

Dear Parent and Carers,

In this week's newsletter, I am pleased to share with you a number of highlights from around the school. From strengthening relationships with the University of Portsmouth to our students embracing the arts and taking the stage in preparation for their GCSE exams, I am proud to highlight our students' and staff's exceptional achievements, as we continue to build on our core values of Aspire, Achieve, Respect.

Drama pupils shine bright on stage for their GCSE performances – See the [article here](#)

We have an incredibly talented group of Year 11 actors who have been working on their GCSE performances, which include scripted extracts from The Importance Of Being Earnest, Sparkleshark, Waiting For Godot and Macbeth. It's always fantastic to see the stage and lighting in our main hall being used, enhancing that acting experience for all involved.

Building relationships with the University of Portsmouth – Read the [update on our website](#)

A group of Year 8 pupils had a fantastic time visiting the University of Portsmouth to learn more about what life is like in the world of higher education. Our students engaged in a taster day which provided them a glimpse of some of the options available at university. From fashion and textiles to the world of forensics, you can learn more about the visit by reading the article on our website.

Science success for Year 8 – See the [smiley faces on Facebook here](#)

Congratulations to our outstanding Year 8 students for their remarkable achievement in attaining their Science Badge! They were awarded the badge for earning the most Science Habit Points in their tutor group during the first half of this year. This will be worn proudly on their blazer lapel.

Coming together with other Trust schools for World Book Day – [Go to the article](#)

Last Thursday, our school community came together to discuss and read their favourite books for World Book Day. The national event was also a #WeAreOne event for schools across the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, where everyone comes together to celebrate a common cause. We believe it's important to remind our students that they are a member of a family of schools that are stronger when they come together.

Other notices

Parents area of our website

Did you know we have a dedicated area on our website for parents to quickly find information that matters to them? From finding letters home to information about school lunches, you can [see the page here](#).

Mobile phones

We respectfully remind parents that our policy is that students should not be using their mobile phones during the school day; if phones are seen they will be confiscated and can be collected by students at the end of the day.

Requesting a meeting

At The Portsmouth Academy, we are unable to fulfil same-day meeting requests. You do have the option to schedule direct meetings to address specific concerns on an individual basis by [completing the provided form](#). Following the form submission, your Child's Tutor or Head of Year will reach out to you within 48 hours (2 working days).

Parent forum outcomes

Following the Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday of this week, we will be sharing the outcomes of this meeting and our key actions within next week's newsletter.

Changes to school leadership

If you haven't heard of the news already, we are pleased to update you about the leadership changes of The Portsmouth Academy. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Smith as our Principal and Regional Director from June 2024, who will be appointed until August 2025. The [full details are here](#).

Our next weekly newsletter will be shared on Monday 18th March 2024, packed with more positive insights and celebrations coming from our school community. Please do follow the latest news section of our website, as well as our school Facebook page, to keep informed of the fantastic things happening across our school.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in the work we are doing to encourage our students to achieve their aspirations in a safe and respectful school environment.



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Yours faithfully

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