

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the summer break, and students are ready to return to school later this week. The Portsmouth Academy team are ready to go for the new academic year and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Back to school key dates, times and information:

- Thursday 5th September: We welcome year 11 and year 7 to school for an 8:30am start
- Friday 6th September: We welcome back all year groups for an 8:30am start

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 are to enter the school site via the St Mary's Road gate. Those in Year 10 and Year 11 are to enter via the Manor Road gate.

Uniform expectations:

Before the summer, [a letter was sent to all parents to highlight our uniform expectations](#) at The Portsmouth Academy. I would like to highlight that:

- Any changes to hair colour or style are rectified to ensure they meet the expectations of the school policy. Please follow the link below for further details.
- Any false eyelashes, acrylic or false nails, including nail varnish, are removed before students return to school.
- Parents/carers make it clear to students that any additional piercings they may have (beyond those allowed) must be removed for the duration of time in school.
- Skirts must only be the approved school skirt, which is a box pleated skirt.
- Please ensure that you allow for growth when purchasing the skirt.
- Straight leg trousers must not have any narrowing at the lower leg or the calf area. They should not be skinny fit in style. They are a straight leg meaning there is a consistent width throughout the trouser leg. Leggings are not permitted.
- 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, the earring 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.

One:One devices and other equipment:

For those in Years 7, 8 and 9, they must come to school with their One:One devices fully charged every day. Please carry these within an appropriately sized bag for the device. As for other equipment, you can see a list of what is required on [our website here](#).

Contacting the school:

Before the summer, a considerable piece of work went into streamlining our school's communications platforms to ensure you can contact the school and reach the relevant members of staff in a timely manner. We sent a letter to inform you of the improvements to communicating, [which you can read here](#), so please remind yourself of our approach.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. Smith
Executive Principal & Regional Director (South)