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Dear Parents and Carers

Transition arrangements for 2022/23 - Portchester Community School

Congratulations on being allocated a place at Portchester Community School for September 2022. Your child will be part of the largest new cohort of students we have had in recent year. This signals the growing popularity of the school of choice for the parents and children of Portchester and the surrounding areas.

At Portchester, we aspire to be the most vibrant, creative and successful school we can be. Our recent Local Authority Inspection visit highlighted a number of key strengths. Below I have detailed what the students reported to the inspectors;

- During the pupil voice session, pupils said they value the support of their teachers across many aspects of school life
- **Year 7** pupils spoke positively about their **experiences of transition** and of life in secondary school. Most interviewed had attended summer school and taken part in curriculum lessons and offsite visits. This, they said, had helped to manage their anxieties over transition, in that they had been able to meet new friends and also work with pupils in Years 10 and 11
- They talked **positively** about the support they had received in the Autumn term to plug curriculum gaps in mathematics and English arising from lockdown
- The Year 7 pupils were asked to identify pieces of work in books which showed the **progress** they had made across the year to date. With little delay, they were able to do this across a range of subjects, including French, Art, History and Science
- Year 7 pupils also spoke with enthusiasm about **clubs** they could attend, including girls' football, craft, badminton, gym, volleyball and library/board games club
- Pupils said there was a **good balance** of support at the school between academic progress and wider wellbeing
- Pupils spoke with enthusiasm about the **student leadership team**, which is active in the co-leadership of many aspects of school improvement, including the environment, charity work and mental health support. They said the school is democratic and that they are frequently asked their views through surveys in tutor time and whole-school and year group votes
- They said that poor behaviour is rare, but where it exists, it is 'nipped in the bud' quickly by teachers, supported on occasion by a duty teacher where necessary
- A number of pupils interviewed were SEND. This group were unequivocal about the high quality of support they said they received. They said the school is '**inclusive, responsive and really supportive**'.
- They spoke clearly about what they felt is a **strong culture of safeguarding** and spoke of strong levels of trust in adults across the school

Student Information Forms

Please click the link below to complete your confidential data collection form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nmt9kvSQcEqfP6Sn6ltdd6JUcvTJ4-IKtnRbjY2XwegUNVE3STJJUUIZRE4oQoNYMkgFVUUxNVVQUC4u>

Parents and Carers must complete this carefully to ensure contact information, medical requirements and any other special information is used accurately to support your child while here at Portchester Community School.

Please complete this form by Wednesday 6 July 2022.

Arrangements for the first day in September 2022

The first day of the new academic year is Thursday 1st September 2022. This is a staff training day.

The first day for new Year 7 and Year 11 students will be Friday 2nd September 2022.

Year 7 students will need to arrive in the school hall by 8.40 am, in full school uniform, to meet their tutors and have a welcome assembly.

Please take some time to browse the school's website for more detailed information about the school and follow events on the school's Twitter feed on @PCSInformation.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

R Carlyle

Mr R Carlyle
Headteacher

National SMSC Quality Mark Gold Award 2021.


- 'The importance of all students achieving the best possible qualifications and that students develop inclusive, caring and positive values is evident throughout the school.'
- 'Inclusivity, recognising and celebrating diversity is a hallmark of the school.'
- 'The staff are clearly passionately committed to improving the learning and life chances of all students.'

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