

Term Dates **September 2015 – July 2016**

Inset Days

(Further Inset Day added since last edition)

Tuesday 1 September
Friday 23 October
Monday 2 November
Monday 4 January 2016
Monday 22 February 2016

Term Dates

Half Term

Monday 26 October – 30 October

Christmas Holidays

21 December – 3 January 2016

Half Term

Monday 15 February – 19 February 2016

Easter Holidays

Friday 25 March – Friday 8 April 2016

Bank Holiday – 2 May 2016

Half Term

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2016

Summer Holidays

Thursday 21 July – 2 September 2016

Attendance

Attendance week beginning 29 June 2015

Pankhurst	95.18%
Curie	94.82%
Austen	94.78%
Rowling	92.46%

Remember: Good progress is directly linked to regular attendance.

House Points

For the week beginning 29 June 2015

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Pankhurst	5766	1215	4551
Austen	567	1260	4307
Rowling	5536	1246	4290
Curie	5291	1205	4086

Principal Commendations

Pupil who gained the most house points to receive a Principal's Commendation week beginning Monday 29 June 2015

Willow De-Lacey Adams – C7ABB



'Persistent Absentee' Information

From September 2015 the Government is changing the Persistent Absentee threshold from 15% to 10%. Currently a pupil is considered to be a Persistent Absentee if they have less than 85% attendance. Therefore, a pupil will now be considered a Persistent Absentee if their attendance falls below 90% during the school year, for whatever reason. In real terms, from September this means that your daughter will be in the Persistent Absentee category if she is absent for 19 days or more, over the academic year.

What does 90% attendance mean?

90% attendance – ½ day missed every week

Equal to 4 weeks missed over the school year.

Equal to half a year missed over 5 years at secondary school.

The DfE and Ofsted continue to be focussing strongly on persistent absence, as there is a direct link between persistent absence from school, poor attainment and 'not in employment, education or training' (NEET) status.

What impact does this have on your child's future?

Only 8% of persistent absentees achieve 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C grades (DfE statistics)

33% of persistent absentees achieve no qualifications at all (DfE statistics)

Missing 17 school days means that in secondary school, pupils could drop a whole GCSE grade.

All employers and colleges look at attendance and punctuality as major factors in recruiting people.

How can you help?

Encourage your child to attend every day and on time every day.

If your daughter is unable to attend: Please let us know on the first day of absence giving the reason and the expected date of return. By text: 0762 4804738, by phone: 0844 2393531 or all other enquires 02392 812822.

Contact your child's House Leader or another member of staff if you are having problems getting your child to attend. We are here to help.

Take your holidays only during holiday time.

Try and avoid having medical appointments during the learning day. We do finish school at 15:00.

We are trying to reduce our absence by contacting parents each morning if their child fails to attend. We will also send out a copy of your child's attendance with their annual report as well as discussing it with you at Parents' Evening.

Persistent Absence is recorded termly and you will be made aware if your daughter is at risk of falling into this category. At the Academy we will work with parents and you may be invited in to a meeting to address the concerns. We also liaise closely with our Education Welfare Officer and they will become involved with those families whose children have poor levels of attendance. It may sometimes be necessary to take court action or issue Fixed Penalty Fines as a result of unauthorised absences.

Music Festival Review

Portsmouth Schools Music Festival

Written by C.O.L.E (our band, Caitlin, Olivia, Lucy, Eleanor)

We started a project some weeks ago for the PSMF 2015, to create and perform an original song and perform a cover. During these weeks Aimee, a lady who works for PSMF, helped us with the chords, the structure of the song, the harmonies, and other musical aspects. It was good working with someone who had experience, and knowledge on the project. We named our original song 'Summer Days' and the cover we performed was 'Riptide' By Vance Joy. We have now decided to carry on our band, as we enjoyed it so much, and would love to do the festival again next year. We encourage anyone who has an opportunity to do this, take part in it.

From C.O.L.E



Year 10 Band - "Room 6"

Our Year 10 band "Room 6" played a gig at the Wedgewood Rooms last night and they were fantastic! So glad I went, I was very proud of them. They blew the rest of the bands out of the water! Truly awesome! Please look out for them playing in the future and go along and support.

They rocked it!



Mrs Lewis

Well done message

A big well done goes to twelve Year 9 pupils who taught French to all the year 4 pupils at Newbridge Junior School. They have prepared lessons and resources. The teachers were very impressed with their lessons and the children loved them.

The girls are:

Shannon Workman
Olivia Grant-Hammett
Caitlin Nugent
Sophie Raymond
Nadiya Rahman
Tasmin Sheikh
Nimra Safi

Jade Davies
Stefanie Vieten
Madalin Layton
Mahia Khan
Victoria Gale

Mrs Pszonak

Sports Awards

Sport Leader of the Year

Phoebe Edwards

Outstanding achievement in school sport

Shannon Moore

Young ambassador of the year

Emily Love

Extra-curricular Award

Shahida Barber

Most improved player of the year

Chloe Inwood

Most improved team of the year - Year 7 netball team

Tillie Moore

Hamsha Safi

Aryna Ewings

Shahida Barber

Milli Egerton

Chloe Inwood

Caitlin-Rose Goode

Insiya

Amy Brazier

Miss Newman

Information Centre News

Portsmouth Schools' eBook Library

**Star eReader
Hamidah**
Portsmouth
Academy for Girls

Here are some of the eBooks Hamidah has read at home & at school

Books help me relax when I'm stressed

It's hard for me to put down a really good book
I love to put myself as the main character and imagine the life they have.

I love reading. It takes me to a whole new world

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Lunch Time Menu - Week 2

Lunch			
Week Two	Main Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Dessert
M	Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles	Bean Burger with Sweet Potato Wedges and Homemade Ketchup	Coconut and Banana Muffin with Custard
T	Baked Lasagne with Mixed Salad	Chickpea, Spinach and Potato Curry with Pilau Rice	Chocolate Sponge with Custard
W	Roast Gammon with Crispy Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mozzarella and Roasted Red Onion Pasta Bake	Apple Crumble with Custard
T	BBQ Chicken with Jacket Wedges, Mini Corn and Slaw	Chickpea and Vegetable Tagine with Lemon and Coriander Cous Cous	Lemon Curd Lattice
F	Fish and Chips with Homemade Tartar Sauce	Traditional Cheese and Onion Pie with Chips and Beans	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce

Prom 2015

Last Friday staff and students attended the Year 11 Leavers' Prom at The Queen's Hotel.

It was a wonderful evening and the students enjoyed a 'Hollywood Glamour' themed evening which included a very special Guard of Honour by two life-sized 'Oscars', a three-course meal in the most sumptuous of settings and a disco until midnight. Everyone had a fabulous time and the Director of the Hotel said that the girls were simply the best students he'd ever hosted for a Prom. What a wonderful and fitting end to their school days.

The four winning Prom Princesses for the evening were:

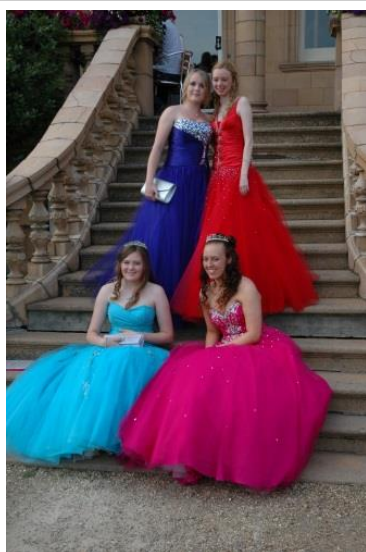
Farzana Chowdhury

Emma Dunsford

Tamira Shakur

Paige Bridgeman

Congratulations to the girls for winning and award, certificate and Prom Princess sash!



Well done Year 11!



COMMUNITY LEARNING – 2015/2016

Autumn Term at Portsmouth Academy for Girls

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LANGUAGES

French Beginners

Open to the complete beginner to give a basic foundation of the language. Please note this will include grammatical structures

Starting: 24 September 2015

Day & Time: Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

French Level I

Open to students who have completed a beginner's course. Improve on knowledge of grammar and extending the vocabulary

Starting: 24 September 2015

Day & Time: Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

French Level II

Open to students who have completed at least two years part-time study, fair knowledge of vocabulary and grammatical structures towards GCSE level

Starting: TBC

Day & Time: TBC, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

French Intermediate

Open to students who have gained at least a GCSE /O level of the language. Please note that this is not a follow on class for beginners

Starting: 24 September 2015

Day & Time: Thursday, 7-9pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

French Higher

Open to students who have studied for a few years, who are working towards becoming fluent

Starting: 30 September 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 7-9pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

French Advanced

Open to students who enjoy conversing in the language and challenging translations!

Starting: 22 September 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 7-9pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

Spanish Beginners

Open to the complete beginner to give a basic foundation of the language. Please note this will include grammatical structures

Starting: 21 September 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

Spanish Level I

Open to students who have completed a beginner's course. Improve on knowledge of grammar and extending vocabulary

Starting: 30 September 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

Spanish Level II

Open to students who have completed at least two years part-time study, students would have a fair knowledge of vocabulary and grammatical structures

Starting: 24 September 2015

Day & Time: Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

Italian Beginners

Open to the complete beginner to give a basic foundation of the language. Please note this will include grammatical structures

Starting: 24 September 2015

Day & Time: Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

Italian Level I

Open to students who have completed a beginner's course. Improve on knowledge of grammar and extending the vocabulary

Starting: TBC

Day & Time: TBC, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £65.00 Number of Weeks: 10

COMPUTERS

Computers for the Beginner

Email, internet and Word for the complete beginner; no previous knowledge is presumed.

Starting: 11 November 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £24.00 Number of Weeks: 3

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ART & DESIGN

Jewellery Making - Beginners

An introduction to making your own pieces of Jewellery using beading techniques. All materials supplied.

Starting: 11 November 2015 - Provisional - TBC

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £50.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Portraiture

Develop your portraiture skills using dry media. Suitable for all levels of ability

Starting: 29 September 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £32.00 Number of Weeks: 4

Watercolour Painting

Develop skills in using Watercolour paints. Suitable for beginners

Starting: 9 November 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Sketching for All

Learn basic drawing skills to help draw accurately from observation. Suitable for beginners and intermediate levels

Starting: 10 November 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

TEXTILES

How to Use a Sewing Machine

Not sure how to use a sewing machine? Come along to this short course to find out how, lots of helpful information to get you started.

Starting: 5 October 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: £22.50 Number of Weeks: 3

Sewing Surgery

Step by step garment alterations, hems, zips, darts and more! Bring your half-finished projects to get back on track.

Starting: 7 October 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: £22.50 Number of Weeks: 3

Basic Dressmaking

With Fabric and a Commercial Pattern of your choice learn to cut and assemble your garment. Basic sewing machine skills would be of benefit.

Start dates: 2 November 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: £37.50 Number of Weeks: 5

Introduction to Pattern Cutting

Learn how to create a basic skirt block and make adaptations to make garment to your measurements. Basic sewing machine skills would be of benefit.

Starting: 4 November 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: £37.50 Number of Weeks: 5

Christmas Sewing Special

Special sewing projects for the festive season.

Starting: 1 December 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: £22.50 Number of Weeks: 3

Introduction to Embroidery

Know your stitches and create a colourful piece of embroidery. Suitable for beginners

Starting: 29 September 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £32.00 Number of Weeks: 4

Introduction to Crochet

Join in with this popular craft which has had a recent ~~pop~~ back, once you start you won't want to stop!

Starting: 10 November 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Introduction to Knitting

Learn how to cast on and off; knit and purl, adding a combination of patterns.

Starting: 11 November 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Crochet for Improvers

Come along to get more proficient with new projects to perfect!

Starting: 12 January 2016

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The 38 Bach Flower Remedies

Each Bach flower remedy has individual characteristics, learn how they can be combined to alleviate many emotional health issues.

Starting: 5 October 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 7-9pm

Cost: £24.00 Number of Weeks: 3

Dowsing for Health

Improve your health with dowsing and muscle testing to find food intolerance and other health benefits. Have fun and learn something new.

Starting: 9 November 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 7-9pm

Cost: £24.00 Number of Weeks: 3

Colour Therapy

Learn how to enhance your health and well-being with more colour in your everyday life

Starting: 9 November 2015

Day & Time: Monday, 7-9pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Indian Head Massage

An introduction to this ancient therapy of massage, for the head, neck and shoulders. Essential oils are optional.

Starting: 18 January 2016

Day & Time: Monday, 7-9pm

Cost: 32.00 Number of Weeks: 4

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

A fun, fact packed class which covers, healthy eating, sleep patterns, managing stress and therapies to enjoy!

Starting: 22 February 2016

Day & Time: Monday, 7-9pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5 weeks

Reiki – Level 1

An introduction to this therapy for balance and harmony, and is deeply relaxing. Attain a Level 1 certificate for Friends and Family.

Starting: 18 April 2016

Day & Time: Monday, 7-9pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

SPECIAL INTEREST

Tarot for Today

Look into the history of Tarot cards and explore the symbols and images as a therapeutic tool for self-reflection.

Starting: 10 November 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 7-9pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

A Closer Look at Astrology

Explore the ancient art of Astrology; birth charts, the meaning behind the planets and astrological house system.

Starting: 11 November 2015

Day & Time: Wednesday, 7-9pm

Cost: £40.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Singing for Beginners

Vocal coaching to bring out your best singing voice. Find your vocal range, breathing exercises, voice projection and learn a song or two!

Starting: 10 November 2015

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: £30.00 Number of Weeks: 5

Interior Design Clinic

Come along with your questions and projects that you would like to get advice on. Our tutor will introduce you to the basic rules of Interior Design

Starting: September 2015 – TBC

Day & Time: Monday, 6:00-9:00pm

Cost: £20.00 Number of Weeks: 1

Please contact us if you have not found the course you are looking for, we will do our best to help you find a course here or signpost you to another venue in the city.

Most short courses will be repeated throughout the year and others added.

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FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO ENROL ...

Telephone or Email: Contact Sue Green on 0239281 2822 or Email: sgreen@pafg.org.uk
During the school holidays please leave a message and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible; emails will also be monitored.

In Person: Miss Green will be available Monday-Thursday, 3pm-7pm,
Mrs Leigh will be available 9am-3pm, **termtime only**. Course fees can be paid with cash or cheques, sorry we are unable to accept credit /debit cards.

The office will be closed from Tuesday, 21st July 2015 until Tuesday, 1st September 2015

By Post: Correspondence can be sent to:
Portsmouth Academy for Girls, St Mary's Road,
Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 5PF

Please supply your name, address and contact telephone number along with the course title and a cheque for the course fee payable to: 'Portsmouth Academy for Girls'

Please note that course fees are non-refundable if you withdraw from a course, except in circumstances such as ill health supported by a medical certificate.

For Your Information

Language classes are renewable each term to continue your studies providing that the required student numbers have enrolled. You may contact Sue Green who will be able to advise you on which language level you require or put you in touch with the tutor.

Course fees will need to be paid in full before the course start date; we can hold a place for you but if we have a high demand this will be re-allocated if no payment has been received within an appropriate time.

Some courses may have a change of start date; we will notify you as soon as possible should this happen.

Most short courses will be repeated throughout the year.

Car park facility available on a first come first served basis, from St Mary's Road take a first left into Shakespeare Road, then Manor Road (first left), our car park is on the left, reception is signposted from here.

We have a **Coffee Shop** on site which is open from 6:30pm until 8:30pm,
Monday –Thursday, serving hot and cold drinks and snacks.

July 2015