of School masters and Union of Women Teachers' the National Association of Headteachers, UNISON and GMB that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on 30 November.

The action is not against the schools themselves but is part of national industrial action organised by these trade unions about changes to the pensions schemes of their members.

There is no requirement on unions to inform schools of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call. However, given the information that I and the Chair of Governors have received about strike action, the college will not be open to any students other than those in Year 11 taking mock exams. Mock exams will go ahead as planned on Wednesday morning. Boys should arrive in the Sixth Form Study area (SSS) by 8:50am for Product Design and PE exams, and by 11:35 for Geography. They will leave school immediately after their exam. The Physics exam scheduled for Wednesday pm will be postponed.

We hope the issues that have prompted industrial action can be resolved swiftly.

Yours sincerely

Peter Eccles

Peter Eccles
Headteacher

Steve Hole

Steven Hole
Chair of Governors

Pantomime & Concert - Please complete and return with your donation (suggested donation of £2.00 per ticket)

Student Name: Tutor Group

I require tickets for Wednesday 14 December 2011

I require tickets for Thursday 15 December 2011

I enclose my voluntary donation to the College. I wish this donation to be treated as Gift Aid

Parent / Guardian Name: Signature

Carol Service – Please return slip to your child's tutor

Student Name: Tutor Group Number of guests attending