

Dear Parent and Carers,

The Easter break is here! I would like to thank you for your support in the past few weeks as our staff continue to strive to make The Portsmouth Academy the best environment to encourage students to *Aspire, Achieve and Respect* each other.

These weekly newsletter updates have been received well from our school community and I am delighted to see so many of our parents and wider neighbourhood reacting to our good news across our social media platforms, with plenty more to come. But to conclude this term, please do see some important and positive highlights for your attention below, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 15th April.

Portsmouth Academy Students Shine at ['Soundsational' Event](#)

A group of talented musicians from The Portsmouth Academy had the opportunity to showcase their skills at the Portsmouth Guildhall recently, as part of the 'Soundsational' event. The day, which you can read more about here, provided a platform for our budding musicians to have an experience on a stage where big names have performed.



Revision is [underway across subjects](#) for Year 11

As Year 11 prepare for their GCSE exams, we work hard to ensure everyone has a positive experience to revise. From refreshing what they know independently to working as a team within a discussion, our staff are focused on ensuring everyone gets value from their revision. Our giant white boards have been popular with Year 11 Geography pupils too, which you can see on our Facebook page. See the [TPA Easter break revision timetable](#) here.

Year 9 work on [#PompeyGetTalking campaign](#) for mental health awareness

A group of Year 9 pupils have been working to make mental health awareness a more comfortable topic for discussion. The Social Action Project, delivered by Pompey in the Community, focuses on urging Portsmouth Football Club and its fans to continue the conversation on mental health awareness. The passionate team from our school, along with other schools within the city, created green bibs/kits for players and mascots to wear during matches, promoting their campaign which would be called #PompeyGetTalking.



Year 10 [visit Disneyland Paris](#) for Media trip

Year 10 students recently [visited Disneyland Paris](#) with Mrs Ball, Mr Cross, Mr Bailey and Miss Barker. They attended the Media Live event, which is designed to give students the opportunity to experience Disney first hand, as well as open their eyes to the various careers available to them within the industry. The behaviour of the students was amazing, and they represented TPA impeccably - definitely following the TPA way!



100% club is a success [for second term](#)

We are delighted that 478 students were part of our Easter 100% Club last week! That's an increase of 52 students, since our last 100% Club. All 478 students had 100% attendance and 100% positives. They all earned a golden ticket which they traded in for a chocolate Easter egg at the end of the day in the Quad. The students were excited to receive them. We are 100% positive that the 100% Club is going to get even bigger and better.

Further updates your need to know

School [uniform expectations](#)

When we return to school on Monday 15th April, we expect all students to return in full and correct uniform. Maintaining consistency in our expectation of how our students present themselves helps develop the sense of pride our students have in coming to our school.

Introducing The ARCH

As you will be aware, The Portsmouth Academy has an ongoing commitment to provide educational support and inclusivity for all. We have been working closely with New Horizons Primary School, which, as you may know, is part of the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, and many of our students come from the school. As such, we have worked with New Horizons to establish a dedicated area on-site to support a small number of students needing extra reintegration support as they transition back into the main school environment. This will open the first week of Term 5.

New Horizons has made careful adjustments to ensure that the introduction of this space does not interfere with the existing routines and comfort of their children or at Little Thinkers Nursery. Only 6 to 10 Portsmouth Academy students at a time will benefit from this provision, which will be located in a separate part of the school building in an area not currently in use. We will also be implementing staggered start times for these students to minimise any disruptions and maintain a stable and supportive learning environment for all.

This new space will not only aid with the reintegration of students back into school life and ensure they have the space to access specialist experts, but it will also strengthen our support for neighbouring schools and the Trust. Should you have any further questions you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to email The Portsmouth Academy office.

Thank you for your ongoing support over recent weeks. Our next newsletter will be after the Easter break, on Monday 22nd April. May I take this opportunity to encourage students and their families to have an enjoyable break from school and we look forward to welcoming everyone's prompt return by 8:30am on Monday 15th April.

Yours faithfully

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