



RC/JAE

1 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back from the half term break. The weather has clearly taken a turn for the worst and winter is fast approaching. Can I please ask that you ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat to protect them from the winter chills. Attendance from the start of term has been strong across all year groups – above National average. Please remember not to book any holidays during the term time and call school if your child is poorly – your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Most pupils have been very busy gathering rewards in the form of merits. Year 7 are storming ahead with over 16,000 merits already banked so far this year – congratulations!

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	16236
Year 8	12342
Year 9	11150
Year 10	10348
Year 11	9604

This half term has started well with Year 11 pupils engaging with their first round of GCSE mock examinations. Last half term saw the start of their new Subject Enhancement sessions after school each day - pupils have a bespoke timetable of additional sessions to support GCSE readiness. Attendance at these sessions is crucial to gain additional insight into each subject area. Initial feedback from Year 11 pupils has been very positive and they have appreciated the additional support. Their GCSE mock timetable is on the school website.

We have also received very positive news regarding the destinations of last year's Year 11 pupils – a significant number of them have now settled into college places, training programmes and apprenticeships. We are planning a Certificate and Awards Evening for them on Wednesday 13 December 2023.

I reported at the end of the last academic year on the success of our Personal Development provision – participation rates peaked at 93%. This academic year has started well with a huge uptake for our Sports and Arts opportunities. Many of our recent matches and events are reported on the school Twitter accounts - @PCSInformation and @PortchesterPE. Some of the highlights are shared at the end of this newsletter. Attendance to clubs, trips and events is already well over 60% of the school pupil population. Key events have included the highly successful 'Summer School' with over 65% of our new Year 7 pupils attending, and our Post 16 planning evening with over 80% of both Year 10 and Year 11 attending.

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We also start this academic year with a new Chair of Governors – Mrs Janet Pearce has taken up the role of Chair of Governors from September 2023. She was co-chair with Mrs Margaret Hooper for a short period before this. Mrs Pearce is no stranger to the school. Some of you may remember her as the Head of English here at Portchester Community School before leaving to take up a role as a Senior Inspector within Ofsted. Mrs Pearce brings a wealth of experience and insight into our strong Governing Body. As with any changing of the academic year, some members of the Governing Body leave when their children leave school and create vacancies on the board. There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor and your support would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested and would like an informal discussion regarding the role of Governor, Mrs Pearce or I would be happy to meet you. Please contact our Clerk via email if interested - clerk.governors@portchester.hants.sch.uk



We welcome a new catering team with week – Caterlink are our new providers. They have a very positive reputation across Hampshire for providing high quality food at reasonable prices.

Initial pupil feedback has been very positive about the new range of main meals on offer, and the new drinks range.

The cashless system for catering has remained unchanged.

Parking/safety – thank you to the vast majority of parents and family members who come to school to pick up pupils, especially when the weather is wet and windy at the end of the day. The car park and surrounding roads are very busy. Please ensure that all drivers keep to the speed limit of 5 miles per hour as a maximum in the car park, and all drivers please respect the zigzags and double yellow lines at the front of the school. These regulations are in place to keep the pupils safe and need to be respected please. Thank you in advance of your support.

Day	Break	Lunch	After School (3.15 - 4.15pm)
Monday	Year 7 Computers (for homework) – Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Social and Games Club – Mrs Kingston and Mrs Davis, Year 7 in IT2. Forces Club – Mrs Sharp, Mrs Richards and Miss Jones (Week 2) in ES. Senior Student Leaders Meeting – Mrs Grew in H6. Year 7 Computers (for homework) – Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Further Maths – Mr Castle, Year 10 and 11 in M1. Green Power Engineers – Mr Lumb, Mr Lakin and Mr Walton in T3. Dance Live – Mrs Budd and Mr Webb in the Studio. Homework Club – LSA's in the LRC.
Tuesday	Year 8 Computers (for homework) – Mrs Norton in the LRC. LOSTQ – Mrs Ford (Week 1) in PE1.	Board Games Club – Mrs Fuller, Mrs Doncaster and Mr Ateni in the LRC. Legs Club – Science Team in S6.	'Wanna Talk' – Mrs Mudge in Year 11 Hub. Homework Club – LSA's in the LRC.
Wednesday	Wellbeing Wednesdays (colouring, puzzles, craft & chess) – Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Wellbeing Wednesdays (colouring, puzzles, craft & chess) – Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Homework Club – LSA's in the LRC.
Thursday	'Books and Biscuits' – Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Newspaper Club – Mrs Richards (Week 2) in ES. Year 9 & 10 Computers (for homework) – Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Homework Club – LSA's in the LRC.
Friday	Fun Fridays (board games & computer games) Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Origami Club – Mrs Touray in M4. Booklet Spanish – Mrs Sharp in M11. Fun Fridays (board games & computer games) Mrs Norton in the LRC.	Triple Science Club – Mrs Hodgson in S5. Dance Live – Mrs Budd and Mr Webb in the Studio. Homework Club – LSA's in the LRC.

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Highlights for our first half term of this academic year – 2023/24



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22 September 2023

* Newsletter to parents

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back from the summer break. I hope you and your family had a peaceful time enjoying the sunshine and time together.

We return to school celebrating some really great GCSE results. Highlights include:

- K Bone - 1x grade 9, 6x grade 8, 1x grade 7
- D Aldrubi - 1x grade 9, 1x grade 8, 3x grade 7, 2x grade 6
- O Bartlett - 1x grade 9, 2x grade 7, 2x grade 6, 4x grade 5
- D Warner - 1x grade 9, 2x grade 8, 5x grade 7, 3x grade 6

Students demonstrating the greatest progression from Key Stage 2 include:

- A Green
- R Osborne
- M Mackie
- J Pugh
- E Stafford

Key subject strengths include:

Drama, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Language PE and Music.

The Year 11 students will return in November to collect their formal certificates. In the meantime, we wish them every success for the future. We are really proud of their achievements.

SMSC

Summer School Day 1



Portchester Community School
Summer School Information
Monday 21st August – Wednesday 23rd August
2023.



Site updates –

Based in the Year 11 Hub are;

- Mr Toone – AHT
- Year 11 Pastoral Team
- Alternative Provision manager.

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An amazing evening – thank you for the great team effort!! Tours continue this week.

Tours will be available the week following the Open Evening – by appointment only.

**Portchester Community School
Open Evening
Thursday 5th October 2023**

Headteacher's welcome at 6pm
Tours available 5pm and



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Formula 1 trip to Williams



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Joined July 2012



Portchester PE Dept @PortchesterPE · 20h
Well done to the Year 10 football team who maintained their 100% win record in today's league match.

Goals were scored by K.Kircher (3), S.Carr (2) & B. Fennemore



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Well done to our Year 7/8 Girls Football team - who won their first league game of the season 5-1 vs Crofton!

A great team performance with goals from S.Regan (4) & S.Coles



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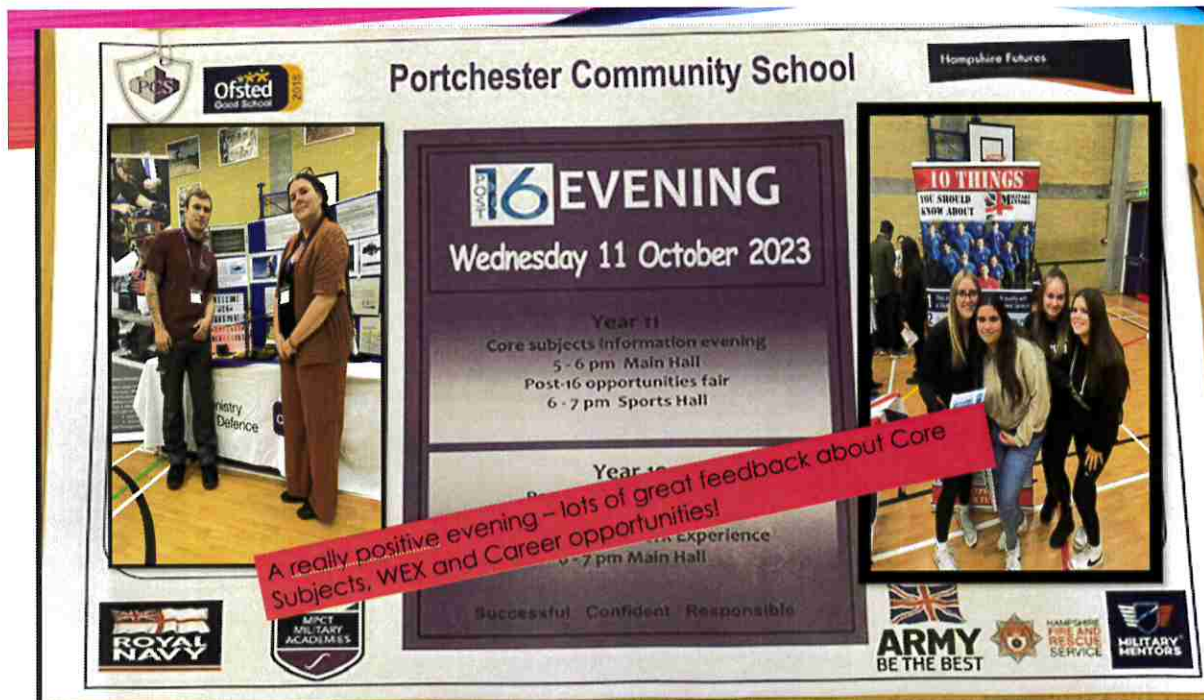
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Key dates for this half term:

- From Tuesday 31 October 2023 – Year 11 mock examinations start – more information on the school website.
- Saturday 11 November – Remembrance Parade - Portchester Precinct.
- Monday 13 November – Year 7 and Year 8 Summative Reports go home to parents.
- Monday 27 November – Year 11 Reports home.
- Tuesday 28 November – Governing Body Meeting.
- Wednesday 29 November – Year 11 Parents' Evening.
- Monday 11 December - PTA Meeting (Christmas Special)/Year 11 Art mock examination.
- Tuesday 12 December – Governing Body Meeting/Year 11 Art mock examination.
- Wednesday 13 December – GCSE Certificate Evening.
- Friday 15 December - Last day of term. School closes at 1.40 pm.

Thank you for your sustained support. More information about this half term is available from the school website.

Yours sincerely


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