

25 April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy start to Term Five at The Portsmouth Academy, and it is great to see everyone back at school following the two week break. My thanks to those staff and pupils who were part of our Easter School programme, and thank you to parents and carers for your support of that. Year 11 exams have now begun, so good luck to everyone involved in these.

In this letter, I update you on new appointments, and provide a reminder about expectations and the importance of safety at The Portsmouth Academy.

Heads of Year

A reminder that our Heads of Year team is now made up of:

- Miss Piper – Year 7
- Mr Corsby – Year 8
- Miss Currie – Year 9
- Miss Paice – Year 10
- Mrs Cisse – Year 11

Senior Vice Principal

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Dedman has been appointed as our Senior Vice Principal. Mrs Dedman will continue to lead on behaviour and pastoral provision, including attendance. She will also be co-ordinating other actions to support the Senior Leadership Team. Many congratulations to Mrs Dedman on this role.

Punctuality

At The Portsmouth Academy, everyone is expected to follow The TPA Way and be a proud member of our community. This includes being in the right place, at the right time, and doing the right thing. All pupils are expected to be at school by 8:30am, otherwise they will be marked as late. Our 'Arrive in 5' rule also makes it clear that we expect pupils to arrive at lessons no more than 5 minutes after they begin. This provides plenty of time to move around the site, and helps every lesson to get off to a strong start.

Your support to ensure your child is following The TPA Way is appreciated, [which you can see on our website here](#).

School Safety

The safety of every student and member of staff is our priority. We are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for everyone.

If you are unhappy about something you see, please 'Report It' [via our website here](#). All reports are treated with the utmost confidentiality. Your identity will be protected, and your report will be handled discreetly.

Thanks for your ongoing support as we work hard to Transform Life Chances, regardless of individual circumstances.

Kind regards,



Mr Daniel Botting
Executive Principal