



## Mr Dolphin, Senior Vice Principal

Year 7 and Year 8 continue to impress us with their punctuality to school in the morning and their conduct around collection by their tutor from their morning line up. Well done!

We will be asking Year 9 students to adopt this practice with immediate effect to stop a build up of students mounting at the back gate (Cowper Road) of the school. This way, they can enter the school more promptly and occupy a bigger space without any potential health and safety issues in the surrounding residential streets.

Therefore, Year 9 will be allowed on site from 8.35am and must head to the hardstanding area to be collected by the Year 9 tutor team at 8.40am.

Year 10 and 11 will enter the site from the front entrances at 8.45am, but they will be allowed to select the most appropriate entrance for them personally depending on their P1 room (St Mary's gate for the Aspire building, reception gate for the Main building).

Thank you to all of our students for being able to respond so flexibly to the changes, both coming to school and travelling around the site, while we improve our systems to maximise student safety and minimise traffic.

## Mr Hatherley, Vice Principal

Dear Parents,

### School entry

Please can I remind you that pupils need to arrive at the correct time for their year group-

Year 7 (8.25am) Back Gate

Year 8 (8.30am) St Marys Gate

Year 9 (8.40am) Back gate

Year 10/11 (8.45am) St Marys Gate & Main Reception

Arriving at the designated time will help with getting our pupils into school safely and efficiently.

### Uniform

There have been many questions regarding school shoes. Blacked out trainers are not part of the school uniform. All footwear must be a black leather shoe. Please see uniform policy on the school website.

<https://www.theportsmouthacademy.org.uk/uniform-equipment/>

The school uniform shop is now based at Penhale school and they are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. The phone number for the uniform shop is 02392 822 833. Online orders can be placed at <https://simmonds-ltd.com/> and you can contact them by email at [customerservice@simmonds-ltd.com](mailto:customerservice@simmonds-ltd.com)

## Cultural Capital – Mrs Russell, Assistant Principal

In my assembly this week I spoke to students about the student leadership opportunities available to all year groups.

Opportunities for leadership include:

Student council positions; these are open to all years. One student per tutor group. If students are interested in this role then they should let their tutor know.

From years 9 and 10 we would like to appoint a House Captain, Deputy House Captains and Sports ambassadors for each house. In addition there are 4 new roles: Wellbeing lead, Environment lead, Inclusivity Lead and Arts Lead. The description of these roles has been email to each student along with a link to the application form.

## Homework

### Homework timetable:

Starting from Monday 21/09/20 students will be set homework according to the following timetable.

Homework will be set on Microsoft Teams.

Students will receive praise and rewards for completing homework. If homework is not completed students will receive a negative habit point. On the second instance of non-completion, the teacher will contact home and on the third instance a detention will be set.

YEAR 7	
<b>Week A:</b>	
Monday	English
Tuesday	History
Wednesday	Maths
Thursday	Science
Friday	Computing
<b>Week B:</b>	
Monday	R.E.
Tuesday	Maths
Wednesday	English
Thursday	MFL
Friday	Geography

YEAR 8	
<b>Week A:</b>	
Monday	
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	R.E.
Friday	Maths
<b>Week B:</b>	
Monday	MFL
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	History
Thursday	Geography
Friday	Maths

YEAR 9	
<b>Week A:</b>	
Monday	Science
Tuesday	History
Wednesday	English
Thursday	
Friday	Maths
<b>Week B:</b>	
Monday	Geography
Tuesday	R.E.
Wednesday	MFL
Thursday	English
Friday	Maths

YEAR 10			
<b>Week A:</b>			
Monday	D&T	MFL	History
Tuesday	English	Music	
Wednesday	Art	Geography	Drama/Dance
Thursday	Science	Maths	
Friday	R.E.	F&N	P.E.
<b>Week B:</b>			
Monday	Music	Art	Science
Tuesday	MFL	Geography	Drama/Dance
Wednesday	History	D&T	F&N
Thursday	English	Maths	
Friday	R.E.	Science	P.E.

YEAR 11			
<b>Week A:</b>			
Monday	R.E	F&N	Music
Tuesday	English	D&T	Dance/P.E.
Wednesday	Maths	Science	
Thursday	History	Art	
Friday	MFL	Geography	
<b>Week B:</b>			
Monday	Dance/P.E.	F&N	Science
Tuesday	Music	R.E.	
Wednesday	D&T	History	Maths
Thursday	Art	MFL	Geography
Friday	Science	English	

## Year 7 – Mr Davies

This week has been the first full week for your children at The Portsmouth Academy. I have been incredibly impressed with the amazing start the year 7s have made. I have had countless positive emails and comments from members of staff about the learning and behaviour of the year group. I would like to thank you for the support you have shown.

My target for the students this week has been to obtain as many habit points for resilience as possible. Already they have shown a fantastic start to this. Next week's assembly will introduce the new attendance competition for tutor groups.

Reflective Journals are a huge part of how we plan to teach students to become reflective learners. All students should have this in their possession whilst they are in school. Please could you support this message by making sure all students bring the Reflective Journals with them to school.

Next week in PSHE we will be looking at positive friendships. This links with the ethos of the school, in particular, the Respect element of ASPIRE.

Finally, I would like to remind Year 7 students to use the toilets and fill up their bottles during their lunch breaks so that they are prepared for their final lesson of the day.

**Thank you for your support**  
**Mr Davies and Miss Byrne**

### **Year 8 – Mrs Wilson**

As we are now entering into our first full week back at The Portsmouth Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with Team 2024. Last week I heard so many positive things about the students - it's always so lovely to hear how well they are doing around school!

This week in assembly I have launched a habit point competition, with the tutor group 'earning' the largest amount between now and Christmas receiving an amazing reward from the year team. Your help and encouragement with this initiative from home would be really appreciated – hopefully all of the points being awarded will make for beautiful learning environments and a more competitive atmosphere! I will also be monitoring habit points on a weekly basis, awarding mini 'on the spot' prizes to the tutor group with receiving the most points within that week. Well done to 8GOM, who were our winners this week, earning an amazing 171 habit points between them!

Alongside this, I am also pushing attendance with the year group and encouraging them to come in whenever safe and possible to do so. Like with the habit points, I will be running a competition for this element as well. Congratulations to this week's winners, 8QUI, with an amazing tutor group attendance of 97.41%!

Kind wishes,  
Mrs Wilson

### **Year 9 – Mr Parnell**

Dear all,

Can I thank all of you for the support you have offered to your children in terms of settling them back into the 'new normal'. During our assembly this week myself and Mr Snookes discussed the positives that we have seen in the first few days:

- Maturity of the vast majority of students has been excellent and this is reflected in the attitude to learning.
- Uniform has been smart with very few issues; can we please ensure that students wear school shoes (at all times, with the exception of PE) as per the Academy's uniform policy.
- Student contributions to PSHE sessions have been good; the emphasis in Year 9 is on holding discussions within lessons on a variety of thought-provoking topics.

Please can you also support your student by discussing their reflective journals with them; these have been produced at considerable cost and effort and we are asking students to take responsibility of them as they move around the academy. This is particularly important as the year group have a variety of tutors over their two-week timetable.

Thanks for your support,  
Mr Parnell and Mr Snookes

## Year 10 – Miss Hart

Dear parent or carer,

The year 10s have had a fantastic start to upper school, and I've been really impressed with what they are achieving at the moment in lessons. I'm hearing some great positive feedback and I really am proud of what they have achieved.

They are all showing a positive attitude towards being back in school. This week, Year 10s have had a good start to their first PSHE lesson.

As always, please do contact us if there are any issues or concerns. The first port of call will always be your child's tutor, who will refer to myself or Mr Denman if they are unable to help or support.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Hart and the Year 10 Team

## Year 11 – Miss Piper

Dear all,

What a great start to the school year for our girls. They have been amazing and shown maturity and resilience as we navigate the changes together. The year group received a total of 8 class celebrations this week. I could not be more proud.

Your daughter had the opportunity this week to begin work on her 'Future's Pathway' in her PSHE lesson. She began to plan and draft her personal statement for her application to college. In the lesson she was encouraged to visit the college websites in her own time to think about the courses that she would like to do after Year 11. I have included the web addresses for the feeder colleges so you can visit these together if you wish:

Highbury College - <https://www.highbury.ac.uk/>

Havant and South Downs - <https://www.hsdac.ac.uk/>

Portsmouth College - <https://www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk/>

Portsmouth Apprenticeships - <https://www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

Fareham College - <https://www.fareham.ac.uk/>

The mock exams begin this week and will end Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Your daughter has been issued with a copy of her exam schedule but if you would like a copy do not hesitate to email me: [h.piper@tsatrust.org.uk](mailto:h.piper@tsatrust.org.uk).

During this time period you can support your daughter by making sure she is getting enough sleep and turning screens off at least an hour before bed. You can also support her by making sure she has a clear water bottle with no label on it to aid her entry into the exams. Thank you in advance.



Well done Year 11 girls. The weekly competition for Piper's Podders to win a £10 Love to Shop voucher is into its 2nd week. I am pleased to announce the winner for week 1 is: MBM from 10GON. Her voucher is on its way to her - well done! Keep Podding! #stepupnow