

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to TPA

We look forward to welcoming your child at 8:40am on **Tuesday 5th September**. If you wish to send your child in earlier, the library is supervised from 8am for homework catch up, reading and research, or computer use.

Please find below some additional information which will help your child to have an excellent start to their time with us.

Uniform

Please find attached the opening times for our school uniform shop along with a list of expected uniform items. There are four items which are made by Simmonds which are compulsory for your child to have. These are the school blazer; school tie (in house colour); PE top and shorts and PE long sleeved top. May I also confirm that short-sleeved shirts are acceptable.

Equipment

It would be very helpful if you could equip your child with a pencil case containing everything they will need for school such as; black or blue pens, pencils, a pencil sharpener, a rubber, a highlighter, a protractor, a ruler and a compass. They should also have a reading book everyday as part of their equipment.

Purchasing food and drink

Thumb scanning will take place on their first day and a letter detailing how to access Parent Pay and create an account will be given out. Please send your child in with money to put on the machine in school, or a packed lunch.

Lockers

On their first day, please send your child to school with a £5 deposit for a locker key. When they return their locker key at the end of Year 11, they will receive their deposit back.

School Photographer

The school photographers will be in school on Friday 15 September. All pupils will be photographed for our files. These will be made available to purchase through the school.

Communication

Your first port of call for any information or concerns about your child is your child's tutor. You may also wish to follow us via our Facebook page 'TSAT-The Portsmouth Academy'.

I look forward to meeting you during our Year 7 parents' welcome evening on Wednesday 4th October from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Have an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Sheppard', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Natalie Sheppard
Principal