



The
Portsmouth Academy

15th July 2020

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

I am writing to inform you about the following:

- Expectations around continued remote learning and support throughout the summer
- Mock exams that will take place following the summer break
- Year 11 Fresher's Day in September.

The students who have accessed Year 10 'bubble school' have welcomed the valuable face-to-face time with their teachers. All activities and lessons are planned to support students to engage with key learning points from each of their GCSE courses and to prepare the students to work more independently over the summer towards mock exams.

In order to establish a baseline for each subject moving into year 11, we have made the decision to assess students using mock exams in the weeks beginning 21st and 28th September. Whilst Curriculum Leaders have revised curriculum plans to ensure that content can be taught in the most efficient way possible, this assessment of students' knowledge and skills is vital to be able to then offer correct and bespoke interventions to your daughter.

We are mindful that this may be a daunting prospect to you and your daughter at this time. To support the students with this, the mocks will be 'seen exams'. This means that teachers will be sharing all or some of the exam with students prior to the mocks so that they are able to prepare effectively for them and build their confidence. This 'seen' aspect will be shared with students as self-study-modules via Show My Homework in a similar manner to how remote learning has been these past 4 months. There will be 17 modules in total, which will be set at 3 a week on a Monday morning. They can be completed flexibly during anytime that week before the next ones are set the following Monday.

The timetable for the modules is as follows:



Week Commencing			
20/7/2020	Maths <i>Lesson 1</i>	English. <i>Lesson 1</i>	Option X <i>Lesson 1</i>
27/7/2020	Science <i>Lesson 1</i>	Option H <i>Lesson 1</i>	Option Y <i>Lesson 1</i>
3/8/2020	Maths <i>Lesson 2</i>	Science. <i>Lesson 2.</i>	Option Z <i>Lesson 1</i>
10/8/2020	English <i>Lesson 2</i>	Option X <i>Lesson 1</i>	Option H <i>Lesson 1</i>
17/8/2020	English <i>Lesson 3</i>	Science <i>Lesson 3</i>	Option Y <i>Lesson 2</i>
24/8/2020	Maths <i>Lesson 3</i>	Option Z <i>Lesson 2</i>	

Option X: Food, Art, Music, RE or Textiles.

Option Y: French, Art, RE or Geography.

Option Z: History, Dance, PE, Design & Technology or Food.

Option H: French, Geography, History or Enhanced English.

Finally, some of our teachers have generously volunteered to run Live Learning via MS Teams over the summer holidays to support this remote learning offer and, as mentioned in the parent bulletin last week, bubble leaders will also be in contact over the summer. Please encourage your daughter to attend for the subjects she studies. She will receive a calendar invite through MSTeams. The timetable for these sessions is as follows:

Date	Time	Subject	Class
18/8/2020	12-1	English	All Y10 Students
3/8/2020	12-1	History	All Y10 History Students
17/8/2020	12-1	History	All Y10 History Students
23/7/2020	10-11	Music	All Y10 Music Students
17/8/2020	10-11	Religious Education	10X/RE (Mrs Begums' Class)
24/8/2020	10-11	Religious Education	10Y/RE (Miss Masters' Class)
21/7/2020	11.30-12:30	Food and Nutrition	All Y10 F&N Students

Thank you in advance for your support in encouraging your daughter to act with persistence around their remote learning. I will write to you with full mock arrangements as soon as they are finalised.


Year 11 Fresher's Day

September will be a big change for our year 11 students; a return to full-time education after many months of lockdown and an introduction to their final year of schooling. I am keen to make this transition as smooth as possible, and consequently the school will run a Year 11 Fresher's Day on the Friday 4th September 2020.

The day will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This will be non-uniform, although usual non-school uniform rules apply. The girls will have the opportunity to reflect on their time spent in year 10, begin planning their time in year 11 and start to learn about the technology that they will have access to this year. They will also have ample chance to ask any questions they may have about this all important year. I have no doubt you will support me in ensuring that the day is attended by all our year 10 students.

Please contact me directly via my email address, c.andrews@tsatrust.org.uk, if I can help with anything.

Yours faithfully,



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