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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 Students

Year 7 Tutor Meetings

It seems very strange sending a letter home to you about something other than the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II. As a country, and in school, we will all be feeling a huge loss and we will be taking time out in the days ahead to mourn, pay respect and celebrate her incredible reign.

It has now been a whole week that your child has completed as a Year 7 student here at Portchester Community School. I have been so very impressed with the cohort and how they have settled in. It has been a real pleasure to speak to so many of them and engage in conversation about their learning at the very start of their secondary school journey. It is also incredible to learn how many of this cohort have brothers or sisters in different year groups.

Today, I had the pleasure of seeing the whole year group in the hall as they participated in an assembly. I must say how smart they all looked and how attentive they all were. Thank you for supporting us in providing your child with their uniform, you would be so proud of your child if you were standing where I was this morning.

On **Wednesday 14 or Wednesday 21 September**, there is an opportunity for you to book and meet your child's tutor for a 10-minute meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to share any general information or find out anything that you may wish to know. The tutor should always be your first point of contact and they will be able to support any questions that you may have. In recent years, this short meeting has worked well in starting dialogue, that in many cases will last the entirety of your child's 5-year journey. We try to ensure that the tutor stays with the tutor group so that a strong relationship can support your child during their secondary education.

You will be able to book one 10-minute meeting slot on either Wednesday if you wish to do so. The meetings will take place face-to-face and in school. Mrs Tonks will email and share information about how to book your meeting slot. Meetings will be booked using an online booking system in the same way that all future Parents' Evenings will be booked.

As a school, we look forward to welcoming you onto the school site and making you feel part of our school community.

Yours sincerely


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