



Year 7 Newsletter
Summer 2024

Key Events

July 18th – Sports Day
July 23rd – Last Day of Term (school closes at 1.40 pm)
September 3rd – Years 7 and 11 only start AU1
September 4th – Years 8, 9 and 10 return to start AU1

Message From Mrs Kingston

What a fantastic first year at Portchester Community School it has been for our Year 7s. Having recently welcomed the Year 6s to their Transition Day, it is hard to believe this was your child a year ago. There has been many successes this year; getting used to a new school, fulfilling sporting fixtures and competing against the local schools, dissecting eyeballs in Science, having the opportunity to go sailing, just to name a few. The commitment to Enrichment has been exceptional, some pupils in Year 7 have attended 40+ clubs this academic year. As we move into next academic year, I am delighted to announce that Mr Webb and Mrs Mudge will be taking the reins. I have no doubt that your child is in capable hands for the next four years. In Year 8, the pupils will continue to consolidate knowledge and build on what they have learnt in Year 7 as well as continuing to have opportunities to experience the curriculum outside of the classroom. It has been a pleasure leading this year group and I am so proud of how they have settled into life here at Portchester Community School. Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

Message from Mr Webb and Mrs Mudge

As a pastoral team, Mrs Mudge and I have just completed the GCSE examinations with Year 11, having worked with this cohort for a number of years. Now, our attention turns to supporting this new group of pupils, and their transition from Year 7 to Year 8. It is clear that this is a strong year group, who we have great aspirations for. Furthermore, I was very encouraged to give out 35 merit badges for pupils that have recently gone above and beyond our expectations. We very much look forward to building on the positive relationships that have been formed between yourselves and the Year 7 team, ensuring that your child continues to become a confident, responsible and successful young person during their time at the school.

House News



As you will be aware, this year has seen the relaunch of the house system. I am delighted to share with you the logos for the 3 houses which have been designed based on ideas submitted by the pupils. Our first new House Sports Day will be held on Thursday 18th July, and we hope all pupils will participate. Pupils are asked to come to school in their PE kit with the option of wearing a top that corresponds to their house colour. There will be a mixture of traditional sports day activities as well as tug of war and fairground styled activities, such as ring toss, crossbar challenge and tin can alley. Pupils will amass points for their house by participating in as many activities as they can.

Attendance and Merits

Congratulations to NLS's Tutor Group who have been out in front all year for best attendance. A special mention must go to those pupils who have managed to maintain a 100% attendance for the year - an outstanding achievement. Year 7 collectively accrued a tremendous 53,994 merits in total (still the top year group). It is great to see the pupils wearing their coloured badges with pride. A shout out to PJQ's Tutor Group who have earned just over 10,000 merits as a Tutor Group, this has been celebrated through our assemblies.

Sporting News and Year 7 Sailing Opportunity

Congratulations to the Year 7 Football team – winners in a close match vs Henry Cort. By winning this play-off match, the team have qualified for the District Gold Medal match! Well done to all involved.

On the 8th and 9th of July, it was great to see a number of pupils get out on the water. 12 pupils and staff took part and the engagement and resilience showed, especially when the boat capsized, was fantastic. A number of Year 7 pupils achieved the RYA Onboard Level 1 qualification and a few Level 2. An offer open to all.

