The Portsmouth Academy

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term at The Portsmouth Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

It has certainly been an eventful term, with many highlights that have showcased the talent, resilience and ambition of our students. We were pleased to welcome inspectors to the school during our recent Ofsted visit, and I was incredibly proud of how our students represented both themselves and our wider school community throughout the process.

In addition, this half term has seen a number of important events, including our Work Experience (WEX) information evenings, Year 7 Tutor Evening, Open Evening and a range of fantastic music performances. These events have provided valuable opportunities for students and families to engage with school life and celebrate the many successes taking place across the academy.

A particular focus this term has been supporting our new Year 7 students as they begin their journey at TPA. It has been wonderful to see how well they have settled into secondary school life, developing confidence, building friendships and embracing the opportunities available to them.

This half term has also marked the introduction of our mobile phone pouches. We have already begun to see positive benefits across the school, including improved focus in lessons, increased student engagement and more meaningful interactions during social times. We are grateful for the support of both students and families in helping us embed this initiative successfully.

As always, our students continue to impress us through their commitment to learning, their participation in the wider life of the school and their willingness to embody our values each day. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this term.

As we break for half term, I hope that all of our families are able to enjoy some well-deserved time together. Whether you are spending time with family, catching up with friends or simply taking the opportunity to rest and recharge, I wish you a safe and enjoyable break.

Looking ahead to next half term, students will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November at 8:20am. As we move further into the Autumn and Winter months, the weather is becoming increasingly colder. Please ensure that students have a suitable coat for their journey to and from school and for use during social times throughout the day.

The half-term break also provides an excellent opportunity to check that students are fully prepared for a successful start back at school. Please ensure that your child's uniform meets our expectations and that they have all of the essential equipment required for learning, including pens, pencils, a ruler and any other necessary resources. Arriving fully equipped and ready to learn helps students make the strongest possible start to the new half term.

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Thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout what has been a memorable and productive half term. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 3rd November and continuing to work together to ensure every young person thrives at The Portsmouth Academy.

On behalf of everyone at TPA, have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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