

RC/JAE 27 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The new academic year is now well underway, and I am really pleased that we are beginning 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 6 October 2022 - Open Evening

The school will close to students 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. Students 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 again at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

Friday 7 October 2022 - Training Day 2

Following the Open Evening, we will be having our second 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 12 October 2022 - 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.

Year 11 Geographers are on the Swanage fieldtrip from Friday 30 September 2022 – Sunday 2 October 2022.

Year 10 Art students are visiting Pallant House Gallery on Wednesday 5 October 2022 and Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Year 11 Historians are on the London History trip on Friday 21 October 2022 and Saturday 22 October 2022.

It is great to see many of our traditional events returning to schools, however, there is still a risk of catching COVID within our community. As part of the Government's 'Living with COVID' strategy, testing is no longer required. If individuals feel poorly, they are to remain away from school until they are free of a high temperature and are well enough to return. We are still expecting everyone to keep up with high standards of cleanliness and hygiene and to be respectful to those who choose to wear a facial covering.



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Uniform - Trial Period

Thank you for your continued support of the 'PE Kit' trial period. Most students seem happy with the changes. We will be completing an evaluation of this trial period to see if this continues. We are also in the process of a wider review of uniform and related costs. While our current view is on logo'd blazers, ties and PE uniform, items such as school jumpers are not compulsory. White shirts/blouses and grey skirts/trousers are available from a wide range of supermarkets at reasonable prices.

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

Mr R Carlyle

Headteacher





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Portchester Community School Open Evening Thursday 6th October

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



We look forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 students and their families to our Open Evening

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CONNECT and MOMENTUM invite you to an informative evening with the



COAST GUARDS



on Friday 30 September at 5.30pm onwards

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Inside and outside demonstrations

Rescue vehicle will be on show

St Mary's Tearoom will be open for those wishing to purchase refreshments