

Important Events this Week

Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October:	Year 11 Mock Exams Week 2
Friday 2 October:	Whole School Photographs
Friday 2 October:	Year 7 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mr Dolphin, Senior Vice Principal

As the temperature takes a sharp decline and we are threatened by wet weather, please ensure that your child wears appropriate, waterproof clothing on their way to school to protect them while they are outside. Morning entry routines to the school are improving day by day which I am thrilled to see. However, some students are still arriving early. I want to remind all students to attend at their designated time, particularly if it is raining, so that they avoid having to wait outside getting wet! The entrance times are below in Mr Hatherley's section.

I would finally like to highlight that students will have their school photos taken this coming Friday 2nd October. It is expected that all students wear full uniform on this occasion, regardless of whether they have PE or Dance on this day. Thank you in advance.

Mr Hatherley, Vice Principal**Uniform**

Please check your child's uniform before they leave for school each day. Students often have the right shoes or skirts at home, but choose not to wear them. If your child is wearing PE kit to school, it must be the school's PE kit.

All teaching staff will be checking uniform throughout the day. Please be reminded that our behaviour policy states that we will send children home to change if their uniform does not meet our standards.

To purchase uniform please visit the school uniform shop, which is now based at Penhale school. 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 the online shop by email at customerservice@simmonds-ltd.com

If you would like help to buy uniform due to difficult financial circumstances, we have a small pot of money put aside. Please email Kelly Meale at k.meale@tsatrust.org.uk to see if you are eligible to access this fund.

Arrival to school

Please would you send your son or daughter to school at the correct entry time. The pupils have been fantastic entering the school in the morning, but some pupils are arriving very early which makes it difficult with the entry process and supporting the members in the community. Please follow these arrival times:

Year 7 - 8.25
Year 8 - 8.30
Year 9 - 8.40
Year 10 - 8.45
Year 11 - 8.45

Rewards

9663 habit points have been given out over all which is fantastic over the past two weeks! Rewarding pupils for demonstrating the habits of excellence and excellent effort and behaviour. We are really pleased with the high efforts and good behaviour so far. Year group by points so far-

Year 7 – 2474 Year 9 - 1838 Year 11 - 912
Year 8 – 2721 Year 10 - 1688

Well done to the Year 7 pupils as they are leading the way.

Mr Stevens, Operations Manager

To ensure the safety of our pupils, if you are collecting pupils on foot at the school gates, please can you arrange to meet a little way away from the school to ensure that social distancing is met. This also makes more space for general road and pavement safety.

If you are picking up pupils by car, please do not block Manor Road. This is a busy road, and stopping to pick up children is very frustrating for local residents, and also is a safety issue for pupils. Again, please can you agree a pick up point away from the school.

Miss French and Mr Burns, Assistant Principals



Urgent: If you have not done so already, complete our digital access survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YVRPNWP>

Log in details

All students have been provided with logins and opportunities to login at school. Where you have access at home, please encourage your child to check emails and MS Teams regularly.

Microsoft Teams Guidance:

Attached to this document is a “how-to” guide for using Microsoft teams. Can I ask that you please sit with your child and go through the guide?

Linked below is a good introductory video which you and your child may find helpful to view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qx8xHpRMFHU&list=PLiluTszfwwMLlimgLazTlbUxYzIQSYtw&index=1>

From now on all homework will be set using Microsoft Teams, therefore it will be important for your child to understand how to use it correctly. We need your help to make this change successful.

Digital Learning After school Club: Starting Monday 5th October

For students who do not have a device or internet connection at home, we will be starting after school clubs. There will be one club for each year group and they will run from 3-4pm and be supervised by staff who can help with using MS Teams, as well as with getting home learning assignments completed.

School Photographs

Dear Parents,

School photographs will take place on Friday 2nd October 2020. Please ensure your child has full correct uniform as due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to lend or share any uniform with students.

PE Kit cannot be worn on this day.

Covid-19 guidelines have been carefully considered. There will be no contact with the photographers, they will remain at least 2 metres apart from students at all times and all students will remain in their year bubbles at all times.

For year 7 and 11 students, their photographs will not clash with the respective flu vaccination or mock exams scheduled for those year groups on the same day.

Year 7 Flu Nasal Vaccinations

Dear Year 7 Parents,

The Year 7 Flu Nasal Vaccination Programme is being held this year on Friday 2nd October and is being delivered by the NHS Solent Trust School Immunisation Team.

All children were given an overview letter, consent form, and leaflet on Tuesday 22nd September. Please complete and return the consent form to school by Tuesday 29th September in preparation for the vaccination taking place. If you do not wish for your child to not have this vaccination, please indicate this on the form where appropriate.

Thank you,
Mr. Richard Smith
Outdoor Learning and Welfare Lead

Year 7 – Mr Davies

Thank you all so much for the support you have been giving the year 7s since they have started. So far the year group have settled in brilliantly and are doing really well. They have received over 1300 habit points so far with the majority of them coming from last week. Special mention to 7CUR who have received over 300 habits points. Their task this week from assembly was to receive as many habit points for accuracy. Next week's target will be for applying past knowledge. Attendance has been 95.95% for the year group and I will be working with the students to try and raise this over the coming weeks. 7JEL last week had 100% attendance and rightly deserved the gold certificate.

Monday is the 2nd instalment of PSHE and will be on positive friendships and how to be a good friend. The students will be delving into good friendships and bad friendships and how to spot these.

Homework has started to be set this week with all homework set on MS teams. Please make sure you check this with your children and make sure they hand in their homework by the due date.

Kind regards,
Mr Davies

Year 8 – Mrs Wilson

Thank you all for your continued support with year eight, our students are really enjoying being back at school! On Monday is our next PSHE lesson, where students will be learning about family relationships and how these may have evolved over the decades. Students will look what a family 'unit' may have looked like in the 1950s, the roles certain members may have had, and compare this to the present day.

Assembly this week was spent praising students who have had an amazing start to year eight at The Portsmouth Academy. I am so proud that students are working hard and consistently amazing their teachers! I also used this as an opportunity to celebrate the tutor group with the highest attendance for the week, congratulations to 8QUI (again!) with an attendance of 97.70%! Also, congratulations to 8HAS who received the most habit points this week. They managed to accumulative a staggering 238 between them! Who will be our winners next week?

Take care,
Mrs Wilson

Year 9 – Mr Parnell

Dear all,

I have been really proud of the way that the vast majority of the year group have settled into Year 9. Uniform is smart and many students are becoming excellent role-models within the school. Year 9 is obviously a very important year as students begin their formal GCSE studies; this has taken on even more importance this year with the recent school closures. We sincerely hope that the students make the most of their time both inside and outside of lessons.

On that note, tutors have shared homework timetables with students this week so that they are able to maximise their time outside of lessons. One positive to emerge from lockdown was the independence that students had to show – please can you support them with this as they move forwards.

Our PSHE theme for Monday is physical health and builds on the mantra: 'healthy body, healthy mind'. Please discuss this with your students if you get the chance!

Kind regards,
Mr Parnell and Mr Snookes

Year 10 – Miss Hart

It has been another successful week for Year 10. Their behaviour around the Academy has been exemplary and they are setting the standard to the younger year groups. I was fortunate enough to pop into some lessons this past week and I was extremely proud of the learning that I saw taking place, and the dedication students were showing to their GCSE subjects. They really have returned with the right mindset to be their best selves.

On the whole, our Year 10s are looking smart and uniform is good. There are still a few concerns regarding students wearing black trainers, rather than black polished school shoes. Please could I ask that you check your child is in the full correct uniform before they leave for school.

On Monday, the students will have their next PSHE lesson which will continue looking at what makes a healthy lifestyle and how to combat stress which will aim to give the students clear information about how they can look after themselves during stressful times such as examinations and GCSEs.

Year 11 – Miss Piper

Dear all,

The mock exams are into their second week and the majority of the year group have shown maturity and resilience in their approach to the exams. We have had a few instances where this has not been the case. The mock exams are an ideal opportunity for us to prepare the students for the real GCSEs in the Summer and we will take malpractice seriously if the actions of a student jeopardise the whole exam. Please can I ask you to remind your daughter about the JCQ guidelines.

Portsmouth College have released the dates for their virtual open days. Please see below. You will need to log in to their home page and register your interest at one of the dates and the college will then send you a link.

Tuesday 6th October 6pm – 8:30pm

Wednesday 7th October 5pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday 10th February 2021 5:30pm – 7:30pm

<https://www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk/open-evenings2020/>



Well done Year 11 girls. The weekly competition for Piper's Podders to win a £10 Love to Shop voucher is into its 3rd week. I am pleased to announce the winner for week 2 is: PMS from 10YOU. Her voucher is on its way to her - well done! Keep Podding! #stepupnow