

24 February 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to half term 4 from the team here at TPA. The second half of this school year is now under way. I want to recognise our Year 11 pupils who were here studying over the half term break. With their GCSE exams now just 8 school weeks away, they are showing real commitment to their studies and our values. Well done!

Expectations and behaviour policy update

The start of every half term is a new beginning for our pupils. Today began with an assembly reminding pupils about our expectations. This included:

- Our 'see it, lose it' policy on mobile phones
- Our 'arrive in 5' expectation for getting to lessons on time
- Our [uniform and equipment expectations](#)
- The TPA Way - [Ethos and Values, The Portsmouth Academy](#)

As part of our work to promote safety in school, we have updated the section of our [behaviour policy](#) that relates to screening and searching. This explains how we check for banned items using hand-held screening 'wands' or bag-checks. For the remainder of this half term we will be conducting random checks in line with this policy. We will review this further at the Easter break.

Celebrating TPA staff

I want to make sure that we celebrate the excellent contribution that many of our TPA staff make. I am delighted that 10 members of TPA staff have been nominated for the 2025 Teach Portsmouth Awards. These include recognition for teachers, support staff and our personal development team. There are also long service awards covering over 100 years of teaching in Portsmouth. We look forward to the awards event in June and to letting you know if any of our TPA team are the overall winners.

As always, we thank you for your support of our pupils in making the most of every day in school.

Best wishes for the term ahead,



Dan Botting
Executive Principal