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Year 8 ambassadors

Student Leadership Team's Welcome

On behalf of the students at Portchester Community School, we would like to welcome you to our school.

As Head Students we represent all members of the student body and help implement changes to the school that will improve student life for future year groups.

Our school is much more than just five lessons a day. At PCS we offer a wide range of extracurricular activities for the students to help their development. These include: sports clubs, whole school productions, homework clubs, concerts, language clubs and learning to sign. There is something for everyone here at.

Through our connections with local colleges and universities we are given several opportunities to find out further information about post-16 pathways. We also have strong partnerships with many businesses, charities and schools, both in our local area and nationally. These allow us to participate in enrichment trips and assemblies throughout the year.

Our school is fully inclusive of all members of our community. We also have a strong support network around every student to make sure that they feel supported; this includes our learning support department and pastoral teams.

At Portchester Community School we are also given the opportunity to work with students from other countries through the many international exchange projects our school partakes in. These include the Global Teen Summit at the Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma, Washington, and as part of the ERASMUS project that has provided a homestay opportunity and a trip to Poland. Ski trips, a visit to Belgium and a Disneyland trip are planned this year.

"Students benefit significantly from the school's participation in the international Erasmus project. Visits and exchanges to Poland, Italy and the USA are life changing experiences." (Ofsted 2018).

PCS is a safe environment where we can work hard to get the best grades possible whilst also being prepared for the next steps in life, both in post-16 education and the adult world.

We hope to see you soon.

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Headteacher's Welcome

Choosing the right secondary school for your child is critical in securing their future success. Secondary education provides the firm foundation for a successful career and fulfilment in adult life. The overwhelming majority of students from Portchester Community School go on to profitable Post 16 activities.

This year, we celebrate our 80th year of serving the local community. The school archive records the then Headteacher, Mr Edward Harman, opening a new chapter of education in Portchester in 1939. Many things have changed since that time and the school continues to grow and improve.

Our vision for achieving success is very simple and is the centre piece of our student assessment framework. It is that all staff will work to the best of our ability to ensure that every child becomes:

- Successful – in achieving high academic and moral standards.
- Confident – in finding their voice through informed study, wider reading and challenging debate.
- Responsible – by deepening their understanding of British Values, fair play and equality.

Our school benefits significantly from its partnerships with local primary and secondary schools, Hampshire County Council, Universities from Chichester to Southampton and local businesses and community groups.

I am extremely proud to be Headteacher of this great school. This greatness is found in the professionalism, talent, care and energy of the staff who work tirelessly for the students in our care.



"The school's citizenship and religious education curriculum is well thought out and helps pupils to learn about life in modern Britain." (Ofsted 2018).

We are a very open school and welcome calls and visits from prospective students and their families. Please call the school for an appointment.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Mr Richard Carlyle
Headteacher
Portchester Community School



What the important people are saying about Portchester Community School

- 'I am proud of my achievements in my GCSEs and my grade 9 in Mathematics was amazing'
Former Year 11 Student
- 'The headteacher and leaders at all levels are unswerving in their commitment to improve the life chances of all pupils at the school'
Ofsted 2018
- 'I felt very well prepared for my GCSE exams, I attended extra support sessions and my mentor supported me to do my very best'
Former Year 11 Student
- 'My significant memories from my time at PCS are all the trips and extra curricula opportunities I have been involved in'
Former Year 11 Student
- 'I have received rewards and encouragement which show me my hard work is paying off'
Year 10 Student
- 'The taught curriculum is enhanced by a wide range of extra-curricular activities which support pupils' sporting, artistic, musical, creative and academic development'
Ofsted 2018
- 'Playing for the school football team at Fratton Park is was a dream come true'
Year 11 Student
- 'We had visits in Primary school and taster days, I felt like I knew the school before I came here'
Current Year 7 Student
- 'We have tutor time everyday, my tutor knows me well and regularly talks to my parents about how I am doing'
Year 8 Student
- 'I've had a careers interview, completed my work experience and been out to visit our local day-care centre this helps me think about my future choices'
Year 10 Student
- 'Visiting local colleges and universities has given me a good idea about my future opportunities'
Year 11 Student

"The school has made considerable improvements in a short space of time" – Ofsted 2018



Principles

Here at Portchester Community School, we have a clear set of principles that underpin our actions.

They are:

- High quality learning is standard practice.
- Investment in traditional and creative subjects.
- All students can achieve with determination and hard work.
- We accept nothing less than good behaviour.
- We nurture creativity.
- We aim to serve the community well.

Expectations

Our clear and simple expectations are that all students:

- Show self-respect and respect for others.
- Attend school every day and on time.
- Arrive fully equipped, with a positive attitude to learning.
- Read every day and exercise regularly.
- Contribute positively to the smooth running of the school.



"Careers education and guidance are a strength of the school and are very well led and managed" – Ofsted 2018

Driving Academic Progress Nurturing the individual

Curriculum

- **Building successful futures through a knowledge-based curriculum.**
- **Nurturing individual talents and providing a chance to shine.**

Our broad and balanced Key Stage Three curriculum builds on the foundation skills and knowledge taught at Key Stage Two.

We believe that it is essential that all students continue to have creative and inspiring curriculum experiences in all subject disciplines, especially Modern Foreign Languages, the Arts and all Technologies before selecting their Key Stage Four options at the end of Year 8.

Our options process offers a wide range of accredited qualifications to support Post 16 destinations. The school has an impressive track record of securing profitable Post 16 opportunities in further education, training and employment.

Students are frequently invited back to the school to share their experiences of local colleges and plans for university studies and beyond.

Building 'Character'

Beyond the formal curriculum, there is a wealth of opportunity to develop essential skills for success in adult life:

- Our Faith and Football project, delivered in partnership with Portsmouth Football Club, provides a unique



experience of developing enterprise skills within a clear ethical framework. Teams from Portchester Community School have a proven track-record of success with this project.

- Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition programme gives our children a taste of the open countryside while improving their practical problem solving and effective communication skills.
- Each year group spends time selecting then raising funds for their chosen charity. Children experience 'empathy and action' to focus their moral compass on supporting others through positive actions.
- The Maths Challenge provides an opportunity to formally compete against local schools. This has a proven track record of success in sharpening competitiveness, quick thinking and mathematical accuracy.

Knowing Every Child

Ofsted 2018 highlighted the very positive professional working relationships between staff and students. We pride ourselves on clear and positive communication with students and parents that nurtures a culture of mutual respect and commitment to success.

Pastoral Support

Every student is supported by their Head of Year and their Pastoral Assistant but the closest relationship is with the tutor. They are first port of call for parents and carers and they will get to know your child well.

Your child's tutor will monitor and support both academic and pastoral development and will communicate with you any successes or concerns flagged-up through regular monitoring and reporting.

Additional support, such as counselling and emotional support, can be provided by the pastoral team.





Students with specific learning or physical needs may be assigned an additional adult to support inclusion and progress. Our view is that all lessons will be inclusive for all children.

Celebrating Success

Rewarding continued effort and achievement.

All children participate in the school's reward system. This system is detailed in the student organiser and provides a platform for recognising key areas of student work, such as: special achievements, consistent effort and resilience and strong progress.

Rewards are tracked and distributed throughout the academic year. Student Leaders have been central to implementing this new system in deciding the nature of the rewards received.

Home/School Partnerships

There is a very clear link between the strength of the relationship between students' families and the school and the quality of success for the child. The stronger the link, the more likely the student is to succeed.

We work in partnership with parents to explain students' work, provide regular assessment information, problem solve and plan positive futures.

We also have a very active Parent Forum group that meets regularly with school leaders to support improving provision for our children.

"Student leadership really makes a difference to the school" – Year 10 student.

"Playing a lead role in the school production really boosted my confidence" – Year 9 student.

Learning beyond the classroom



All staff understand the value of 'real' experiences to enhance the value of learning.

Lower school have benefited from our local camping experience. For many, this is the first time away from home and helps develop these valuable qualities: independence, resilience and appreciation.

International visits to Poland, Germany and France extended students' understanding and experience of other cultures and customs.

We offer a wide range of extra curricula opportunities including the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Expeditions are a regular feature of our school calendar supported by our PTA and a dedicated team of staff who lead students to new adventures.

Our partner school in America, The Charles Wright Academy, hosts a Model United Nations Conference every other year. Students from Portchester have represented the United Kingdom in the last two conferences and have returned



charged with new ideas, informed views and unique experiences.

The school actively participates in providing students with a wealth of opportunities. These include visits to specialised facilities at local colleges, such as CEMAST, and Fareham College and extending their knowledge and understanding through subject based activities at the Universities of Portsmouth, Southampton and Chichester.



*"The school has a strong inclusive and community focused ethos"
– Ofsted 2018*

"Governors have a wide range of skills from a variety of backgrounds" – Ofsted 2018

Student Leadership

Elected Student Leaders drive the school improvement plan through wide consultation, regular briefings to year groups and participation in events beyond the school.

Our Student Leaders support the induction of new students to school, visit our local primary schools to support Year 6 transition to secondary schools, represent the school at local and national events and inform policy making to drive challenge and improvement.

Our wider Student Leadership team also support the publication of the school newsletter, inform tweets on Twitter and support paired reading in Key Stage Three.

Sports and the Arts flourish within and beyond the curriculum

Anybody that has accessed our PE Twitter feed will be fully aware of the wealth of sports opportunities open to all students. Activities range from trampolining club, wheelchair basketball, competing in County Athletics events to supporting National Sporting occasions such as the Olympic Games and World Athletic Championships.

The Arts continue to be amongst the highest performing GCSE subjects in the school as well as providing an innovative programme of extra-curricular activities. Our annual Cluster Arts Festival, a celebration of music and song from across our family of primary schools and our annual production are key highlights in the school calendar.

Our Art department plays an instrumental role in the school's contribution to the annual Portchester Gala and cycle of Primary Arts Workshops to share Arts expertise and spark children's creativity.

There is also a wide choice of extra-curricular activities to choose from including:

- Active links and exchanges with schools in America and The Netherlands.
- Homework Club
- Dance
- Drama
- Music Tuition
- ICT
- Media
- Theatre Trips
- Field Trips
- Sailing
- Maths
- Creative Writing
- Football
- Netball
- Cross Country



- Cricket
- Hockey
- Softball
- Rounders
- Basketball
- Trampolining
- Tennis
- Athletics
- Rugby
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Debating Team



Portchester Community within Portchester School

Our school is proud of it's place within the community and works hard to serve the community well.

We have, on the school site, a nursery and preschool provision – both recently inspected by Ofsted (May 2018) and awarded at least 'Good' across all standards. Further information is on the school website.

From 5.00 pm every day, the school becomes a full community provision. 'Adult Education' provides a full curriculum offer for the community to support enjoyable lifelong learning. Independent courses are also provided across the Arts and Technologies to secure effective use of the school facilities.

Private hirers provide a diversity to provision that enriches the overall offer to the community.

The school also benefits from strong links with Portchester Castle, the local churches and many voluntary groups.

Full details can be found on the school website.
www.portchester.hants.sch.uk



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*"My child did extremely well at Portchester Community School thanks to high quality teaching and great pastoral support"
– Parent of a former Year 11 student*







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for 80 years.

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