



RC/JAE
May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Pupils

Key Dates and Arrangements for Pupils

Thank you for your sustained support in preparing this cohort of Year 11 pupils for their final examinations. Many will have already completed coursework or modular assessments, so now the final written papers are the last steps to completing their GCSEs.

Extra enhancement sessions have been well attended and provided valuable revision coverage and final insights into the examination subject specifications. Provision for the May half term has been shared with pupils and has been published on the front of the school website.

The final written examinations are now well underway – a full schedule of examinations is shown on the school website. The significant majority of pupils are well prepared and organised for each examination. You have had copies of the examination timetable, and each pupil has received a bespoke schedule from Mrs Street. As the final examinations run through, individual pupils will find that they begin to conclude each subject and, therefore, lessons will finish.

With this in mind, Year 11 pupils will begin a period of study leave from the end of their English Language examination on **Thursday 21 May 2026 at approximately 11.00 am** – the penultimate day of this half term. From **Friday 22 May 2026**, pupils will only need to attend school if they are in an **examination or a lesson for which they have yet to have their final examination or assessment**.

All lessons will run normally until the final examination for that subject. **All pupils are expected to attend these lessons.** Year 11 pupils are to attend in full school uniform and sign in and out from the site during the school day. Individuals may make bespoke appointments with their mentors to continue this support after half term.

The Year 11 Leavers' Assembly is planned for **Tuesday 16 June from 2.30 pm** in the Main Hall. This is after the final examination has finished. Pupils are to return to school in uniform to meet with their Year team and School Leaders for a formal conclusion of their time at Portchester Community School.

Year 11 pupils are reminded that they should return locker keys and library books to Pupil Reception. **We are also welcoming donations of school uniform so that our PTA can sell it in their Preloved range. Pupils may also donate any copies of set texts or revision guides.**

Prom 2026 - Thank you to those who have sent in their Prom deposits.

Mr James and Mrs Rose-White were very clear when they wrote to parents earlier this year that the Prom is a 'privilege' rather than a 'right' and a criteria for entry was also shared. Prom list invites have been issued and the date set for **Wednesday 24 June 2026**. Venue – The Queens Hotel, Southsea.



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Examination Results - I know it seems early to be talking about results day, but it is important to have this in your diary.

Pupils can collect their results on **Thursday 20 August 2026 from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon**. This is the first year that pupils will be able to download their results via the new Educations Record App. Pupils will need to bring a charged mobile phone and a form of identification on the day to access their results.

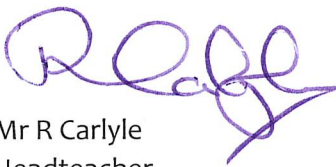
Pupils who are unable to collect their results on this date will need to make alternative arrangements with Mrs Street. This is usually done by the pupil writing a letter of authority, giving permission for a parent or family member to collect a paper copy of results.

Finally, best wishes to all pupils with their examinations.

The Head of Year and Pastoral Team, including Tutors, Subject Teachers, and the Leadership Team are more than happy to provide references and testimonials to support pupils accessing new college, training, or work opportunities.

I wish them every success with their results and the opportunities opened to them post Portchester Community School.

Yours sincerely



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