



The
Portsmouth Academy

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Parent Bulletin

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OUR VIRTUAL OPEN DAY IS HERE!

It's that time of year again and, where normally we would invite all of you and your family to our schools, to admire the students' art displays, get a feel for our halls and wander the same corridors your children will, sadly due to COVID restrictions we won't be doing it that way. Instead we've poured all of our school spirit, personality, ethos, student chats and experiences into a one-stop digital experience.

We will miss the chance to meet you, shake hands with you, and chat about your child's next steps, but we're excited to share all that we have to offer, and the best bit? You can click and discover more about The Portsmouth Academy at any time, any place; to suit you and your family. Try it now; [Our Virtual Open Day](#).

Year 7 – Mr Davies

Thank you for all of your support with making sure uniform is correct this week. A significant improvement across the year has been evident. Whilst attending lessons this week, I was overwhelmed with such wonderful learning going on. The students' responses were marvellous and really show how well these students are doing at The Portsmouth Academy.

One area for improvement is the behaviour at break and lunch time and leading up to the line ups. Some students have been throwing food and drink around the outside area which has, in some instances dirtied the uniform of other students. Boisterous behaviour is starting to creep in and then when students get to line ups, they are not ready to get back to their lessons. Please encourage your

child to follow the school rules and to be sensible during these times. Sanctions have occurred in many cases already.

Kind wishes,
Mr Davies

Year 8 – Mrs Wilson

Another successful week has passed for Year 8, they genuinely continue to amaze me with the fantastic work they are producing during lesson time. I have had the pleasure of attending several class accolades in the last week, well done Team 2024!

One thing that has been brought to my attention is student conduct during break and lunch times. Some students are throwing water over each other and becoming increasingly more boisterous, which is resulting in the year team having to become involved. I would really appreciate your support in speaking to your child about the correct way to behave during social times, especially during these uncertain times.

Kind wishes,
Mrs Wilson

Year 9 – Mr Parnell

Thank you for your continued support with uniform. With very few exceptions, the year group are looking very smart and very grown-up when they enter the academy each morning.

There continue to be a high number of class accolades each day in the academy, across a variety of subjects. This really is the highlight of the day for myself and Mr Snookes as it demonstrates to us the excellent work that our students are capable of producing.

Regards,
Mr Parnell and Mr Snookes

Year 10 – Miss Hart

Thank you all for your continued support. Year 10 are continuing to make us extremely proud and are showing a real dedication and focus in their learning. When visiting their lessons I have been blown away by the learning that's taking place and I'm enjoying seeing the work they are completing.

This week I talked to the year group about the importance of self-reflection, and how reflecting on their day and their lessons can really help shape their attitudes and focus on their learning and goals for the future. To support them with this, students have a Reflective Journal that they must bring to school every day, and each student has been given a purple folder to help with the carrying of the journal. It would be great if you can help support your child in this process by asking to see their journal and talking through some of their reflections with you.

Just a final note to say a massive thank you in supporting us with your child's uniform. They look so smart and grown up at the moment. It is amazing to see how far they have come since joining us in Year 7. It is a recurring joke now that the majority of them are taller than me and from one parent to another I appreciate this is probably costing some of you a small fortune in uniform. Your support really is greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,
Miss Hart

Year 11 – Miss Piper

Thank you so much for all the support and guidance during the first mock exams series. Teachers are marking the papers and the results will come out to you after the half term break. We will also be starting revision classes once we have the data. We have had a few issues last week over the conduct of Year 11 around the academy during break and lunch times. As a result, we had to make the difficult decision to temporarily close the Thinking Café to Year 11.

Miss Stanley has settled in very well and is getting to know the year group. If you need to contact her, her email address is: l.stanley@tsatrust.org.uk

Year 11 will be starting their college applications and personal statements in their PSHE lesson this week. All students are also entitled to a careers interview with the Portsmouth Careers Advisory Service and these start on Friday 9th Oct and continue every Friday. The interview will enable your daughter to ensure she is taking the right steps towards her future after Year 11. If you have any queries about this process please contact Miss Rahman, the school Careers Advisor m.rahman@tsatrust.org.uk

Insights Week – Mr Hatherley, Vice Principal

The week of 12th to 16th October is Insights week. Please remind your child to bring their Reflective Journal to school each day. The Reflective Journals are a great tool in helping students understand the importance of self-reflection.

The students will receive their Insights report from their subject teacher and have time in their tutor session to reflect on their performance and green hat solutions.

Teachers will give feedback on digital activity, average grade, online assignments and as well as comment on how students are doing and sign the comment.

Please support your child by having a discussion about their feedback and progress and at the end of the week as well signing the parental signature box.

Attendance

Attendance Improvement Campaigns

We will be launching three campaigns starting on Monday.

Attendance Attack: Once a week, on a randomly chosen day, all students present at school will be awarded 2 habit points. Accumulated attendance habit points go towards a surprise award at the end of the academic year.

Weekly Tutor Attendance Award: Students in the tutor group that has the best attendance for the week will be awarded 1 habit point.

10-Day Challenge: A 10-Day challenge starts on 13th October for the 2 weeks leading up to half term. Students with 100% attendance, over this period, will be entered into a lucky draw. The winners will be announced the first day back after mid-term. There is one winner per year group and prizes are to be confirmed.

House Updates – Miss Masters

Student Leadership Recruitment

We are still trying to recruit House Captains, Deputy House Captains and House Sports Captains for all houses along with an Arts lead. We have had some incredible entries so far but still have a few gaps. If your child is in Year 9 or 10 and would be interested please ask them to come and speak to Miss Masters, or email me and I will be happy to give them more information and help them with their applications. All application forms have been sent to their school emails.

Competitions:



The poster features a background of autumn trees. At the top left is a camera icon, and at the top right is a cartoon character with a mustache and a hat pointing forward. The text is centered and reads: 'Calling all photographers!' followed by a question, a description of the competition, prize information, contact details, and a deadline. At the bottom, there are four circular icons representing the school houses: Socrates (eagle), Hypatia (wolf), Aristotle (lion), and Plato (tiger).

Calling all photographers!

Are you a keen photographer? Do you love to get out and about and take pictures either with a camera or on your phone?

To embrace the changing season and environment around us, we are running an autumn photography competition. Whether you're inspired by crunchy red and brown leaves, a pumpkin spiced latte or a snuggled movie night with a blanket, we would love to see what you can capture.

Habit points will be awarded for each entry and special prizes for the winners!

Please email entries to Miss Kendall at r.kendall@tsatrust.org.uk

Deadline for entries is **Friday 6th November**.

SOCRATES
Aim High and Sear

HYPATIA
We Hunt in a Pack

ARISTOTLE
Lead and Think

PLATO
Hunt in Pairs

The Portsmouth Academy House Bake Off!



Are you a budding baker? Your house needs you!

This year's The Portsmouth Academy Bake Off is looking for the best Halloween inspired showstopper. To enter the competition simply bake your showstopper and e-mail a photograph of your finished product to Miss Smith. Miss Quin and the House Champions will judge all entries. Prizes and Habit points for winning entries.

Teaching staff, we are calling on you too. Why not have a go and win some points for your house.

Deadline: Friday 6th November.

E-mail entries to: a.smith2@tsatrust.org.uk