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19 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The academic year has started well, especially for our Year 7 cohort who benefitted from a really positive Summer School to help them get ready for their move from Primary to Secondary school. Year 11 have now completed their first set of Mock Examinations – feedback to parents will be on Wednesday 26 November 2025 during their Parents' Evening. Online appointment bookings are now open.



Wednesday 3 December 2025 is Certificate and Awards Evening for last year's Year 11 pupils. Formal GCSE certificates will be awarded as well as Subject and House trophies for Progress and Achievement. This will also be a great opportunity to catch-up with pupils about their post Portchester adventures – many will now have settled into college or apprenticeship placements.

Open Evening – Thursday 2 October 2025



OPEN EVENING 2025

- A huge thank you to all our guests for the evening. Many of the Year pupils engaged with all the activities on offer – Science, English and PE were very busy!
- Over 150 sets of parents and children attended the evening.
- Feedback was very positive about the very warm welcome and family feel of the school.
- Many parents have been back for additional tours.
- Further information is available from the School Reception regarding Admissions

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Curriculum and Assessment Review by the Department for Education 2025

You may have heard in the news recently that the Department for Education has been consulting on changes to the school's Curriculum and Assessment models. While nothing will change in the immediate future, big changes are ahead and will impact on pupils in the next few years. Changes include:

- A New National Curriculum from 2028.
- Scrapping the concept of the English Baccalaureate.
- Introducing tests for both Maths and English in Year 8.
- Mandatory Citizenship lessons for all pupils.
- New GCSE specifications to be introduced over the next 5 years.
- Triple Science entitlement.

The new curriculum will be implemented in full for first teaching from September 2028. The DfE is aiming to publish the final revised curriculum by Spring 2027 to give schools a full four terms to prepare for the changes. The timeline is summarised below.

The curriculum review reforms timeline



Remembrance 2025
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The poster features a group of students in school uniforms standing in front of a building, holding large red poppies. The text is arranged around the image, with some parts cut off. Logos for the National Literacy Trust and The Royal British Legion are visible in the top right corner.

The History team led our whole school act of Remembrance on Tuesday 11 November 2025. Pupils proudly wore their Armed Forces or Services uniforms for the day. We had representatives from the Royal Navy Cadets, Army Cadets, and local Scouts and Guides uniforms.

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Being a Responsible Citizen

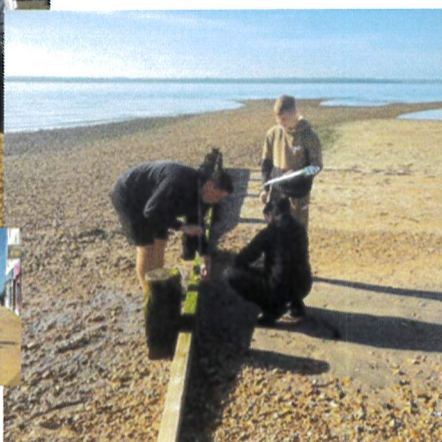


Following a number of concerns raised by members of our community, all pupils, through assemblies or direct conversations, have been reminded of the dangers of riding their bikes through the pedestrian precinct in Portchester. While the significant majority of pupils completely understand this there remains a few persistent offenders. I have asked for any pictures/images of pupils in uniform cycling in the precinct to be sent to school so that we can support the identification of these pupils.

Secondly: Reminder that aerosols are banned from the school site.

There have been a number of incidents this term where pupils with asthma have become unwell and, in a couple of situations, they have had to be sent home. Please ensure that your child has an alternative to an aerosol if they bring deodorant to school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK IN ACTION



The Year 11 Geography team have recently completed their essential field studies work down at Lee-on-Solent. Thankfully, the weather and coastal conditions were perfect for them to complete their research and use the data collected to finalise their coursework and examination preparations.

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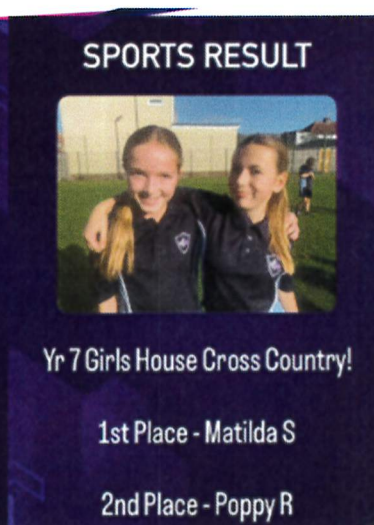
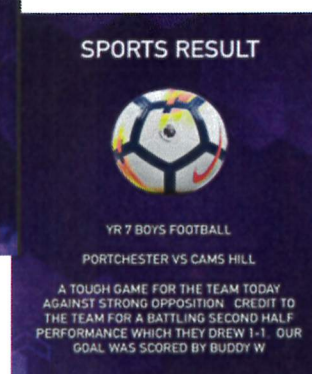
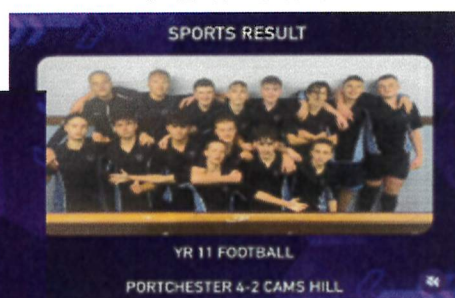
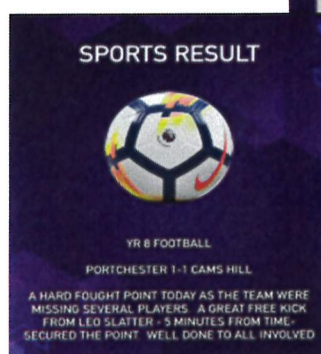
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Recent sporting events and updates – more information on our Instagram account



PE INSTAGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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building futures.



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Seize Opportunities,
Learn from Experience,
Nurture Talent



The Pastoral Team structure for this academic year



Year 7 Mrs K Kingston
PA - Mrs Davis
Transition into Year 7



Year 8. Mrs Richards
PA – Mrs J Vidova



Year 9 Mr Webb.
PA – Mrs H Connor



Year 10 Mr Shaul
PA – Miss Robertson



Year 11 Mr James.
PA – Mrs Rose-White

The first port of call for parents is generally your child's tutor – these are the staff who welcome your child to school each morning and know them best.

Curriculum questions are best referred to the subject teacher by email in the first instance.

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Local updates and information

Design a Christmas Card Competition

Entry Requirements

You must be 16 or under and you must be available on Saturday 6th December to switch the lights on.

Please design an A5 Christmas card using any method, place it inside an envelope with your name, age and contact number on the outside.

Drop it into The Hub in Portchester Precinct.

DEADLINE MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Competition Winners Prize

Be the first to visit Santa's Grotto and then switch on the Portchester Precinct Christmas Lights

The winning design will be printed on the front of our programme for the event.

All card entries will be given to members of the community who attend our groups

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PORTCHESTER CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON

Portchester Precinct
Saturday 6th December 2025
from 2pm-6pm

Come along and get festive!

NEW for 2025 Christmas Fair plus Santa's Grotto

Performances from local artists
 Delicious food & drinks available

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COME AND VISIT

Santa's Grotto

Saturday 6th December 14:00-17:30

PORTCHESTER CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON
 in The Hub, Portchester Precinct

Each family will get an exclusive meeting with Father Christmas and receive a gift. To book please email admin@portchesterca.org.uk with your name and contact number.

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The Snowman

With Live Orchestra

Saturday 29 November 2025
1pm, 3pm, 5pm



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Key dates for the rest of this term include:

Friday 21 November 2025 – Year 11 GCSE Drama final performances.

Monday 24 November 2025 – Year 11 Core Enhancement sessions start after school.

Tuesday 25 November 2025 – Governor Safeguarding Monitoring.

Wednesday 26 November 2025 – Year 11 Parents' Evening/Nasal Flu vaccinations.

Monday 1 December 2025 – Year 11 Non-Core Enhancement sessions start after school.

Wednesday 3 December 2025 – The Class of 2025 GCSE Certificates/Awards Evening 6-7 pm/Berlin Trip Parents' Meeting 5-6 pm/Governor Monitoring – Performing Arts.

Friday 12 December 2025 – Local MP visit to school.

Monday 15 December 2025 - Christmas Concert – evening. PTA supporting with refreshments.

Tuesday 16 December 2025 – Full Governing Body Meeting 6 pm.

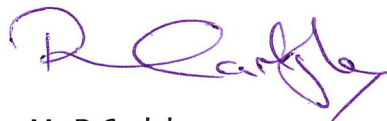
Wednesday 17 December 2025 – 'School Christmas Dinners'.

Friday 19 December 2025 – Last day of the term. School closes for the festive break for pupils at 12.50 pm – hot food will be served Break 1 only.

Monday 5 January 2026 – School reopens for all pupils.

Thank you for your sustained support.

Yours sincerely



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