



Update from Mrs Grey, Principal

We have received so many messages of support from parents and students at TPA over the course of the week. May 20th was 'Thank a Teacher' Day and I have been delighted to hear that many children and parents took the time to send messages to the staff at the school. It has been a much-needed antidote to some of the rather unhelpful, and highly inaccurate newspaper articles which have appeared throughout the week. I know that parents have seen that the school has offered a range of provision for our children throughout this time to support them to engage with learning;

- Contact from Deputy Heads of Year/Heads of Year through live drop ins and through phone calls
- Weekly tutor sessions
- Weekly Year group assemblies
- Weekly PSHE sessions
- Access to Show My Homework
- Access to MS Teams for 'live learning' opportunities
- A range of competitions and subject social media accounts
- Access to keyworker/vulnerable school on site
- Regular safeguarding support, where applicable

I could go on, the list is endless. I have asked a lot from my staff, and they have responded as they always do, with determination and #TeamTPA spirit. There has been no blueprint for how to navigate this as a school and we have learnt a lot along the way!

One small plea from our teachers is that if you could ensure that any work which is submitted to them for checking, praise and feedback has your child's name attached to it, or on the email submission, it would really help them!

PSHE – Mr Hatherley, Vice Principal

The engagement with PSHE during this half term has been fantastic and along with the Heads of Year, we hope it has gone some way to support your child to adapt to the distance learning environment and to stay safe, both mentally and physically. After half term, the first week's focus will be on hygiene, particularly with regards to how to continue to stay protected from Covid-19. We wish you a restful a half term break.

ICT Update

Reminder – to access Show My Homework, please use the "Sign In With Office 365" option and school abc01@tsatsudent.org.uk email details if requested.
If you have any issues, please use [this form](#).

Free School Meals Update

All vouchers for this half term have been sent out either via email or post. Any issues please contact the school.

Reminder – the Government are not providing vouchers for half term week (25th - 29th)

Cultural Capital

Music Virtual Escape Room

Miss Francis, Curriculum Lead for Music, invites Year 7 to 10 students to experience the Music Virtual Escape Room. This is an optional activity which students can participate in for fun. This activity will be available on Show My Homework from Friday 22nd of May until the end of the half term.



Your music teachers, Miss Francis and Mr Blake, are SO impressed with the way you have adapted to the online learning environment in the last few weeks that last night Miss Francis decided to bake the school a delicious batch of double choc-chip cookies to celebrate. But hold on... The music department have been called to speak to Mrs Grey, leaving the cookies baking in the school kitchen and you've just discovered the kitchen is locked! Can you break into the room before the cookies are burnt? Solve the clues to open the locks and rescue the cookies before the timer runs out!

Copy and paste the link below into your browser to start the virtual escape room:

<https://forms.gle/tf6QpJEhfVq4FFsJ6>

Year 7

I hope that you are all continuing to keep safe and well.

During our PSHE lesson this week, students looked into ways to '*Stay In The Moment*', and how often we forget about ensuring that our wellbeing is positive, as well as for those around us. Students were tasked with writing down a moment within their week where they felt able to be present 'in the moment and appreciate the little things that we often forget in the rush of everyday life. As usual, the quality of work has been outstanding. Year 7 continue to amaze me with all of the effort they put into every piece of work they complete at TPA.

We continue to review the support put in place for our Year 7s whilst they are away from the school environment. Last week we held another Year 7 'drop in' session, where our students continued to pop in to talk to us. This week, I have sent an invite out through school email to all students in Year 7 to remind them of this fantastic support mechanism they have available to them, including information on our brand new 'challenge task section' that we will be implementing.

Students within Team 2024 will begin to virtually complete against each other to score points in a variety of different activities. As a year team, we have made sure to rotate the activities to give every child the opportunity to access and excel. The top ten students at the end of the challenges will receive a prize from the year team. Exciting, isn't it?! Please continue to advertise this with your son or daughter, as we would love to hear from them! Sessions will run every Friday from 1pm – 2pm. It really is the place to be!

Take care Team 2024, I hope that you have restful (and sunny) half term break!

Mrs Wilson ☺

Year 8

Challenge Time!

One of the ways in which we are looking to vary our provision at the moment is by launching weekly challenges. These are run by myself, Mr Snookes or one of the Year 8 tutors and are aimed at adding a little variety and competition to our lives!

I have emailed all of the students before half-term to update them on these challenges. They are also listed on our weekly Facebook assembly. If you haven't had the chance to see them then they are outlined below:

'Creative exercise challenge' – Mr Snookes and Mr Parnell

Geocaching challenge – Mr Andrews.

Toilet Roll challenge – Mrs Sanderson.

Isolation's Got Talent – Mr Smith.

Students have been provided with entry details and **Amazon** vouchers will be awarded to the winners – I don't know about you, but an Amazon voucher would certainly come in handy right now!

Speaking of which, we have sent some vouchers through the post to some of our wonderful, hard-working and resilient students (listed below) who have been recognised by their tutors for their incredible attitude towards their studies during lockdown. Apologies if you have not made the list this time round, and there are many of you who haven't; you have certainly been noticed.

8AND – T. S.; 8COL – A. S.; 8HOR – J. W.; 8MAS – A. U.; 8RIC – I. L.; 8SMC – S. T.; 8SND – H. M.; 8TRA – K. W.

Gentle reminder about tutor / drop-in sessions every Tuesday at 9am. These have been gathering pace and we would like to see even more students! We miss you all!

As always, please email me or Mr Snookes if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mr Parnell and Mr Snookes

Year 9

I hope this message finds you safe and well.

As we move into the 2nd half of this term, it has become even more important for your child to be completing the home learning set by their teachers. I would like to send my gratitude and thanks to you for the support that has been shown and the work that you will have inevitably put in to support your child's learning. I have an 8 year old myself at home, who I am trying to support with home learning, and therefore I am somewhat aware of the challenges it brings.

Mr Denman has now contacted all parents of students who have not shown engagement with the home learning, and we have been able to provide support in solving issues regarding access and logins. Please do contact us straight away if there are any issues with your child accessing their Show My Homework account or Microsoft Teams. For some parents we spoke to, they weren't aware of the work being set. If you would like to know the exact work being set for your child, for each subject, you too have access to Show My Homework. Details for this can be found on our website.

As a year team we are continuing to offer as much support as possible for your child. Every Wednesday morning, they have their PSHE session with their tutor which contains important and extremely useful information to keep them safe during this pandemic. Every Friday afternoon, Mr Denman and I will be running the year 9 drop in session for them to come and have a chat with us. We have also set up our own Instagram account where we will be offering more information and messages - tpa_class_of_2022.

I wish you all a great week.

All the best,
Miss Hart

Year 10

I hope you are well and will have a safe and restful break.

I have been truly humbled by the amount of "Thank You" cards that tutors and teachers of Year 10 have received, myself included. Your daughters have been amazing and really cheered us up during the difficult media storm around teaching. Thank you.

Plea from Miss Quinn Food Technology teacher.

Miss Quinn would like all Y10 girls who take Food and Nutrition to complete a survey please. The link is below and I have shared this over our school email for your daughter to access. It would be great if you could just check for us that your daughter has completed it.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s23q1ha_kkmgEHn2jimNvGPHvDb8c0RCirSAyBzwFm1UOBFMERNNIE4WUILTDdBNINIR1dUWDFFM4u

Motivation Video

I hope you had a chance to look at my video for Year 10 students with some tips to help them self-motivate during this difficult time. I know it is something that, even as adults, we struggle with. Please see the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePortsmouthAcademyTSAT/videos/1101342456896518/>

GCSE Pod new parent webinars:

Our providers at GCSE Pod have kindly added more dates to their parent webinars. The sessions have been so popular that they have added new dates for you, so that you do not miss out.

The webinar will provide you with a tutorial on how to use the home learning platform and how best to support your daughter studying at home. To book, just click the link to the right of the webinar. For more info on the webinars that are running (and to view samples of the ones that have ran so far) click here -

<https://www.gcsepod.com/news-gcse-learning-revision/podup-presents-webinars/>

PARENT WEBINAR - Introduction to GCSEPod

May 21, 5:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Jhb4DKAwRbChxt9C7-X9BQ

May 28, 12:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ic7sPQCWTI-IPUxGICt2tg

Jun 4, 5:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZhgXywxzQ8C4K6yC2VcK1w

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Jun 15, 12:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gtfa0fuwR8mmyAbsBT_ACw

Jun 23, 5:30 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u5yd852DRyy1OFCaz9xn3A

An amazing opportunity for Year 10 Food and Nutrition Students:

Miss Quinn has managed to secure 35 spaces on this fantastic course for students that are studying Food and Nutrition. This is an excellent opportunity in which you will be awarded a certificate at the end of the course. This will help those of you that learn best through visual stimulus whilst we are home learning and continue your learning into the summer.

Take a look at their website here: <https://futurechef.uk.net/about/activities>

Springboard's Future Chef is the best industry backed resource matched to the food related curriculum.

Aimed at young people aged 12 - 16, it inspires them to cook through:

- 🔗 Classroom resources & activities
- 🔗 Industry skills demos & challenges
- 🔗 Competitions & awards

Future Chef has many great benefits that help to:

- 🔗 Directly support the food curriculum
- 🔗 Offer interactive classroom resources
- 🔗 Nurture industry links
- 🔗 Teach life skills and build confidence
- 🔗 Promote healthy eating and nutrition

To sign up simply email Miss Quinn your interest at d.quinn@tsatrust.org.uk

Hurry because these spaces will fill up quickly!



Well done Year 10 girls you are making great use of the home learning platform GCSE POD. Here are the top ten podders of the month of May. Congratulations to SH for winning the first Love to Shop voucher. #Y10stepupnow

1. SH 154
2. EOP 107
3. KM 84
4. YBL 71
5. LD 70
6. HH 50
7. MBM 39
8. RN 33
8. KS 33
10. NP 32

Piper's Podders

Winner of the most streams
in the period Monday 11th
May to Friday 15th May.

SH 110

Year 11

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I hope you had a chance to look at my video for Year 11 students with some tips to help them self -motivate during this difficult time. I know it is something even as adults we struggle with. Please see the link below:

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Please take the time to visit and share with your daughter the Year 11 info area on our school website. The site contains essential links to Career information, the Flying Start Portsmouth programme and lots of resources to support your daughter's transition from GCSE to A Level study. See the link below:

<https://www.theportsmouthacademy.org.uk/about/coronavirus/>

NEW CHANGES TO FLYING START – New resources are being added all the time so please check the site on a regular basis.

<https://www.sunoutreach.org/resource-category/flying-start-portsmouth/>

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Live Learning Timetables

Please visit the school website for the live learning timetable. The week commencing 1st June, after the half term, is a **Week A** timetable.

<https://www.theportsmouthacademy.org.uk/parental-information/live-learning/>

Educational Offerings outside of the classroom – Cultural Capital

As well as the learning available to pupils on Show My Homework and Teams, here are some other free educational offerings which you may find enjoyable!

Creativity Instagram - Food and Nutrition @tpafoodandnutrition – posts regular competitions and shares photos of your different culinary creations. Can you beat star baker Miss Gomez? - Design and Technology @tpa_design_and_technology – posts include competitions and content created by staff and students.			
Subject	Event	Timings	Where to access it
Art	Drawing with Rob Biddulph (children’s author and illustrator) – videos which pupils can draw along to improve their artistic skills	Available at all times online. New content uploaded Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am	http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob
	Free tour of the famous Louvre Art gallery in Paris – access to 4 of their exhibitions	Available online at all times	https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs
	Documentary about Peggy Guggenheim, a central figure in the modern art movement.	Available on BBC Iplayer – log in required	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b07gpdbz/peggy-guggenheim-art-addict
	Documentary exploring Amsterdam through art and design	Available on BBC Iplayer – log in required	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08nz05n/an-art-lovers-guide-series-1-1-amsterdam
	Documentary looking at the development of art throughout history	Available on BBC Iplayer – log in required	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0c1ngds/antony-gormley-how-art-began
Food and Nutrition	BBC Food website has a series of free videos covering a huge range of cooking tips for those who want to learn a new skill!	Available online at all times	https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/techniques
	Free Online cooking school for those looking to advance their skills further	Available online at all times	https://www.thekitchn.com/collection/series-the-kitchn-s-cooking-school
	Online Bakery offering daily baking tutorials	Live every day at 2pm on Instagram	Instagram @breadaheadbakery
	Inside the factory – programme looking at where our food comes from and how it is made	Available on BBC Iplayer – log in required	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hvx8/inside-the-factory-series-5-8-soup
Drama	Show Must Go on – Youtube Channel posting some of the world’s most famous musicals which are available for free	Musical released at 7pm on Friday nights and is available for 48hours afterwards.	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmPjhKMaXNNeCr1FjuMvag
	Virtual 360 tour of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre	Available online at all times	https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/about-us/virtual-tour/
	Access to recordings of some of the world’s most famous plays from the National Theatre	New play updated every Thursday at 7pm (available for 7 days after)	https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home

Music	Access to recordings of some of the world's most famous Operas from the Royal Opera House UK	Released every Friday at 7pm and then available on YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/royaloperahouse
	Series of documentaries looking at the origins and development of Blues music.	Available on BBC Iplayer – log in required	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p00lk3lz/the-devils-music-series-2-episode-1
	Documentary looking at the elements required to write the perfect pop song	Available on BBC Iplayer – log in required	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b008nk4h/how-pop-songs-work

School Social Media Accounts to look out for;

Facebook – TSAT – The Portsmouth Academy. Official school page publishing key information and updates.

Instagram;

- House Competitions @tpa_houseevents – posts include, competitions and official results along with your entries and content from your 4 fabulous House Champions!
- Geography @tpa_geography – posts information on lessons along with exciting content linking to all aspects of the geographical world.
- History @tpa_history – posts include information on live learning and reading recommendations.
- Science @tpascience – posts include scientific memes (yes they do exist!) along with updates about what is happening in the world of science at TPA.
- Outdoor Learning @tpa_outdoorlearning – posts include competitions and all things outdoorsy!
- Dance @tpa_dance_department – posts include inspiring quotes and snippets of student work.
- PE @tpa_sport – posts include inspiration for how to keep fit and exciting challenges for you to complete!
- Music @ tpa_music_department – NEW!