

25 July 2025

Dear Parent / Carers

### **Celebrating the end of another school year and preparing for the start of a new one**

As we come to the end of another busy year at TPA, we have spent the last term re-establishing our priorities for the year ahead. We knew reflecting on the period time TPA has been in and wanting to focus on the student culture within the school, our focus will be to drive on students' enjoyment of and therefore participation in school, to increase their feelings of belonging in school and continue to increase their feelings of success in and around lessons. We are incredibly proud of what our students have accomplished this year.

### **Staff leavers**

As the year ends, we say goodbye to several staff from across the school. I know you will join me in thanking them for their contribution to life at TPA:

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| - Miss Owens - Maths          | - Miss Bellazrak - Science |
| - Ms Jackson - Humanities     | - Mrs Andrews - Maths      |
| - Mr Fawcett Davison - PD     | - Mr Hargreaves - Music    |
| - Miss Seymour - DT           | - Miss Masters - RE        |
| - Mr Coles - Maths            | - Mr Kirkby - Cover        |
| - Miss Barnard - Science      | - Mrs Harding - Maths      |
| - Mr Smith - Geography        | - Miss Vowles - English    |
| - Miss Povertailo - Inclusion | - Mrs Ayers - The Bridge   |
| - Miss Green - Medical        | - Mr Haskett - IT          |
| - Miss Barnes - IT            |                            |

We look forward to introducing you to our new staff in September.

### **Welcome events in September**

When we return from the summer break we will be running year group introduction evening events. These evenings will allow parents to meet with the team that are supporting their child within school as well as share the keys dates and events that are happening across the year.

Year 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 17.00-18.00

Year 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 17.00-18.00

Year 9 – 4<sup>th</sup> September 17.00-18.00

Year 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 17.00-18.00

## Start of term

Year 11 will start on Wednesday 3 September, the back gate will be open until 08.30.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will start on Thursday 4 September, gates will be open until 08.30.

## Our school community next year

**Belonging:** We will be focusing on our house system next academic year, and this will become embedded as we work together to build opportunities for us to come together within our house system. I will write to you in the new term with more information about how this will work.

**Participation:** We will be focusing on our co-curricular opportunities next year and looking at how we can offer opportunities that go beyond the timetable every single week.

**Success:** We will be looking forward to seeing our year 11 students on result day in August to celebrate their successes. We look forward to building on this in the new term and how we can broaden our curriculum offer at TPA.

In the summer term we returned to the whole school being on the same break and lunchtime this has been very successful, and it has been great to see all our students engaging with each other within our community. We have also been focusing on disruption free learning. This has also been successful across the school as well.

Please find below a special 'Getting School Ready for September' guide that you will be able to refer to over the summer to help your child prepare for the new school year.

## Getting School Ready for September: What you will need to know

Topic	Information	Tick once ready
Uniform reminders	There will be uniform checks on both gates in September as students arrive at school and <b>students missing any uniform items will need to swap a valuable item at Student Reception for anything they are missing.</b> We will also contact parents and send students home if they have the incorrect items at school. Shoes are to be plain black trainers as per the uniform policy. Skirts must be a standard black box pleated skirt. Students must wear a white shirt and a school tie and are expected to have a TPA blazer. Students can wear a jumper, but this must be a grey V neck jumper. Straight leg trousers or flare trousers may be worn. They should not be skinny fit in style. Leggings are not permitted.	

	<p>Students are expected to have full PE kit for all their lessons as well. Students who do not have full PE kit will be parked in the parking room and will complete a 15-minute detention.</p> <p>Please click on this link to access full details on our <a href="#">TPA uniform policy</a></p>	
Jewellery and piercings	<p>Please check the uniform policy before sending your child into school in September. In all PE lessons, students are required to remove all items of jewellery. This includes earrings and watches; tape is not considered acceptable to cover piercings, so the earrings must be taken out. Please note that students will not be permitted to sit out of PE whilst any form of piercing heals or because they cannot remove their earrings</p>	
Equipment expectations	<p>All students, every day, are expected to bring with them the following personal equipment. <b>All students will need an appropriate school bag which is big enough to hold an A4 folder.</b> In this they will need to bring with them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3ps: pens, red pen, pencils</li> <li>• Their own ruler, rubber</li> <li>• Mathematics equipment, including a scientific calculation and protractor</li> </ul> <p>Students <b>must not</b> bring in <b>compasses or scissors</b> or any other item that potentially could cause a risk to themselves or others.</p> <p>Students who need to borrow equipment will be expected to hand over something valuable in exchange for equipment. This will be handed back to students when the borrowed equipment is returned.</p>	
Phone reminders	<p>We are keen to work in line with other local schools and reduce the distraction that mobile phones are having. Although we already have a 'see it, lose it' policy within the school, we have seen students having phones in their hands rather than being in a bag / pocket. <b>From September, students' mobile phone must be in their bags and cannot be in hands or tucked into waist bands from the moment they come into school via the gates.</b> Students can contact parents via the student reception. Any phones that are seen in hands,</p>	

	tucked in waist bands, or go off during the day will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.																																																													
New Homework setting	All homework from September will be set on Arbor. Parents will have access to this to check on what homework has been set. Students will have access to computers at lunchtime and after school to support the completion of homework.																																																													
Class Changes and tutor group changes	<p>Some of your child’s classes may look different in September. This ensures productive group dynamics and support progress. Due to staff moving on we have also had to allocate new tutors to tutor groups. Timetables will be viewable on Arbor. Rest assured that any changes are carefully considered by staff who know your child well.</p> <p>Tutor groups that have new tutors in the 25/26 year are as follows:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">Current Tutor Group</th><th colspan="2">25/26 Tutor Group</th></tr><tr><td>7AYR</td><td>Mrs Ayres</td><td>8RCD</td><td>Miss Richardson</td></tr><tr><td>7ELL</td><td>Miss Ellenor</td><td>8TUT</td><td>Mr Tutt</td></tr><tr><td>7HAE</td><td>Mr Hargreaves</td><td>8JFR</td><td>Miss Fraser</td></tr><tr><td>7JAC</td><td>Miss Jackson</td><td>8BCK</td><td>Miss Backhouse</td></tr><tr><td>8CBY</td><td>Mr Corsby</td><td>9RSK</td><td>Miss Stark</td></tr><tr><td>8PAI</td><td>Miss Paice</td><td>9POU</td><td>Mr Owusu</td></tr><tr><td>8RCD</td><td>Miss Richardson</td><td>9ELL</td><td>Miss Ellenor</td></tr><tr><td>8VOW</td><td>Miss Vowles</td><td>9KDN</td><td>Miss Dobson</td></tr><tr><td>9MEC</td><td>Miss Meckiffe</td><td>10STA</td><td>Miss Tsoneva</td></tr><tr><td>9OMO</td><td>Miss Omowumni</td><td>10DAK</td><td>Miss Davies</td></tr><tr><td>9WIL</td><td>Mrs Williams</td><td>10AEB</td><td>Mr Elabib</td></tr><tr><td>10BEL</td><td>Miss Belazarak</td><td>11CRO</td><td>Mr Cross</td></tr><tr><td>10MAS</td><td>Miss Masters</td><td>11EAN</td><td>Mr Antwi</td></tr><tr><td>10OWE</td><td>Miss Owens</td><td>11SMJ</td><td>Miss Smith</td></tr></table>	Current Tutor Group		25/26 Tutor Group		7AYR	Mrs Ayres	8RCD	Miss Richardson	7ELL	Miss Ellenor	8TUT	Mr Tutt	7HAE	Mr Hargreaves	8JFR	Miss Fraser	7JAC	Miss Jackson	8BCK	Miss Backhouse	8CBY	Mr Corsby	9RSK	Miss Stark	8PAI	Miss Paice	9POU	Mr Owusu	8RCD	Miss Richardson	9ELL	Miss Ellenor	8VOW	Miss Vowles	9KDN	Miss Dobson	9MEC	Miss Meckiffe	10STA	Miss Tsoneva	9OMO	Miss Omowumni	10DAK	Miss Davies	9WIL	Mrs Williams	10AEB	Mr Elabib	10BEL	Miss Belazarak	11CRO	Mr Cross	10MAS	Miss Masters	11EAN	Mr Antwi	10OWE	Miss Owens	11SMJ	Miss Smith	
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Payments through Arbor	<p>Starting in September, all payments related to school activities—including adding money to student accounts for the school canteen—must be made exclusively through the Arbor app. This change is part of our ongoing efforts to streamline processes and enhance communication between school and home.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth transition, it is essential that all parents</p>																																																													

and carers have:

- Downloaded the Arbor app
- Set up their login credentials
- Added money to student meal accounts before they start back in September

Note. Unlike our old system Arbor updates accounts overnight, so adding money to accounts the morning of school will not allow them to buy lunch that day.

If you have not yet done so, please follow the instructions below to get started:

*When first confirming your child's profile in Arbor always use the browser, this is especially important if you are already using Arbor for another child at school.*

*To set up your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to <https://the-portsmouth-academy.uk.arbor.sc/> clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' and following the instructions on screen.*

*Your username is your email address that we have on registered on the system.*

*If you have trouble setting up or require any further questions about the Parent Portal, visit this [Help Centre article](#). For any other queries, please contact the school office or email us. You can download the App from the 'Apple App Store' or 'Google Play Store' by searching for 'Arbor Parent App'.*

I wish you all a sunny, positive and restful summer break. As always, we are here to support you; if you need to reach out to us with issues then please use the 'Report It!' button on our website. Thank you for your continued support of our school and for preparing your child to return well – rested and ready for another exciting year of learning.

Yours faithfully,



Daniel Botting  
Executive Principal