

PORTCHESTER Community School

Year 8 Newsletter February 2023



Themes of the Month

January - Positive Relationships



February - Different types of relationships

In the new term, the theme of month for March will be Diversity

Key Events

Feb 10th – Last Day of Spring Term 1 Feb 20th – First Day of Spring Term 2 March 22nd – INSET Day Mar 29th & 30th – Yr 8 HPV vaccinations

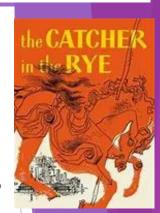
Mar 29th – Year 8 Parents' Evening Mar 31st – Last Day of Spring Term 2

Merits and Attendance

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to support with attendance. In the Autumn Term the attendance was 90.8% overall and has since moved to 93.6%. There are 51 students who have 100% attendance this half-term. I hope you have noticed your child coming home with the new star badges for the numerous merits they have received for their effort, progress and positive behaviour around school. Congratulations to the ten students in Year 8 who have achieved their Blue Star badge already, meaning they have been rewarded with over 500 merits!

What I Read When I Was Younger

Originally intended for adults, it is often read by adolescents for its themes of angst and alienation and as a critique of superficiality in society. The novel also deals with complex issues of innocence, identity, belonging, loss, and depression



Message from Mr James

The term started well with students participating in their SMSC session in relation to future careers.

The students have elected their charity they wish to support this academic year which is Sophie's Legacy. We will be looking to be doing some fundraising in the next half-term via a Bake Sale. Further information will follow but if you could support with the bake sale it would be appreciated.

Please see the Enrichment calendar on the school website for further opportunities in the new term. Mrs Kerens and I are planning on doing a cooking/baking club. It will be after school on a Thursday from 15:15pm to 16:15pm. All ingredients will be provided. So we can run the club as successfully as possible we need to know numbers so we can buy the appropriate amount of ingredients. Space will be limited but if more students show an interest, we will look to run another group so no one misses out.



Students can use the QR code to the left to sign up for the club and note any allergies or dietary issues.