



RC/JAE
9 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your sustained support during a very busy term and a return to many 'pre-COVID' activities. It has been great to see so many of you at events, such as our recent Year 11 Parents' Evening, and Post 16 event. A good number of you have also been into school to support the Drama and Music assessment evenings that are a crucial part of the Arts curriculum. Our production, 'School of Rock', was a key highlight of this term.

As usual, our December newsletter is headed with this year's Christmas card. This year, our Head of Art, Mr Grant, has provided an outstanding image incorporating the school logo with festive symbols of peace and goodwill to everyone.

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 16 December 2022

Our Student Leaders have asked if we could end the term with a 'Charity Christmas Jumper Day'. This will take place on the last day of term – Friday 16 December 2022. Students are asked to pay their £1 donation either through the school bank on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week or pay online.

The Year Group totals will be collected by the Finance Team and allocated to the Year Group charities in the New Year. Staff are also encouraged to participate and donate to support their Year Team's charities.

On the last day of term, lessons will run for Periods 1 and 2 as normal. Period 3 will be a Key Stage 3 assembly and Key Stage 4 tutor based festive quiz. Period 4 will be a Key Stage 4 assembly and a Key Stage 3 tutor based festive quiz.

The school day for students will finish at 1.40 pm (hot food will be available during Break 1 only).

Keeping Fit and Healthy

I recently sent out to all parents Local Authority information regarding Group A Streptococcus (GAS) bacteria infections. You will be aware from both local and national media that there is a higher than usual rate of infection at this time. As parents, you have been advised to be vigilant and follow the guidance shared if you have any concerns.

Updates


Please see the school website for local links and information to support families with the recent increases in the cost of living. Christmas Holiday Club information was also sent out to support families. We aim to update

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information to support families as soon as we receive guidance. Most recent information is suggesting that families contact energy providers directly to negotiate 'fairer' fuel charges and reduced direct charges.

To support with uniform costs, we have adapted our policy to allow navy blue v neck jumpers without the school logo. We will be reviewing this again in the New Year.

Key Dates for Next Term

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| Tuesday 3 January 2023 | Term starts for all students |
| Wednesday 11 January 2023 | Year 11 GCSE Certificate Evening (current Year 12) |
| Wednesday 18 January 2023 | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| Friday 20 January 2023 | Years 7, 8 and 9 Annual Flu Vaccinations and Year 9 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations |
| Friday 27 January 2023 | INSET Day 4 |
| Monday 6-Friday 10 February 2023 | Year 11 Mock GCSEs (core subjects) |
| Wednesday 8 February 2023 | Year 9 Parents' Evening |
| Monday 13-Friday 17 February 2023 | Half Term |
| Monday 20-Friday 24 February 2023 | Year 11 Mock GCSEs (options) |
| Wednesday 15 March 2023 | Year 11 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 22 March 2023 | INSET Day 5 |
| Wednesday 29 March 2023 | Year 8 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 29-Thursday 30 March 2023 | Year 8 and catch-up HPV Vaccinations |
| Monday 3-Friday 14 April 2023 | Easter Holiday |

I hope that you and your family have a healthy and peaceful festive break.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Highlights from - @PCSIinformation and @Portchester PE



Portchester Community School @PCSIinformation · 49s
 Year 10 Food Bank Christmas Donation. In partnership with Tesco and Blackbrook Road Autos a huge number of items have been donated to support our local community- thank you! 🎄



Portchester PE Dept @PortchesterPE · 6 Dec
 3,872 Tweets
 Promoted

Huge congratulations to Millie Travis - winner of the Southern England Schools trampolining competition!!



Millie will now progress to the next round - and will represent the Southern England Schools! #Awesome



Portchester Community School @PCSIinformation · 23h
 Thank you to @westendschool for delivering Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth workshops to our Year 11 today as part of their English Literature studies.
 #theatre #shakespeare #fromthepagetothe stage



An amazing last night of 'School of Rock' - huge thank to the cast and crew for a week of fantastic performances! 🎸🎤🎶
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 Remembrance, reverence and respect- Our service today at Portchester Community School. Remembering the fallen- especially the 37 members of our community.
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Geography students on their recent residential trip