

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. It may be a shorter week for us at The Portsmouth Academy, but there is plenty happening across the school, so please continue to keep your eyes on our website and social media for regular updates throughout the term. But first, I wanted to highlight some positive things that have been happening recently within our school, including staff from our trust schools coming together to play football to raise awareness about mental health. Enjoy your read!

Sign up to our [Parent Forum here](#)

There is just over a week to go until our Parent Forum at The Portsmouth Academy, which will take place on Thursday 16th May 2024, from 4pm to 5pm. This event will provide us with an opportunity to give further updates following our presentation from our March Parent Forum, as well as a chance to answer any questions you may have.

BAE Systems brings 'Electrifying' STEM [Roadshow to TPA](#)

Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an 'electrifying' STEM show with ambassadors from BAE Systems, the Royal Airforce, and the Royal Navy. The roadshow explored the topic of electricity: what is electricity and how is it important in our world. It also aimed to inspire students to explore a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



Improvements seen to One:One device engagement as [more students come to school with laptop](#)

The number of students claiming they have 'No Device' (One:One lapto) has declined since the beginning of this term, which began with 82 'No Device' statements from students on the first Monday back, which is now down to 6 students without their device on Thursday 2nd May. Thank you to all parents who have supported us with this important aspect of your child's education, and thank you to the One:One team for the liaison with parents.

Dance leaders deliver dance workshops to children at Meon Infant School

Our Year 9 and 10 dance leaders have been inspiring young minds to explore dance recently. They attended Meon Infant School to deliver a dance workshop to Year 1 children, who enjoyed themselves. Our dance leaders led a warm-up, followed by a session in groups, which they then showed back to everyone else. The TPA dance leaders represented the school incredibly well, demonstrating brilliant leadership and presentation skills.



Staff from Trust schools in Portsmouth [play football to raise awareness](#) for mental health

Staff from across Portsmouth schools within the Thinking Schools Academy Trust have come together to promote well-being and camaraderie through the power of football, while raising awareness for a mental health charity. Well done to some of our GCSE sports pupils at The Portsmouth Academy who assisted with refereeing. The Portsmouth Academy were pleased to win this friendly match and look forward to the next event.



Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support as we work to improve The Portsmouth Academy and ensure everyone has a positive and engaging experience of school within a respectful environment.

Yours faithfully

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