



*Learning, Revision, Assessment, Feedback,
Acting on Feedback will be the 'passport to
progress' every year 11 pupil needs*

Themes of the Month

November: Understanding the wider world

With less than 50 school days until February 2024 half term. Make every day count, helping all pupils get the best grades possible

Key Events

Wednesday 29th November – Parent Event & INSET Day

Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – First Day of Term

PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS – Monday 5th February until Friday 23rd February

Message From Mr Webb & Mrs Mudge

Thank you for all that attended the Year 11 core subjects information evening and careers event. For those that were not able to make it, a summary of the event I have added to the PCS website on the home page.

Recent internal assessments have been very good, and I firmly feel that the evening helped pupils prepare for the assessment weeks recently undertaken.

However, I feel that the best aspect to the beginning of the year has been the fabulous attendance, 93% overall. This is only possible when pupils and parents see the value in revision, and preparation for the final GCSE assessments. Thank you for your continued support. Your son/ daughter will need good results across a range of subjects for either college or a vocational route (apprenticeship etc). It is vital that the data sent to you from these recent assessments and class work is used to give insight into the targets to meet or exceed your son/ daughter's target grade. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, Mrs Mudge or subject leaders if you have any queries about assessed current grades.

REVISION GUIDES

Mr Carlyle has given each pupil £15.

Please ensure this order form is back with the School Bank as soon as possible. These guides have been selected by subject leaders to be appropriate for the course and specification. Hence getting these guides is the best route to effective revision at home and consequently best progress.

PROM UPDATE

Congratulations to those that already have their 'Golden Ticket', their 'Passport to the Prom'. We regard attendance at Prom as a privilege, which is earned by good conduct, good attendance to lessons and subject enhancement sessions. Pupils will be informed if they are on track to attend, by the end of 2023.

SUBJECT ENHANCEMENT SESSIONS

Great attendance has also been seen in the Subject Enhancement Sessions. These, I feel have really helped pupils prepare for the assessments and will continue until the summer examinations.

After the results have been analysed from the recent assessments, the timetable for each pupil will be changed to reflect any particular need that is required. Each pupil will therefore receive a personalised copy of their new timetable shortly.

It is worth noting that whilst these sessions are 30-40 minutes in length, it might be necessary to stay longer, by arrangement with the class teacher for vocational subjects with coursework requirements. I.e. Drama, Art or Music for example. Hard work, now, will be the 'passport to progress' your son/ daughter needs to get the best GCSE grades possible.

MENTORING

Mentoring is continuing throughout the year. Pupils should now be beginning to apply for post 16 courses/ apprenticeship. These small group or individual sessions are planned in alternate Wednesday mornings, to give pupils the help and support in examinations or in applying for the right courses.

Further support/ News/ Post 16 information:

Further guidance support your child is available on the PCS website relating to

- Assessments
- College applications
- Careers on - [Careers Information \(portchester.hants.sch.uk\)](https://portchester.hants.sch.uk)