

RC/JAE 22 September 2023

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.

The new academic year is now well underway, and I am really pleased that we are continuing to return to organising some of our more traditional school events. Several of these events are coming up very soon in the school diary.

Thursday 5 October 2023 - Open Evening

The school will close to pupils at 1.40 pm on this day as we prepare the site to welcome our local Year 5 and Year 6 students and their parents. Pupils requiring a school meal will need to get it at first break from the school canteen. Tours will be available from 5.00 pm at both reception areas. The Headteacher's welcome is at 6.00 pm in the Main Hall with contributions from our Student Leaders and Transition Co-ordinators. Tours will start



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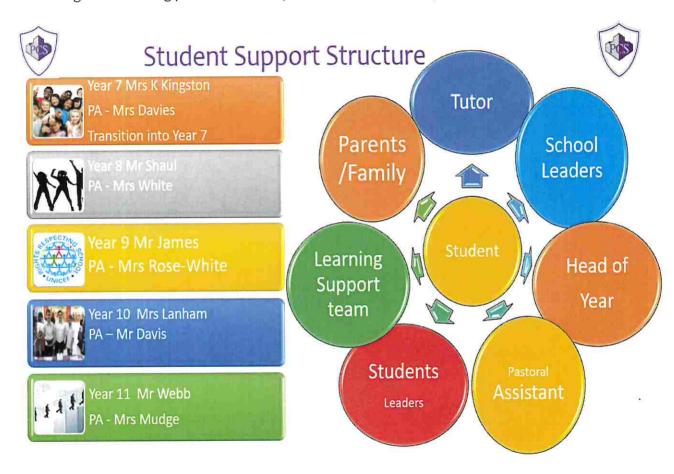
again at 7.00 pm. All welcome. More bespoke tours are being offered the following week through booking at reception or via email.

Friday 6 October 2023 - Training Day 1

Following the Open Evening, we will be having our first training day of the academic year. Therefore, school will be closed to all students except those invited in for specific mentoring or tutoring activities.

Wednesday 11 October 2023 - Key Stage 4 Post 16 Information Evening

As part of our wider careers information advice and guidance programme, this evening is aimed at supporting students in Years 10 and 11 with informed choices about their next career steps. Year 11 students and parents will have a curriculum presentation from 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm in the Main Hall, followed by an opportunity to speak to providers, including the Armed Forces, in the Sports Hall. Year 10 students and parents are invited to visit the colleges and training providers in the Sports Hall between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm.





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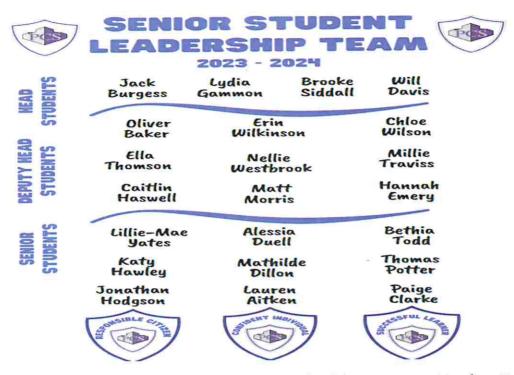








Please see below for details about our new Student Leadership Team:



Over the summer holiday, we ran a really successful Summer School to support transition from Year 6 into Year 7. Over 80 students attended and benefitted from visits to Fort Nelson, t-shirt printing, team building, food technology, treasure hunts, beach cleans and many other fun activities.



The Summer School has set the Year 7 groups up for a really positive start to term. Our new Year 7 cohort will be our largest year group in school and will be guided by our Head of Year 7, Mrs Kingston.



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We also welcome a wealth of new staff to our team:

Start of term 2023/24 Welcome new members to the Portchester team!

Starters English Teacher and Library/Literacy Lead Mrs E Norton Computer Science Teacher Mrs M Morley Music Teacher (Part-time) Mr A Booth Alternative Provision Co-ordinator **Miss H Towers** Pastoral Assistant Mr L Davis Mrs K Munns Learning Support Assistant Learning Support Assistant (Specialist) Mrs F Rahman Learning Support Assistant Mrs N Shepherd Pastoral Assistant Mrs N Rose-White

Cover Supervisor

Key dates for this Half Term

SMSC

Friday 22 September – Year 11 Geography Field Trips start

Miss M Hoffmann

Saturday 23 September – PTA Coffee Morning/Preloved Uniform Sale in the Conference Room

Thursday 28 September – Autumn Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5 October – Open Evening for Year 6/Year 5 pupils and parents (please see attached poster)

Friday 6 October - Training Day 1

Monday 9 October - Year 6 tours begin

Wednesday 11 October – Year 11/Year 10 Post 16 Information Evening (please see attached poster)

Monday 16 October – PTA AGM in the Conference Room

Friday 20 October (3.10 pm) - Half Term starts

Monday 30 October - School reopens for all students

For more rapid updates on school life, please check our website and two Twitter feeds, especially the PE feed for some great sporting updates:

- @PCSInformation
- @PortchesterPE

Thank you for your sustained support.

Yours sincerely

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Portchester Community School Open Evening Thursday 5th October 2023

Headteacher's welcome at 6pm Tours available 5pm and 7pm





We also invite families to book a tour during the school day. Tours will be available from Monday 9th October. Please contact the office to book your tour.

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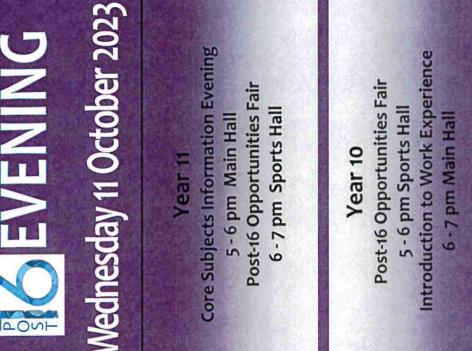












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