



PORTCHESTER  
Community School

## Year 8 Newsletter Christmas 2022



### Themes of the Month

November -  
Understanding The  
Wider World  
December -  
Financial Choices



In the new year, the theme of month for January will be Positive Relationships

### Key Events

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Day of Spring Term 1  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – Vaccinations  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Spring Term 1  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Spring Term 2

### Merits and Attendance

Students have continued to accrue merits at a fantastic pace this half-term. The school has re-vamped the merit process with coloured stars and badges awarded at different tiers. Information will be shared with students in the Celebration Assembly at the end of term but please expect your child to be coming home with numerous badges soon. Attendance has been improving this half-term. Despite the usual bugs that appear this time of year, there were still 38 students who had 100% attendance.

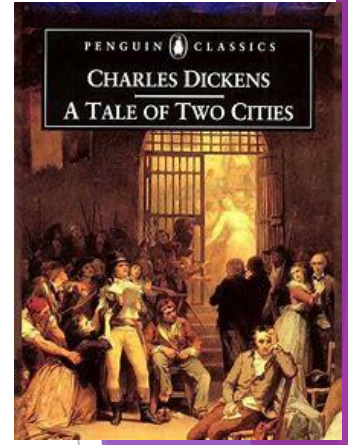
**Successful**

**Confident**

**Responsible**

### What I Read When I Was Younger

I remember reading this book in school. It was one of the books I was happy to read ahead of the class as I was invested in the story. Set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution.



The novel tells the story of the French Doctor Manette, his 18-year-long imprisonment in the Bastille in Paris, and his release to live in London with his daughter Lucie whom he had never met. A literary classic and one I would recommend.

Mr James

### Message From HOY

The term started well with students participating in their SMSC in relation to Perseverance and Resilience. They worked responsibly as teams creating rings out of Pringles..

Students have also taken the opportunity by taking part in extra curriculum clubs and activities. Please see the Enrichment calendar on the school website for further opportunities in the new year. In that regard, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

There will be some changes in the new year as sadly Mrs Druce is retiring. Whilst she has worked with me for many years, she has only been working with the year group since September, However, I know she will be sorely missed by students, parents and teachers alike for all the support she already given this Autumn Term. There will be a new Pastoral Assistant starting in January, Mrs Davis, and I know she is looking forward to the opportunity to continue that support.