



RC/JAE

10 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As the half term break rapidly approaches, I want to highlight a number of key successes the pupils have had in recent weeks.

The Local Authority undertook their regular inspection of the school and were very positive in their report.

Highlights from the report include:

- New Subject Leaders in both English and Maths are having a very positive impact on pupils' learning.
- Learning walks and book reviews identified pupils' pride in presentation and work organisation. The significant majority of pupils are being challenged to think harder and deepen understanding.
- Year 11 pupils were particularly focused on detailed preparation for their Pre-Public Examinations and these pupils felt confident that they had been supported appropriately.
- Measures taken by the school to improve the attendance of a number of pupils was starting to have an impact and work with key families was supporting re-engagement.

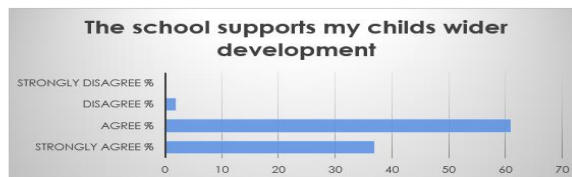
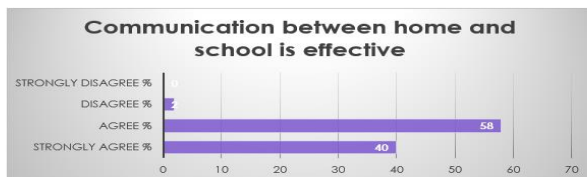
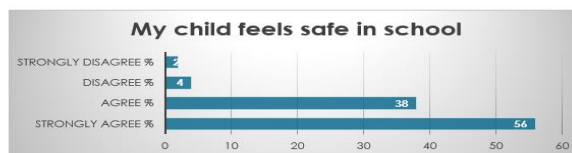
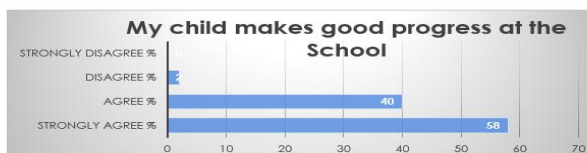
Our Local Authority will inspect the school again in the summer term.

Year 11 pupils have engaged well with their final set of Pre-Public Examinations. Most of the papers will be completed before the half term break. Some subjects have already concluded sections of the GCSE specifications and individual pupils will be receiving component grades. This will give an indication of the final GCSE grade that will be awarded in August 2025. Whilst managing revision and lessons, most Year 11 pupils have received a number of conditional and unconditional offers of Post 16 placements, whether at college, training providers or work. To support any pupils considering apprenticeships, there is information on the school website, or they are advised to see Mr Walton for further information.

Detailed below is a summary of the recent Year 9 Parents' Evening feedback. Any questions, concerns or requests are followed up directly with parents.

## YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

52 RETURNS FROM PARENTS AND CARERS



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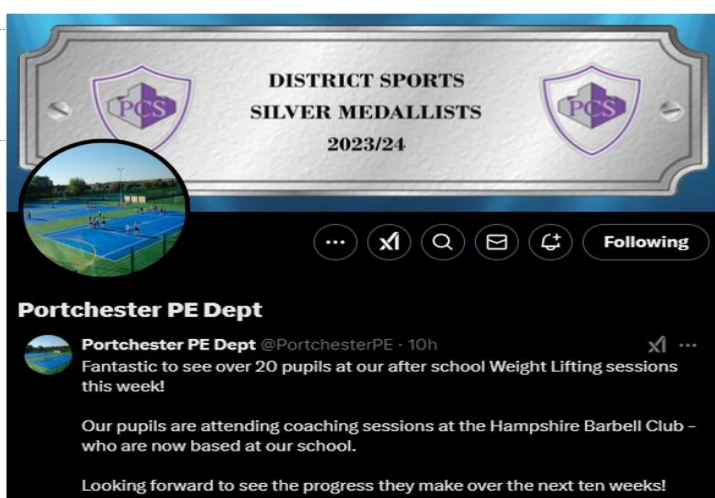
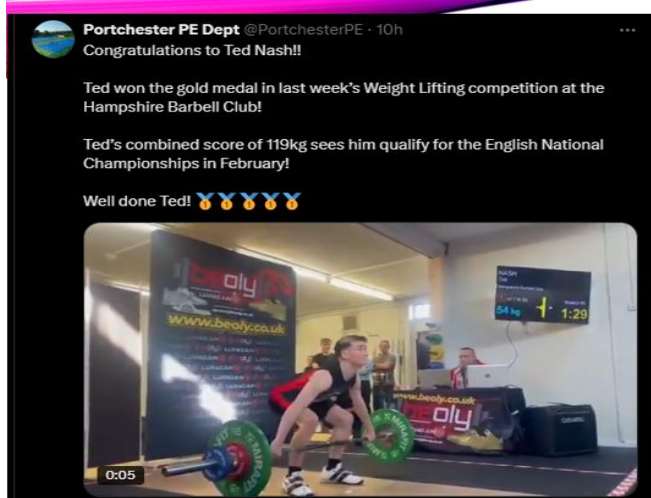


### Dance Live! 2025 – Portsmouth Guildhall

Our talented performers took to the stage at Portsmouth Guildhall on Monday 27 January to compete against a range of other local schools. After hours of careful rehearsals, the team, led by Mrs Budd and Mr Webb, performed their devised piece based on inclusivity and celebrating differences – a performance of high drama, group and individual sequenced pieces, and spectacular effect! Despite not winning the top award, they did scoop ‘Best Soundtrack Award’ and ‘Best Technical Award’ – congratulations!



I have also attached a snapshot of the Sports and PE information shared on our X feed from @PortchesterPE. The PE department regularly update this feed regarding fixtures, personal success and new opportunities for pupils.



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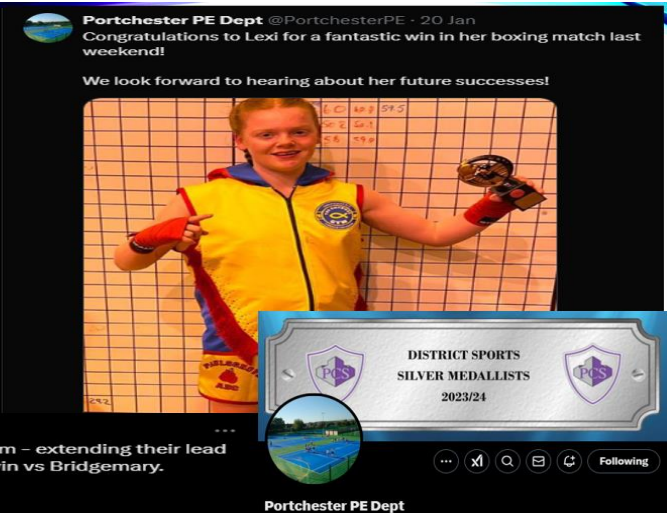
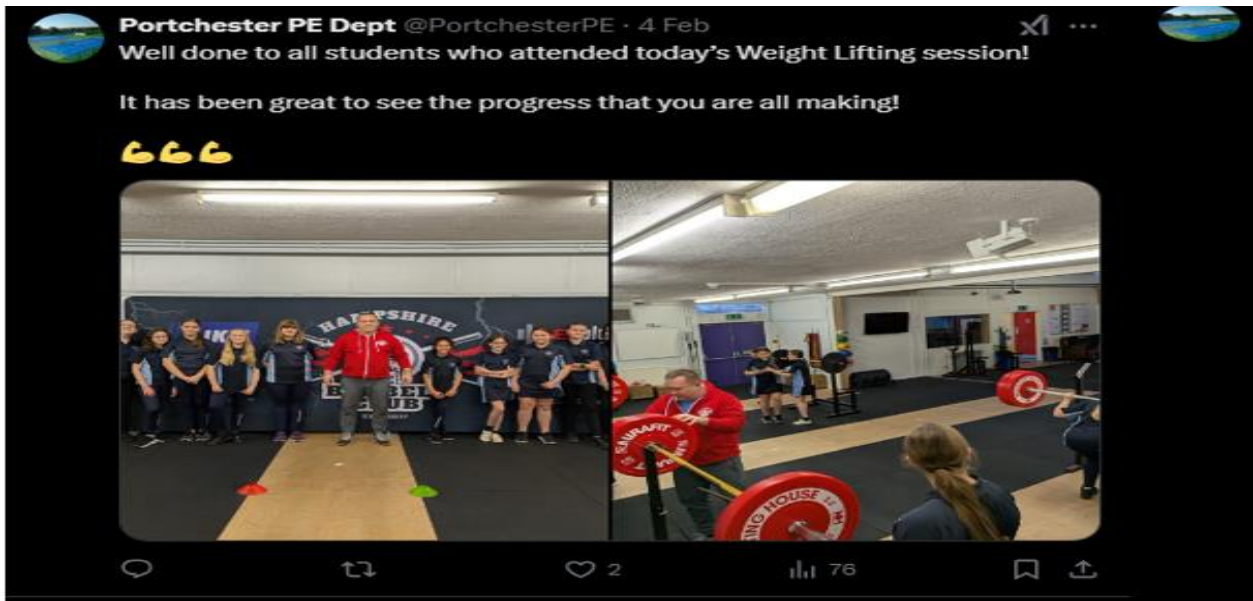
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New members welcome!

**PTA Meeting**

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 6:30PM  
IN THE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

**PCS PTA** PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION  
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### Key dates for next half term

Tuesday 25 February	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 26 February	Year 9 Options Evening /Year 11 Functional Skills English Examination
Thursday 27 February	NFER Tests for Year 11
Monday 3 March	House assembly week
Tuesday 4 March	GCSE Drama Assessments/Year 7 and Year 8 reports home to parents/Year 7 and Year 8 Cross Country Championships
Wednesday 5 March	Year 11 and Year 10 English Literature Paper 2 Examination
Thursday 6 March	SMSC session, Period 4, all years
Friday 7 March	Vaccinations (more information via e-mail)
Wednesday 12 March	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 March	DEAR sessions, Period 1, all pupils
Monday 17 March	INSET Day
Friday 21 March	Governors' Finance Review
Tuesday 25 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 26 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Saturday 29 March	PTA Preloved Uniform Sale and Coffee Morning
Monday 31 March	Year 10 Work Experience starts
Friday 4 April	Easter break starts from 3.10 pm
Tuesday 22 April	Summer term begins from 8.40 am

Thank you for your sustained support, especially with supporting regular attendance and smart uniforms.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful half term break.

Yours sincerely

*R Carlyle*

Mr R Carlyle  
Headteacher

## HALF TERM TREAT!!



**ANCHORED IN THE COMMUNITY** *the Mary Rose*

16 February - 23 February

This February half term, join the Mary Rose Museum for a range of exciting Tudor Challenges, from Tudor dance to graffiti art and a braille word search, with activities that will keep everyone entertained.

Don't miss the 'Anchored in the Community' exhibition, showcasing amazing local projects inspired by the Mary Rose.

[BUY TICKETS](#)

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This winter, we're giving residents in PO & SO postcodes an epic 30% off our Ultimate Explorer Pass – your ticket to unlimited adventures.

But hurry, this incredible deal ends 14 February – so don't wait around! Share the news with your friends and family and make the most of this exclusive offer before it's gone. Don't miss out – the clock's ticking!



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