



PORTCHESTER
Community School

Year 11 Newsletter
December 2023



*Learning, Revision, Assessment, Feedback,
Acting on Feedback will be the 'passport to
progress' every year 11 pupil needs*

**With less than 30 school days until February 2024
half term. Make every day count, helping all
pupils get the best grades possible**

Key Events

Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – First Day of Term
PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS – Monday 5th
February until Friday 23rd February

SUBJECT ENHANCEMENT SESSIONS

After the results have been analysed from the recent assessments, the timetable for each pupil will be changed to reflect any need that is required. Each pupil will therefore receive a personalised copy of their new timetable shortly. It is worth noting that it might be necessary to stay longer on approach to final GCSEs

MENTORING

Mentoring is continuing throughout the year. Pupils should now be beginning to apply for post 16 courses/ apprenticeship.

Further support/ News/ Post 16 information:

Further guidance support your child is available on the PCS website relating to

- Assessments
- College applications
- Careers on - [Careers Information](http://portchester.hants.sch.uk) (portchester.hants.sch.uk)

EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE

At the parent event there was some information about OFQUAL regulations that pupils must be aware of for their Summer 2024 GCSE examinations. Namely:

sharing answers/ impersonation/ swapping scripts/ inappropriate use of artificial intelligence (AI) in non-exam assessments / smuggling information or taking mobile phones and communication devices into exam halls

To be clear, you must not wear a watch in the exam or take a mobile phone into the exam hall with you.

All work submitted as part of exams and assessments must be your own work; submitting any work that is not your own is malpractice.

You may see websites or individuals offering leaked exam papers or other assessment materials in advance of your exams or assessments. Do not look at any papers or materials offered in this way. They are probably fake and awarding organisations investigate any attempt to breach assessment and exam paper security. If there is any evidence that you have engaged with leaked papers you could face sanctions, including disqualification from the qualification.

Pupils who cheat or commit malpractice face serious sanctions, including being disqualified from all qualifications offered by an awarding organisation.

Message From Mr Webb & Mrs Mudge

Thank you for all that attended the Year 11 Parent event – it was great to see you all.

Just a reminder that all pupils can purchase the revision guides. If pupils have not already done so, please remind them that Mr Carlyle has given each pupil £15. These guides have been selected by subject leaders to be appropriate for the course and specification. Hence getting these guides, is the best route to effective revision at home and consequently best progress.

As of the 15th December – Please note there are 77 school days until the first GCSE examination.

PROM UPDATE

Congratulations to those that already have their 'Golden Ticket', their 'Passport to the Prom'. We regard attendance at Prom is a privilege, which is earned by good conduct, good attendance to lessons and subject enhancement sessions. Pupils will be informed if they are on track to attend, by the end of 2023.

Successful

Confident

Responsible