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Portchester Community School Easter 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the Spring term approaches and we begin to enjoy the warmer weather, I thought it would be a great opportunity to reflect on a few highlights from this term.

Year 11 close their final Spring term with us preparing for their GCSEs and planning for appropriate Post 16 destinations. Many pupils in Year 11 have secured places for September and we are working tirelessly to support them achieving their best grades to help them move on.

Please see below the planned Easter Revision Timetable. The full GCSE Timetable is now on the school website. Please study this carefully and avoid booking any time away from school that will impact on these exams.

Week 1 beginning 7 April 2025				
Subjects	Dates	Times	Groups needed	Classroom
I Media	7-Apr	10am-2pm	11B – All who have not completed R095 coursework	T4
Drama	7-Apr	12.30pm-15.30pm	Those who haven't finished portfolios	DR2
Spanish	7-Apr	9.30am-12pm	Higher	ML1
Spanish	7-Apr	12pm-1.30pm	Foundation	ML1
Drama	7-Apr	9.30am-12.30pm	All section B	DR2
Engineering	7-Apr	9am-12pm	Invited pupils from 11B	T3/HUB
Science	7-Apr	9am-12pm	Triple scientists	S1
NCFE	7-Apr	9am-1pm	Pupils who are entitled to extra time in the exams and pupils who have missed coursework sessions	IT2
Geography	7-Apr	9am-3pm	Geography revision trip – letters to be provided capped at 16 - JMM	Trip
English	8-Apr	10am-12pm	ALL – go to normal teacher Language Paper 1 and 2 feedback based on PPE misconceptions	English rooms
Drama	8-Apr	12.30pm-15.30pm	Those who haven't finished portfolio	DR2
I Media	8-Apr	12pm-3pm	11C – All who have not completed R095 coursework	T4
Media Studies	9-Apr	10am-1pm	All coursework	ME1
History	9-Apr	10am-1pm	Crime and Punishment	HUB
Music	9-Apr	9am-3pm	Composition/Performance recordings	MU1
Art	10-Apr	10am-1.30pm	11B pupils	T5
Spanish	10-Apr	10am-12.30pm	Speaking exam drop in	ML1
Computer Science	11-Apr	10am-12pm	11D – 2 hours of exam paper & revision support. All pupils from 11D invited	IT1
CRE	11-Apr	10am-12pm	Politics and Participation (Please could pupils come and sign up with Miss Shaw prior to the holidays)	H5

YEAR 11 EASTER REVISION SCHEDULE

Week 2 beginning 14 April 2025				
Subjects	Dates	Times	Groups needed	Classroom
Maths	14-Apr	10am-12pm	Higher and Foundation	Maths rooms
Art	14-Apr	12pm-3pm	11D pupils	T5
French	15-Apr	9.30am-12pm	Higher & Foundation	ML2
History	16-Apr	10am-1pm	Elizabeth I (all)	HUB

Year 11 are also busy making plans for their leavers Prom. This will be held on Friday 4 July 2025 at the Solent Hotel, Whiteley. Tickets are granted subject to regular attendance, positive behaviour, and a proactive approach to preparing for GCSEs.

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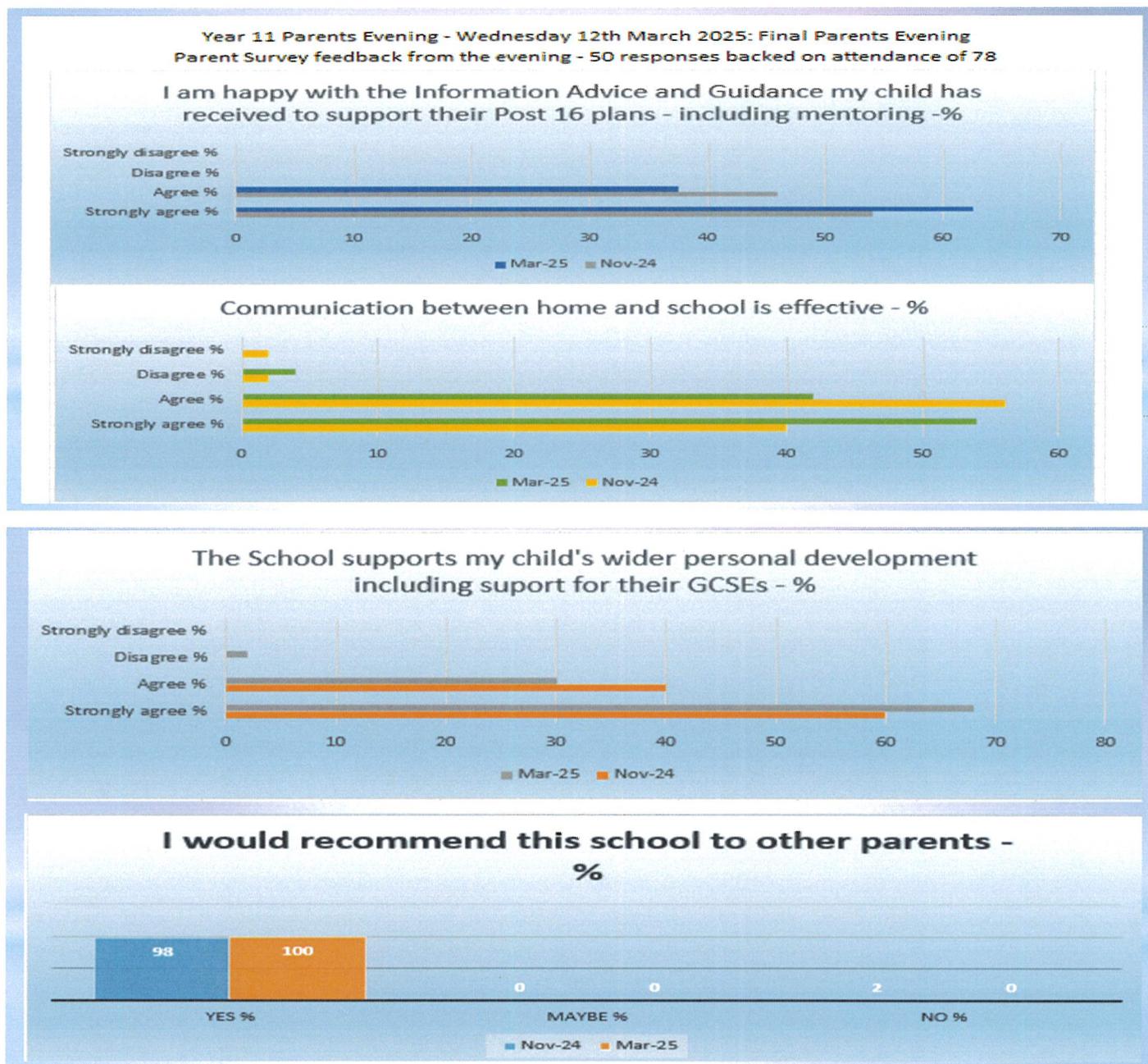
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Year 11 parents attended their final Parents' Evening before results day in August. As you can see from the slide below, there has been an improvement in parents' views regarding support for Post 16 planning, quality of communication, wider support and recommending the school to others.



Year 10 conclude this term out and about in the community completing their work experience programmes. Many thanks to the parents and friends who have kindly opened their doors and welcomed pupils into their place of work. The experience teaches pupils valuable skills about working with others, personal organisation, and pride in making a difference. Once they return, pupils will complete full evaluations to review the lessons learnt from this valuable experience.



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FAREHAM AND WATERLOOVILLE DEBATING COMPETITION 2025



Congratulations to Team Portchester – Darcie and Sienna from Year 9 worked with Mrs Budd to present our debate at the Fareham Schools’ Debating Competition 2025. Portchester were awarded third place – Congratulations!

World Book Day – Thursday 6 March 2025

The day was littered with an array of literacy events. A Gothic Book Treasure Hunt had pupils searching the school site to piece together the name of a Gothic novel.



Our Book and Bake sale raised over £160 for pupils to spend on a trip to Waterstones in Fareham to buy new books and resources for the LRC.

This day also saw the launch of our Young Writers’ Competition – Grim Tales. The winners of this short story competition will be sent for selection to be published in a new anthology by a national publisher – Good luck!

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The Faraday visit to Portsmouth University

During March, a team of Key Stage 3 scientists visited Portsmouth University to work on a project aimed at inspiring young people into the world of science and engineering. The team worked on real life problems, exploring solutions and presenting strategies to be shared with pupils from other schools. Thank you, Miss Hope, for leading this group.



THE FARADAY VISIT TO PORTSMOUTH UNIVERSITY – K HOPE

The pupils had a fantastic and engaging day, working collaboratively to tackle real-world STEM challenges. Throughout the day, they developed key skills such as teamwork, communication, and critical thinking. It was inspiring to see them take on roles, share ideas, and adapt their designs based on testing and feedback. The challenge also gave them a valuable insight into the types of careers available within the fields of science and engineering.

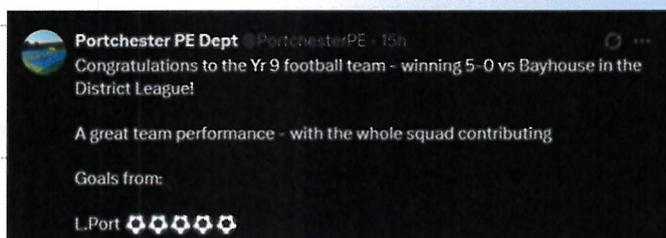
A few sporting highlights from this term. More can be found on the PE X feed @PortchesterPE.



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Key dates for Summer Term (First Half)

Wednesday 23 April	Pompey in the Community Winners Trip to Wembley
Sunday 27 April	Goodwood Trip – Green Power
Monday 28 April	GCSE Art exams all day/House Assembly week
Friday 2 May	SMSC session Period 5
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 7 May	PTA Meeting – 6.30 pm
Thursday 8 May	VE Day activities – whole school/HPV assembly by Immunisation Team
Friday 16 May	Governors’ Finance Meeting
Saturday 17 May	PTA Preloved Uniform Sale/Coffee Morning – 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Monday 19 May	Year 10/Year 9 Summative Reports go home
Tuesday 20 May	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 21 May	Year 10 Parents’ Evening – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Friday 23 May	Vaccinations/Half Term break starts at 3.10 pm

Wishing you a peaceful Easter break. Term starts again on Tuesday 22 April 2025.

Yours sincerely

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