

4 April 2025

Dear parents and carers

### End of term messages, Spring 2025

Thank you for all your support of our TPA pupils this term. This term has seen **significant successes** across our school community, from our Year 9 'Dragons Den' winners through to the Year 11 mock exams. We have celebrated our pupils' successes through our **100% club**, giving out over 500 Easter eggs last week. This week's **celebration assemblies** have recognised the excellence of our pupils in each year group.

### Safety in school

At the start of term, I wrote to you and spoke to pupils about the measures we have in place to support safety. I am pleased to report that our **screening wands** have been a great success this term. These random checks have shown pupils our commitment to keeping them safe. A very small number of banned items have been identified and confiscated, and sanctions applied in line with our behaviour policy. Please continue to reinforce the importance of **not bringing any banned items** into school. Further details can be found in our [behaviour policy](#). Last week, pupils spoke with our governors about how our safety programme is working, and next term we will be continuing to promote vital safety messages in school. As always, if you are concerned about safety then please contact us via the office, or our **'Report It!'** button page on the website - <https://theportsmouthacademy.org.uk/our-school/report-it/>. You can also access a range of resources about online and physical safety at <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers> and <https://www.portsmouthscp.org.uk/7-information-for-professionals-and-volunteers/family-support-plan-resources/keeping-safe-from-crime/>.

### Staff leavers

This term we say a fond farewell to some of our staff team. We wish them all the best for their next steps:

- Mr Smith – English
- Mr James – Science
- Ms Sherborne – Connect
- Mrs Burton – Data manager
- Mr Wilson – English
- Mrs Notman – The Link

I look forward to introducing you to our new starters after Easter, and to updating you about new roles within our staff team.

### **Easter School and exams**

TPA will continue to be open throughout the Easter break, especially for Year 11 and the Easter School programme. Year 11 made **significant improvements** in their recent mock exam results, which were shared in a really positive Progress Evening this week.

Formal exams begin in the first week back after Easter. We expect all pupils to respect this and to remain **calm and quiet when moving around the school site**. Thank you to everyone who is helping our Year 11 pupils at this vital stage in their TPA journey.

### **Start of term**

Term begins on **Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 08.30am** for all pupils. The school day will begin as normal at 08.30am. We will run our welcome back programme for pupils, and provide them with any updates to timetables. Please support us by ensuring they arrive in **full uniform including blazers** ready for the school day.

Wishing you a restful break over the Easter holidays.



Dan Botting  
Executive Principal