



RC/JAE

25 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been an extremely busy term for all members of our school community, especially Year 11 pupils who have been busy securing a range of Post 16 offers ready for confirmation in August after they receive their final GCSE outcomes. Mock exams are well underway, and pupils should receive feedback before their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 27 November.

**Reminder: Wednesday 27 November is also an INSET Day for school staff and, therefore, the school will not be open to pupils until 3.30 pm for sporting fixtures, and 4.00 pm for the Year 11 Parents' Evening.**

Following our Ofsted inspection earlier in the year, the Local Authority have completed their annual health check on the school this term. County Inspectors reviewed this year's GCSE outcomes, interviewed School and Subject Leaders, as well as speaking to pupils and visiting lessons. Following the visit, it was agreed that the school would remain a low priority for County support. A summary of the report is detailed below:

**CONFIDENTIAL LLPR Visit Report**

Hampshire County Council

School/Setting: Portchester Community School (4133)  
LA: Hampshire

**Outcomes**

This school exemplifies strong leadership, with senior and middle leadership teams that are highly collaborative and outward looking to the national and county picture. Leaders have implemented robust systems and procedures that ensure effective monitoring and evaluation, fostering continuous improvement. Leadership capacity is strong at all levels, reflecting a commitment to maintaining high standards in line with the school's vision. Consequently, the school is a low priority for Local Authority support.

Senior and middle leaders have analysed progress data in detail and are rightly proud of 2024 outcomes. The basics 'standard' is 59.8% which is up on 2023 data. Further success can be seen in English where 72% of pupils achieved 4+ and in mathematics where 69% secured grade 4+. The DHT shared the significant improvements in subjects such as media, history and design technology alongside the achievement of pupils with education, health and care plans (EHCPs) and those in receipt of pupil premium.

School Report dated November 2024

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a selection of pictures taken from the recent school production of Footloose. Mr Webb and Mrs Budd were amazing in organising a very talented team of actors, musicians and dancers to produce such a fantastic production – congratulations!

**Reminder: Aerosols are banned from school**

There have been several 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 are bringing deodorant to school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this situation.



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**Attendance:** A key focus for the whole school this term is attendance. Pupils have received assemblies and tutor sessions about the value of attending school as frequently as possible. The impact of poor attendance can be highly detrimental to securing positive outcomes from school. Much of the information has focused on the positives of high attendance, such as: having a greater sense of belonging through regular contact with other pupils, active participation in great lessons and extra-curricular activities, as well as earning House points for your team. The House Challenge for this Half Term will measure and celebrate improved attendance and sustained high attendance with rewards and merits.

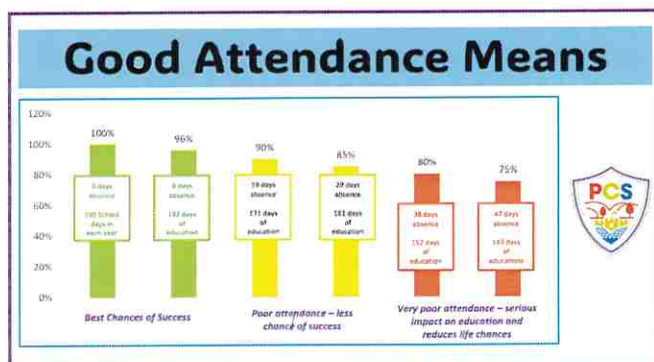
### Attendance House Challenge

1. Find out your attendance figure for last term
2. Be in every time you can, even if you feel a little under the weather
3. Earn 5 house merits by improving your attendance by 5%
4. Earn 5 house merits by having an attendance figure of over 95% for the half term

By being in school:

- Your chances of academic success increases
- You get to spend more time with your peers
- You get to learn more and experience new things
- Your house benefits!










### End of Term





Pupil Leaders have requested a Christmas themed non-uniform day on the last day of this term. Each pupil will be asked to donate a £1.00 contribution to their House Charity for the Christmas themed non-uniform day. Hopefully, this will kickstart the charity fundraising pots ready for a busy year of fundraising in 2025.

Each House has launched its new motto and its chosen charity. The House information is detailed below:



## HOUSE MOTTOS AND CHARITIES 2024/25



	<p><b>Inspiring excellence, building futures.</b></p>	 <p><b>CANCER RESEARCH UK</b></p>
	<p><b>Fortified by Knowledge, United in Purpose.</b></p>	 <p><b>RNLI Lifeboats 200</b></p>
	<p><b>Seize Opportunities, Learn from Experience, Nurture Talent</b></p>	 <p><b>Sophie's LEGACY</b></p>

Term ends on Friday 20 December 2024 at 1.40 pm. Hot lunches will be available first break for all pupils.



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Highlights from this term include:



THE FOOTLOOSE BAND!



**REMEMBRANCE 11/11/11 2024 AT PCS**

The whole school came together to remember those who had sacrificed their lives so that we can live in freedom in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain.

**Fareham & Waterlooville APPRENTICESHIPS SKILLS & JOBS FAIR**  
 For young people aged 16-25 & Homeless aged 18 and over

15 pupils from Portchester attended for the morning – they found a wealth of information to support their post-16 planning.

Friday 22 November 10am-5pm

Partners: NAVS, BARCLAYS, SAFFRAN, South Hampshire MP J. Tony Blair MP, Fareham & Waterlooville

**TRIP TO PARLIAMENT – FOR THE FAREHAM DEBATING COMPETITION WINNERS**

**House Challenge**  
 Best design will win points for your house!



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**Key dates towards the end of term and into 2025:**

Tuesday 26 November	Stranger Things Theatre Trip
Wednesday 27 November	INSET Day 3/Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28 November	Governor Monitoring
Wednesday 4 December	Ex Year 11 Certificate Evening
Thursday 5 December	Year 10 Drama Performance Evening
Friday 6 December	Year 11 Art Mock (Option B)
Tuesday 10 December	Year 11 Art Mock (Option D)
	Geography Inspector in school
Tuesday 17 December	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Concert
Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Festive non-uniform day
	1.40 pm school closes for pupils
Monday 6 January	Spring Term starts from 8.45 am for all pupils

Yours sincerely

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