



The
Portsmouth Academy

29th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are desperately sad to share with you the tragic news that one of our much-loved students, Jorja Halliday, died last night. At this incredibly sad time, our hearts go out to her family, whom Jorja loved dearly, including her little sister Julie, of whom she was so protective.

As so many of you will know, Jorja was a kind-hearted, principled and passionate young person who was enormously popular among her peers in Year 11 and across the whole school. She was, indeed, a friend to us all.

Jorja was a true TPA girl – she always spoke her mind and stood up for community values; she loved to inspire other students, including leading her tutor group; and she was an excellent student and especially adored art, in particular photography, in which she was very talented. I have attached some of the beautiful work that Jorja created.

Mr Dolphin, who taught her maths for two years, told me this morning: “I always found her to be really inquisitive. She was so bright and at the top of her maths class. She had a lovely, mischievous side but was also very studious and so likeable.” His words are a lovely tribute and are shared by us all.

Our school community is united in our grief and in deep shock. We are pulling together during this very difficult time, including providing our students with all the support they need, including through our specialist pastoral teams.

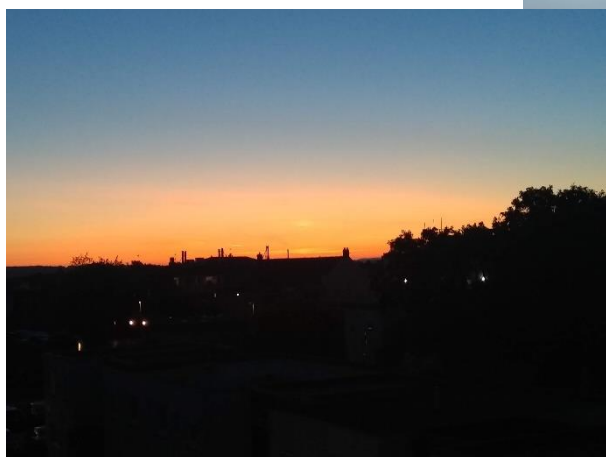
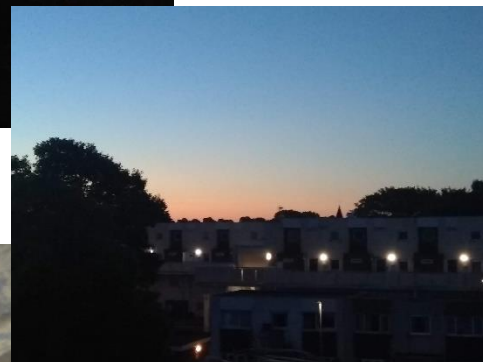
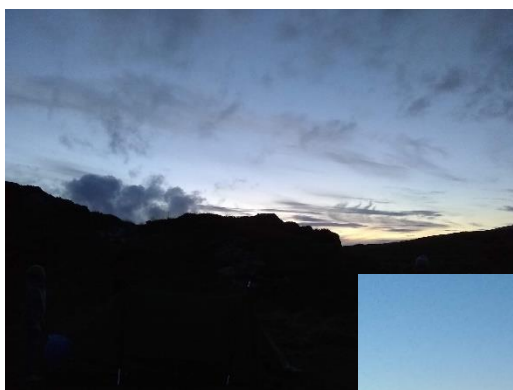
All our thoughts and prayers are with Jorja’s family and many friends. Already, we desperately miss her, but we know that our pain is nothing as to how they feel.

Yours faithfully,

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