

Dear Parent and Carers

As we step into the upcoming term, I wanted to let you know that I'll be sharing weekly updates with all parents and carers every Monday. These updates will highlight the positive progress and achievements of our school, and also include any important information you might need.

I want to thank the many parents who have chosen to attend our parent's forum on the 12th March. If you wish to join us and ask a question, [please click the link here](#). We have already received questions on our plans to tackle bullying, manage classroom disruptions, and enhancing communication. I intend to address all these questions during the forum and share our ongoing improvement initiatives. Your views are important as we collectively navigate our journey of continuous enhancement.

Despite only being back a week, our students have hit the ground running, and I am delighted to share with you our top headliners this week;

Year 10 Football Team Score Big Against Springfield School!

Last week, we celebrated our students' 1-0 victory against Springfield School. The students played exceptionally well, demonstrating both skill and good sportsmanship to win the cup final trophy. It was a thrilling match, and we're proud of their teamwork. Congratulations to our talented players for their outstanding performance and fair play!

Portsmouth Youth Council - Spotlight on Lesley's Remarkable Campaign

We love to see empowered students empowering change! Lesley's campaign aims to make education accessible to all and unite the community to create positive change. She is passionate about raising awareness for increased investment and funding in crucial STEM programs, enhancing resources for students and working towards equal rights for all. We will keep you updated on Lesley's campaign as she continues to advocate for change within TPA and the city.

Students Embark on Inspiring Army Careers Trip for Hands-On Exploration

Last Thursday, 15 Year 10 students visited the Army Barracks at Thorney Island. The event aimed to show the students the various job opportunities in the army. There were stands representing different army roles, and the students got to talk to soldiers about their experiences. They also learned about army sports teams and the career paths available. One student, Adetilewa, enjoyed trying a virtual reality parachute jump, and overall, it was a great opportunity for the students to explore different army careers and next steps.

Further updates:

Enhanced support from Trust Experts

We are currently working with a number of Trust Leaders at TPA to support our ongoing school improvement priorities.

These are:

Mrs Hall	Trust Lead for Inclusion
Mrs Lucas	Trust lead for Safeguarding
Mr Batten	Trust Lead for Digital Strategy
Ms Woodward	Deputy Headteacher, The Lodestar Academy

Requesting a meeting

Unfortunately, we are unable to fulfil same-day meeting requests. However, you 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).



I look forward to sharing more updates and celebrations with you next week; in the meantime, you can find all updates on our website and social media accounts. Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued partnership with The Portsmouth Academy.

Yours Faithfully

Mandy Gage
Director of Behaviour and Culture and Co Principal of The Portsmouth Academy

