



The
Portsmouth Academy

Week 5A

w/c 4 Oct 2021



Message from Mrs Grey, Principal

It has been extremely heartwarming to have received so many messages of support for the school community after the news of Jorja's passing. I have passed these messages on to both the school community and to Jorja's family.

I have been extremely proud of the students and staff here with the way they have conducted themselves and supported each other through such a difficult time. Whilst we have staff in school who are trained to work with children who are struggling with their grief, you may find the following websites useful when talking to your children about their feelings.

www.childbereavement.org.uk/

<http://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

Helpline: 0800 02 888 40

<http://www.cruse.org.uk/>

Helpline: 0808 808 1677

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/bereavement/pages/bereavement.aspx>

<http://www.winstonswish.org.uk/>

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/support-directory/bereavement-support>

Hot Chocolate with the Head – Mrs Grey, Principal

In Hot Chocolate with the Head this week I met some wonderful and articulate students.

The positivity around one:one from Year 7 continued, I have been so impressed with how well both the students and the staff have taken to this new style of learning. They did comment they would like to use the collaboration tools a little bit more frequently and so this is an area for us to work on over the next few weeks. Both Year 8 and Year 9 wanted me to give a 'shout out' to their Art teachers, they are very much enjoying their current units of work; so much so they have asked for more art clubs to be on the



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enrichment programme as they get filled up so quickly! Our Year 10s were pleased with their options subjects; in particular they are enjoying Drama and Media Studies. One thing Year 11 were keen to look into was having a specific space for them at break and lunchtimes. We will keep this under review but as the school has grown we are limited for spaces during unstructured time.

Our Deputy Head Boy supported me from the Student Leadership Team and he was fantastic with the younger students, asking them questions and flagging up the student voice survey which went out last week – a real role model!

Important Dates

Tuesday 5th October – Early Dismissal

- Year 9/10/11 dismissed at 1:20pm
- Year 7/8 dismissed at 2:00 pm

Tuesday 5th October

- Open Evening 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday 6th October – Period 2 start to lessons

- Year 9/10/11 start at 10:00am
- Year 7/8 start at 10:20am

Tuesday 12th October

- Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' Evening

At-Home Lateral Flow Testing

We would like to remind parents that it is advised that all students are to continue with the at-home lateral flow testing.

Year Group	1 st Weekly Test	2 nd Weekly Test
11	Evening of Friday 1 st October	Evening of Tuesday 5 th October
10	Evening of Saturday 2 nd October	Evening of Wednesday 6 th October
9	Evening of Sunday 3 rd October	Evening of Thursday 7 th October
8	Evening of Monday 4 th October	Evening of Friday 8 th October
7	Evening of Tuesday 5 th October	Evening of Saturday 9 th October

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>

Heads of Year

Year 7 – Miss Piper

We will be holding our first evening event for Year 7 students on Tuesday 12th October 2021. This event is crucial to your child's continued transition to The Portsmouth Academy. It is the first opportunity for you to meet the key staff involved in your child's education. Your child's tutor is an important link

between school and home, who remains with them for 5 years and is responsible for the day-to-day routines and communication whilst at school.

Whilst we are delighted to be able to open our doors to Year 7 and their parents, we have some restrictions in place which we ask that you adhere to in order to reduce any potential transmission of COVID within our school community.

- One adult only to every Year 7 student. Please do not bring any additional family members.
- All adult visitors to the site to wear face masks whilst on the school site.
- Where possible we ask that all visitors complete an at home lateral flow test prior to attending.
- Please do not attend if you, or your child, show any symptoms of COVID.

In order to allow a fair and organised system we will be running a booking session for this year's event:

- Parents need to complete the form to show their preferred time slots, with any remaining parents allocated a time slot if they do not indicate their preferences
- Sessions will run swiftly to time with a short video from myself as your child's Head of Year, Q&A from tutors and the opportunity to ask questions at the end.

PSHE Theme: Maintaining healthy relationships with friends and resolving conflict.

Year 8 – Mr Lock

Another successful week for #Team2025 with over 90% of pupils achieving their 10+ habit point postcard and an amazing 35% achieving their 25+ postcard! Reminder that all pupils will be leaving early due to the Open Evening on Tuesday 5th October and coming in a little later Wednesday 6th. We have two Year 8 fixtures this week, Netball and Football games, both against Milton Cross. Finally, please remember to encourage reading on the e-platform at home over the weekend and most importantly **PLEASE** upload the Class Charts App to your phone to track the amazing progress your child is making.

"Reading is a passport to countless adventures" - Mary Pope Osbourne

Year 9 – Mr M. Smith

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9,

Thank you for your continued support with our year group. Overall, uniform looks fantastic, with the main missing item being ties. Could I please remind you that, if your child requires a tie, these can be purchased through PlusPay.

A current topic of conversation throughout tutor time is the idea of respect, and how we can show respect around our school community. Please do continue this conversation at home.

Many thanks,
Mr. Smith

PSHE Theme: Body Image

Year 10 – Mr Parnell

Please can you pass on my gratitude to your child for the maturity and empathy they have shown this week following the devastating news to the academy. They were a credit to you for the way that they dealt with the situation.

Reminder that the Year 10s are focusing on careers in their PSHE lessons at the moment - please take the time to discuss this with them at home.

Final plea from me is for parents to download the Class Charts app; it is an incredibly powerful resource for us as a school community and we would like 100% take-up from parents.

Year 11 – Miss Hart

This week has been extremely tough on the Year group but I honestly could not be more proud of them right now. They have demonstrated such courage, empathy and understanding during a deeply upsetting time. They have pulled together and supported each other. They have demonstrated such empathy when some of them have struggled with their emotions and they have shown huge compassion to our staff.

Their approach to their mock exams at the beginning of the week was superb and I was proud of them for this given that it was the first time since Year 8 they had sat in the exam hall. To then manage the rest of the week with the maturity they showed, I am beyond honoured to be their Head of Year. As you will be aware, the mock examinations have been postponed until after the half-term as we support them through this time.

On Friday, a representative from Portsmouth College delivered an assembly to the students on choices available at Portsmouth College. There are Opening Evenings to the college available and these have already been shared with you, but further information is available on the college's websites.

Thank you to those parents who have already reached out to me this week. Please feel free to contact myself or Mr Denman if you need anything.

KS3 GL Assessments – Miss French, Assistant Principal for KS3

[Year 7 GL Assessments in English, Maths and Science: 4th – 7th October 2021](#)

Week beginning 4th October 2021, all Year 7 students will be completing their GL assessments. These assessments are national progress tests and will be completed in Maths, Science and English over the course of the week in normal lesson time with their subject teachers. Each assessment will be done online using the 360 devices and the students do not need to revise before the assessment.

For information, please check your child's tutor group to see which days their assessments will fall on.

	MONDAY 4th Oct	TUESDAY 5th Oct	WEDNESDAY 6th Oct	THURSDAY 7th Oct
7CUT	English	Science	Maths & English	Maths
7DAF	Maths	English	Science & Maths	English
7FLE	English & Science	English	Maths	Maths
7GRZ	Science & Maths	English	Maths & English	
7KEL	Science, English & Maths		English & Maths	
7KIM	Maths & English	Science	English & Maths	
7LAW	Maths & English	English	Maths & Science	
7SCO	Maths & English	Science & English	Maths	
7WEB	English	Science & English	Maths	Maths

Tutors will remind the children when they are completing each assessment, but please use this for reference to help prepare your child each day.

If you have a set of cabled headphones with a jack attachment, please allow your child to bring those to school (there are low cost options for these available) next week for each of their assessments.

If you have any questions please direct them to tutors in the first instance.

Open Evening – 5th October 2021, 6-8pm – Miss French, Assistant Principal for KS3

We are delighted to offer prospective students of The Portsmouth Academy the opportunity to tour our school on the evening of 5th October 2021, between 6pm-8pm.

Whilst we are excited to be able to open our doors to Year 6 and their parents, we have some restrictions in place that we ask that you adhere to in order to reduce any potential transmission of COVID within our school community.

- One adult only to every prospective Year 6 student. Additional adults will be asked to wait outside.
- All adult visitors to the site to wear face masks around the school site.
- Where possible we ask that all visitors complete an at home, lateral flow test prior to attending.
- Please do not attend if you, or your child show any symptoms of COVID.

Our Student Leadership Team will provide guided tours throughout the evening, with four time slots available to choose from. You will have the opportunity to see our fantastic facilities, meet our very dedicated staff teams and most importantly talk to the children who experience TPA every day.

If you have any questions prior to the evening, please pop them in the form below and we will be happy to answer them on the evening itself. A member of the PCC Admissions team will be in attendance to answer any more general questions you have regards applications for secondary school.

We look forward to welcoming you!

<https://forms.office.com/r/X2gsJCrMVg>



Vaccinations – Mr R. Smith, Welfare Lead

COVID-19 Vaccinations

There will be future sessions for those students eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. We will be able to share more information about these sessions next week.

Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 19th October 2021, there will an in-school clinic for those students who have not received their flu vaccination. More information about this session, for these specific students, will be available next week.

Attendance – Mrs Blake and Miss Osborne

Top Tutor Attendance Stats!

Best Tutor Group	Percentage
7CUT	97.5
8JAR	91.4
9SCA	91.5
10DOW	92.2
11BEG	82.8

This week's tutor attendance award goes to 7CUT! Well done to each and every member of the tutor group. They will receive their reward on Monday morning. #TPAAttendancesuperstars



Attendance Attack is back again next week on Wednesday 6th October. The students will receive a habit point simply for being in school for the whole day on time. What can be easier than that? #missschoolmissout #TPAAttendanceattack #TPARocksAttendance

Music Department Competition



For all students in all year groups

Enter the competition as a:

- solo musician or singer
- duet
- band
- orchestra
- ensemble
- choir

Perform any style of music you want. Prepare one song for your audition. Fill in the online form to register: <https://forms.office.com/r/tbr2zj43gR>

Auditions:

Year 7/8/9 -Wednesday 7th October, After School

Year 10/11 Thursday 8th October, After School

Finals:

Thursday 18th November - Live performance in front of a panel of professional judges and a live audience.

Prizes:

3rd Place: £25 music voucher

2nd Place: £50 music voucher

1st Place: £100 music voucher and a professional recording session with Southsea Sound

Additional prizes including free instrumental lessons and music bundles to be announced soon.

Stamshaw Youth Provision

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11-18 YEARS



Opening Hours

Tuesday - **Free** Boxing Club (Limited spaces available)



Wednesday - 6.45pm-8.30pm

Thursday - 6.45pm-8.30pm



Find us: Inside Stamshaw Adventure Playground

All Young People Welcome

Please be prepared to complete a contact form with up-to-date personal information and to follow our rules.

Fun for all 11-19 year olds, from pool, cookery and crafts, to day trips, sports and special events. Our Youth Clubs provide a safe space for young people to express themselves, make friends and socialise.

Come and chat, have fun, listen to music or simply charge your phone...



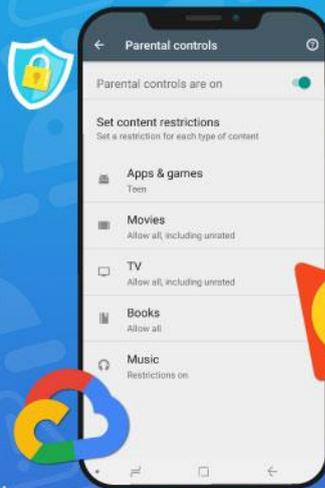
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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of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

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS on an Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set (18+)
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set (18+)

