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Dear Parents and Carers

As the academic year 2023/24 comes to a close this week, I want to highlight just a few of the key achievements and successes across the year:

- Year 11, with strong parental support and professional school guidance and teaching, are set for a very strong set of GCSE outcomes.
- Year 10 successfully relaunched work experience and gained a wealth of insight and value through engaging with local employers.
- The school launched a brand new House system with three new Houses (Portsdown, Castle and Solent), each with their own identities, which join together to create our new Houses logo.
- Within the House system, a new Sports Day format combined traditional sports with fun inflatables and problem solving tasks. The outcome of the Sports Day was very close in terms of earned points, but the overall winners were Castle House with 4589 points Congratulations! With the Merit tables added to the Sports Day points, our overall House totals look like this:
 - o Portsdown 40,530 1st place.
 - Castle 40,274 2nd place.
 - Solent 40,000 3rd place.
- Congratulations to Portsdown House! A very close race.
- In January 2024, the school was inspected by Ofsted. While the overall grade for the school remained 'Good', we achieved our first 'Outstanding' grade for Personal Development. This 'Outstanding' grade is supported by:
 - Over 95% of Year 7 having engaged in an enrichment programme or event over this academic year.
 - Over 79% of disadvantaged pupils have engaged in enrichment activities, such as sporting or arts events.
 - Over 88% of service pupils have engaged in enrichment activities, such as specialist forces visits and events.
 - O A review of the @PortchesterPE 'X' account highlights significant levels of participation across local and Hampshire events. Successes include: U14 Boys' Basketball District Champions, Year 7/8 Girls' Football District Silver Medallists, Year 7 Boys' Football District Champions and Year 8 Boys' Football District Champions. Outstanding personal achievements for pupils Jack Burgess, Ted Nash, Katy Hawley and Aimee Puttock are detailed in the 'X' feed.
 - Our award for Personal Development recognised the amazing work of the school in achieving the National SMSC Gold Award for the second time. This celebrates the work within and beyond the curriculum on Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural learning.



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This very busy academic year concludes on Tuesday 23 July at 1.40 pm for pupils where we say a sad farewell to a small, but valued group of staff – Ms Haynes (LSA), Miss Dugan (LSA), Mr Reed (PE), Miss Vernon (Media) and Miss Grew (SLT). They are leaving for a range of reasons from retirement, relocation, promotion and career change. We wish them every success for the future.

Please find attached to this final Newsletter:

- o The new Education Secretary setting out her stall.
- o HAF summer activities.
- o Y Services summer activities x2.

Mr Toone wrote to all parents last week outlining expectations in terms of uniform and school readiness for September 2024. Key dates are as follows:

- o Thursday 22 August Year 11 Results Day.
- o Monday 2 September INSET Day 1.
- o Tuesday 3 September Years 7 and 11 only.
- Wednesday 4 September All pupils in school.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful summer break.

Yours sincerely

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The new Education Secretary sets out her stall.

Term-time holiday fines here to stay - Phillipson



Parents should not take their children on term-time holidays and have a responsibility to keep them in school, the new education secretary has told the BBC.

In her first interview in the role Bridget Phillipson said there "will have to be consequences" for parents who fail to do so. She said punishments, like fines, are a "well-established practice" and are "here to stay".

'Honour responsibilities'

Minimum fines, imposed by local authorities, for taking children out of class without permission for five school days <u>will rise</u> from £60 per child to £80 per child from August.

Head teachers have some say over which cases they refer to the council for potential fines. Repeated failure to ensure school attendance can result in a court prosecution, a fine of up to £2,500, a community order and even a jail sentence of up to three months.

Ms Phillipson said it was important that parents "honour our responsibilities". "Children not being in school doesn't just have an impact on those individual children, it means that teachers often have to recover material because children have missed out," she said.

Launching the curriculum review on Friday, Ms Phillipson said all children should have a strong academic foundation in subjects like English and maths, but also have access to music, art, drama and sports.

She said the clubs would contribute to tackling the "really big challenge" of **widespread persistent absence** in schools.

She also promised to carry on the roll-out of the **government-funded childcare hours** promised by the previous government, but said it would be a "tough challenge" to ensure enough places were available and that the workforce was in place to deliver it.



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10 June 2024

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Dear Parents / Carers

Hampshire County Council is now inviting eligible families to sign up to free school holiday clubs over the upcoming summer holidays, as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme.

In a change to the normal approach, for this summer we require all children accessing benefit-related free school meal (FSM) support to be registered with the council ahead of booking and attending schemes. By registering you will receive a unique code that can be used to book places with any of our activity providers. To register use the following link:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register

The HAF programme funds healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive income-based free school meals. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other families who may benefit from a funded place. Please see webpage linked above for specific details.

Please see below details of sites delivering HAF schemes in your local area over the summer holiday period.

Organisation Name	Venue		
Active Me 360	Orchard Lea Junior School, Kennedy Avenue, Fareham, PO15 6BJ		



Director of Children's Services Stuart Ashley

Portchester Community School, White Hart Ln, Portchester, Fareham, PO16 9BD
Wicor Primary School, Hatherley Cres, Portchester, Fareham, PO16 9DL
Castle Primary School, Castle Street, Portchester, PO16 9QQ
Fareham Academy, St Anne's Grove, Fareham, PO14 1JJ
Growing Places Oakmeadow, Tewkesbury Ave, Fareham, PO156LL
Crofton Hammond Infant Schol, Mancroft Avenue, Stubbington, PO14 2DE
Crofton Secondary School, Marks Rd, Fareham, PO14 2AT
Warsash Tennis Club, Recreation Ground, Osborne Road, Warsash, SO31 9GJ
Titchfield Primary School, Southampton Road, Titchfield, Fareham, PO14 4AU
Northern Junior School, Richmond Rise, Portchester, Fareham, PO16 8DG
Genesis Centre, Centre Way, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 6DX

We know that demand will be high so if provision is booked up at a given venue, we would encourage you to check other local alternatives and / or leave your details on a waiting list as there are frequently cancellations.

To find out more about your local HAF schemes please use the following link **Holiday Activities and Food Programme.** Here you can search for activities and contact local providers directly to sign up to schemes. You can also access this webpage using the below QR code.



To find out more about the HAF Programme visit the <u>connect4communities</u> <u>website</u>. For queries please email <u>connect4communities@hants.gov.uk</u> in the first instance.

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Services for Young People

Fridays in August -2/8, 9/8, 16/8 and 30/8

XP YOUTH CENTRE 14 - 17yrs

7.30PM TO 9.30PM Free WiFi Snacks Gaming Meet Music with friends

This summer, XP Chillax offers a safe space to chill, chat, meet friends and use free wifi. Supported by trained youth workers.

For more information email info@yservices.co.uk

XPerience Youth Centre, Trinity St, Fareham, P016 7SJ

JULY/AUGUST



SPECIAL SUMMER SESSIONS

2024

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
	22	23	24 Film Night at Crofton Youth Project - Jnrs 4.30pm, Snrs 6.45pm	Bake It ReGen Youth Club	26	
	Ocean Theme Elson Youth Project Jnrs 3.30pm,Snrs 6pm	Slime EnerGe Youth Club 6pm	Minecraft Night XPerience Youth Club 6.30pm	Smoothie Bike Jubilee Thursdays 3.30pm	2 XP Chillax 14 to 17 yrs 7.30pm - 9.30pm	4
	Lego Competition Elson Youth Project Jnrs 3.30pm,Snrs 6pm	Olympic Games Night Oasis Juniors 6.30pm	7 Badge Making Crofton Youth Project Snrs 6.45pm	Body and Nail Art ReGen Youth Club 6.30pm	7 XP Chillax 14 to 17 yrs 7.30pm - 9.30pm	
YN II	Fruit Kebabs Giant Art Elson Youth Project Jnrs 3.30pm,Snrs 8pm	Inflatables Ener Ge Youth Club 6.30pm	Paint Twister Crofton Youth Project Jnrs 4.30pm	Badge Making Oasis Seniors 6.30pm	16 XP Chillax 14 to 17 yrs 7.30pm - 9.30pm	
	Chocolate Night 19 Elson Youth Project Jnrs 3.30pm,Snrs 6pm	Pizza £1 Night 20 XPerience Youth Club 6.30pm	Mini Olympics 21 XPerience Youth Club 6.30pm	S'mores & 22 Roblox Night Fareham Park 3.45pm	Smoothie and Munch Bar - Nimrod Comm. Centre 6pm - 8pm	
	26	End of Summer Festival XPerience Youth Club 6.30pm	Hair/Nail Art, 28 Glitter Tattoos - Crofton Youth Project - Jnrs 4.30pm, Snrs 6.45pm	29 Summer Finale Sand Art Jubilee Thursdays 3.30pm	30 XP Chillax 14 to 17 yrs 7.30pm - 9.30pm	2

Bike/Scooter Postcoding with the Detached Team

3pm to 4pm (unless otherwise indicated)

Waterlooville - Wecock Skatepark - Wed 31 July - 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Southern Parishes - Swanmore Skatepark - Wed 7 August

Fareham - Park Lane Rec - Tue 13 & 20 August

Gosport - Wed 28 August at

Bridgemary Skatepark at 3pm, Leesland Rec at 4.15pm

Y Services Special Summer Sessions
provide additional activities and
opportunities to young people during
the summer holidays

*Programme subject to change

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