

Dear Parent and Carers,

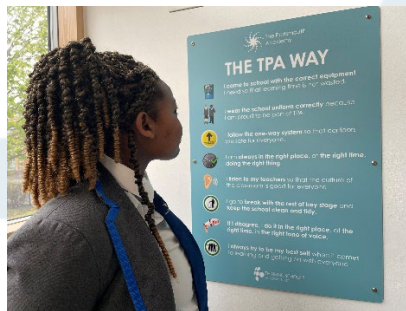
It has been a busy start to Term 5 across all areas of The Portsmouth Academy, but I am pleased to see that there is plenty happening across lessons and within extra-curricular activities. Here are some positive highlights from some brilliant moments at school this past week:

Updates to the Personal Development page [on our website](#)

At The Portsmouth Academy, we believe in the importance of preparing and empowering our pupils to meet the world. At the heart of our mission lies the commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also personal development, so we have developed a new area of our website to showcase exactly this. Take a look at the personal development opportunities available to your child throughout our school. From engaging with WeAreOne events to providing career advice and offering after school activities, there is something for everyone at this school.

Lights, Camera, Action! Filming to promote the TPA Way

An enthusiastic group of pupils have been filming in recent weeks to help promote and explain The TPA Way for our website and social media. They have been having fun working with some members of staff to record everything that is needed and have been brilliant at contributing ideas too. The video will be edited and available to see in a few weeks, but it's lovely to see students are engaged with it and are keen to promote our expectations for everyone to follow. Watch this space!



Dance students attend [Move It dance convention](#)

Recently, dance students at The Portsmouth Academy attended Move It, a dance convention held at the Excel Centre in London. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience what a career in the Performing Arts industry might entail. The day included the chance to engage with top industry performers, workshops, classes, performing arts colleges and universities. Students were inspired by the level of professional standard of the performers and were in complete awe of how amazing they were. The conversations on the bus coming home were focused on what classes they were going to book onto next year. It's amazing experiences like this that inspire our students to achieve their aspirations.



Further updates you need to know

Save the Date: Our next Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum at The Portsmouth Academy will take place on Thursday 16th May 2024, from 4pm to 5pm. Please do save this date in your diary. We will provide you with further updates on key developments in our school improvement plan, as well as answer any questions you may have submitted prior to the meeting. You can register your attendance for this event via our form, which will go live in a couple of weeks. We will share links to that soon.



A reminder about school uniform expectations

Thank you to those who support us in ensuring your child comes to school in full and well-presented 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.

Mobile Phones

We have a "See it, Lose it" mobile phone policy at The Portsmouth Academy. It is essential the phones of every student are stored in their bags and switched off when they arrive at the school gates. Phones are not to be out during the school day, at any time. If a mobile phone is seen students will be asked to hand over their phones. All phones confiscated will be stored securely. Phones are returned to students at the end of the day. If students refuse to follow instructions from staff, they will be placed in the removal room. Entry to the removal room also requires students to hand over their phones. If students refuse to comply, they will be at risk of a suspension from school. If you need to contact your child in a rare emergency, please contact the school reception.

The next newsletter will be shared with you on Monday 29th April. Meanwhile, thank you for your support as we continue to work hard to improve The Portsmouth Academy and offer your child the best learning experience possible.

Yours faithfully

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