



PORTCHESTER
Community School

Year 8 Newsletter
March 2023

Themes of the Month



April/May– Discrimination

Key Events

1 May – Bank Holiday

6-8 May – Coronation Bank Holiday weekend

May 29th - Half term

Merits and Attendance



Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to support with attendance. In Spring Term 2 the attendance was 92.2%. There are 50 students who have 100% attendance this half-term and we look to celebrate this success by having another celebration breakfast with hot chocolate/tea and biscuits at the start of Summer Term 1. A special shout out to those students who have maintained 100% attendance since September; Tabitha, Mathilde, Taylor-May, Jonathan, Austin, Chloe, Holly and Lenny.

This term there are 6 students who have moved onto the Bronze merit badge for earning over 600 merits. Congratulations to Paige, Matilde, Jonathan, Maxi, Alessia and Katy.

Message From Mr James

This half-term began with several trips out for students in Year 8. One group visited the University of Portsmouth where they took part in a Humanities and Social Science day. Another group of students visited the Portsmouth Guildhall for an Aspiring Leaders Event. At this event students took part in activities developing self esteem and raising aspirations.



The term continues positively with students participating in their SMSC session in relation to thinking about what skills and qualifications they would need for their future careers. This last half-term has featured both girls and boys in the year group representing the school in numerous football matches. The results have not always gone our way but it has great to see the students participating together as a team. A notable mention to Stanley who has led the goal scoring for the boys. Further pictures and results can be found on www.twitter.com/PortchesterPE