



The  
Portsmouth Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: Year 11 Final Weeks of School

I know that the majority of parents have seen the recorded briefing and/or managed to attend the parents' evening at the end of last term and so will be well aware of the school's plans for awarding grades. Further advice for parents and students on how this year's grades will be determined can be found here:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Some key points that you should be aware of:

- Between now and the end of term 5 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, students in Year 11 will continue to be assessed in class so that teachers can confidently award a grade.
- These grades need to be based on how students are **currently** performing, not a prediction of how students *might have* achieved had the summer examinations gone ahead.
- Depending on the subject studied, students will be completing a range of examination questions, essays, NEA tasks in practical subjects and so on. Our teachers will be working incredibly hard this term to set and mark all these assessments.
- By the end of this term, the expectation is that all teachers will have sufficient evidence to determine a grade for every student in every subject.

With this in mind, we have determined that the last normal school day for Year 11 students this year will be **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. When term 6 begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June we will only have around 10 days to check and submit every single grade to the examination boards (approximately 800 grades!) so there will be minimal time available for any more assessments to be completed.

Please note the below important information concerning the end of the year:

- The vast majority of Year 11 students, will not be needed to come in to school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June onwards
- In rare cases we may need to invite a student in to school at some point in the weeks of 7<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> June, for example if a student has missed a lot of school and needs to complete any outstanding assessments.
- I know some of you want to book early summer holidays. I would therefore suggest Year 11 do not book holidays until after Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Results will be issued on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. More information on exactly how this will happen will be provided nearer the time.

I hope this update is useful. If you have any questions about anything here please contact me on [c.andrews@tsatrust.org.uk](mailto:c.andrews@tsatrust.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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