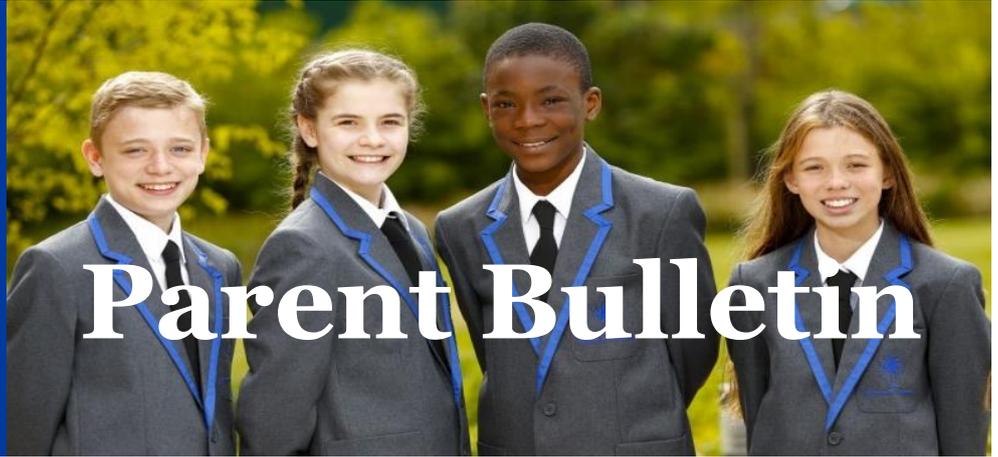




The
Portsmouth Academy

Week 38B

w/c 12 July 2021



Parent Bulletin

Important Dates

Thursday 15 July	Sports Day
Wednesday 21 July	Year 7 Chessington Trip and Year 9 Thorpe Park Trip
Thursday 22 July	Year 8 Chessington Trip and Year 10 Thorpe Park Trip
Friday 23 July	Fun in the Sun End of Term - 12:30pm Dismissal

Student Home Lateral Flow Test Dates

Year Group	1 st Weekly Test	2 nd Weekly Test
10 & 11	Evening of Sunday 11 July	Evening of Wednesday 14 July
7	Evening of Monday 12 July	Evening of Thursday 15 July
9	Evening of Tuesday 13 July	Evening of Friday 16 July
8	Evening Wednesday 14 July	Evening of Sunday 18 July

If your child's test result is positive, we ask you to inform us by either emailing absence@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk or completing the digital form at <https://bit.ly/3eL9VHM>

Class Charts– Mr Hatherley, Vice Principal



Have you downloaded class charts and logged on to your child's area?

This will speed up communications and give you instant live feed to their progress during the day. Class Charts reports behaviour both positive and negative as well as making you aware of any detentions.

Class charts also gives you option to communicate directly with the teacher. Download yours today and join the TPA class charts community!

Every parent that logs on each week will get positive behaviour points for your child's house points. Please read the letter sent out to you last week to log on and use your password. This will support with communication and it gives you live feedback of your child's daily progress.

This Week's Parent Download Competition!!!!

We will be rewarding the tutors and pupils with the first group to hit 100% parent engagement and log on.

Top Houses

Plato	Aristotle	Hypatia	Socrates
38%	44%	46%	39%

Top Tutor Groups

1 st Place	7CUR 69% Parental Engagement
2 nd Place	7SMA 62% Parental Engagement
3 rd Place	7 WLS 61% Parental engagement

Free School Meal Vouchers

We are pleased to inform you that PCC will be providing FSM vouchers for the summer holidays. Vouchers will be emailed during the last week of school. Ideally, we would like to email all vouchers instead of posting them. If you have received a paper voucher in the past, please could you reply with your current email address so that we can switch over from paper to email. If you have any questions, please contact the school by the 22nd July and ask for Mrs Bothma.

Heads of Year

Year 7 – Mr Davies

We have discussed the concept of 'Being your best self' and having a glass half full attitude over the last 2 weeks. I have used the current Euros football tournament as a way of delivering this message. From this we have seen an improvement in friendship issues and resilience. Please can you reinforce the message of being kind to each other and finishing the year strong.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce I will no longer be Head of Year for this year group as of September. I am moving to pastures new and will be taking up a Senior Leadership Role in a new school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to you and the children. I have loved working closely with this year group and they are a special group within the school. I know they will grow into amazing young adults and be successful in their future endeavours.

Mr Lock will be replacing me as Head of Year and he is an extremely experienced and superb member of staff. I am certain he will be a huge hit with the students and yourselves alike.

PSHE Theme: Savings

Year 8 – Mr M. Smith

In assembly on Tuesday, I spoke to the year group about being their best selves. As we head towards the end of the school year, please remind your child of the importance of giving everything their best effort so that they continue their learning journey and finish the year strong.

PSHE Theme: Finance in the Real World

Year 9 – Mr Parnell

Hopefully you've been gripped by the Football recently (I know that some of the students certainly have!). During assemblies, I have used the England team as inspiration to talk to students about being their 'best selves'. Please discuss this with them at home.

Please can I remind people about the trip to Thorpe Park; it is an excellent opportunity for the Year 9 cohort to have a great day out. Payment is now due!

PSHE Theme: Finance in the Real World

Year 10 – Miss Hart

There was lots happening for Year 10 this week as we prepare them for Year 11. This week the students took part in two afternoon workshops. One session looked at goal mapping and the other focussed on resilience. Both of them focussing on key skills and how they can help themselves going forward in to Year 11.

We also had a Mini Medics workshop for some of the year group. This involved them learning a little bit about the world of medicine and how students could achieve a career in medicine. When I popped in to see what the students were up to, they were all really engaged and it was reported by the workshop leaders that TPA was one of the best schools they have worked at.

On Friday, we also celebrated again those students who have 100% attendance for the past week. They all received a chocolate bar and were entered in to a draw to win a £10 Love2Shop voucher. The students who have been in 100% for the last two weeks were entered into a draw to win a £30 Love2Shop voucher. Attendance is so important in Year 10 and 11 and a 5% decrease in attendance can cost students a whole GCSE grade, in all subjects. We are therefore working hard to prepare students for Year 11 (and the world beyond TPA) and helping them create good habits with attendance and punctuality.

Have a great week,
Miss Hart



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GCSEPod are hosting an exciting and inspiring FREE programme designed to support you with your learning this summer and get a head start on next academic year!

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- Give yourself the best chance to succeed next year

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Attendance – Mrs Bothma-Lubbe and Miss Osborne

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#TPAattendance #TPAyearwinners

 Year 8

 Year 7

 Year 9



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#TPAattendance #TPAhousewinners

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 PLATO Hear us Roar	 HYPATIA We hunt as a Pack	 SOCRATES Aim High and Soar	 ARISTOTLE Fear our Pride

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

ONLINE FAIR PLAY

The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.



FAIR PLAY



1 Organise your defence

Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.



2 Keep possession

Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.



3 Use teamwork

Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.



4 Be respectful

Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.



5 Catch attackers offside

If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.



FOUL PLAY



1 Don't ignore possible danger

Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.



2 Don't lose control & retaliate

Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.



3 Don't hurt people deliberately

It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.



4 Don't cheat your way to victory

Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.



5 Don't play for extra time

It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.



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