

14th March 2025

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

It's been an incredibly busy and exciting week here at Mayfield, and I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights with you!

This week marks the second week of mocks for our Year 11 students, and we couldn't be more proud of how hard they've been working. In addition to this, we've had the pleasure of welcoming a number of visitors to our school, all of whom have helped us celebrate the amazing work we do here at Mayfield.

We were delighted to host the new Year 7 parents and their children for tours around the school. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and excitement for the journey ahead. We also welcomed Portsmouth Primary SCITT trainees for a day of learning about secondary education, which was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school. Additionally, we had a Quality of Education learning walk, and the feedback was incredibly positive. The visitors were especially impressed by the excellent relationships our staff have with students, the broad range of subjects we offer, and the high quality of teaching taking place in every classroom. We are committed to continuous improvement, and it was great to see this reflected as a strength in the feedback.

On top of all this, Year 4 students have been having a blast on their residential trip to Minstead, taking part in a wide variety of exciting activities. We've also had Year 9's Options Evening, where students were able to explore the new subjects available for their GCSEs, including Child Care and Graphic Design – fantastic opportunities for them to shape their future paths.

As we head into the weekend, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued hard work and dedication. I hope you all have a fantastic and restful weekend!

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Year 9 Options Evening

Last night, our Year 9 pupils and their families attended the highly anticipated Options Evening, where they explored the wide range of subjects available for their GCSEs. Teachers and subject leaders were on hand to provide insights, answer questions, and help students make informed choices about their future studies. This year's event was particularly exciting as we introduced some brand-new subjects for 2025, giving students even more opportunities to tailor their learning to their interests and aspirations. It was a fantastic evening filled with inspiration and excitement for the journey ahead!





Global Week



Commencing Monday 17th March is Global Week! We are inviting you to participate in a variety of fun activities throughout the week, allowing you to experience and celebrate a diverse collection of cultures! Take a look at the table below to see what exciting activities we have coming up!

Along with the scheduled timetable of sessions to attend, there are also other activities you can complete throughout the week:

- Look out for fun languages celebrations popping up in your lessons and tutor time sessions
- Join in with a hunt around the school to match international greetings with the teachers. Get your quiz sheet from any Spanish teacher during the week.

INSET DAYS



Here are the confirmed INSET Day dates that we currently have on our school calendar. The INSET Day dates can be found listed below;

- 19th March 2025
- 21st July 2025
- 22nd July 2025

These may be subject to change, so these will then be updated and we will inform you promptly either through our social media pages or via ClassCharts.

Minstead Trip 2025

This week, our Year 4 pupils embarked on an exciting adventure to Minstead in two groups, immersing themselves in nature and learning valuable life skills along the way. Wrapped up in their warm coats and hats, they explored the forest on invigorating walks, discovering the beauty of the outdoors while embracing teamwork and resilience. From hands-on activities to moments of reflection in the natural surroundings, the trip was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to connect with nature and develop essential skills for the future. A truly memorable experience for all!

Prom Pre-Loved Shop



Since our Year 11s will be leaving us soon, that means Prom is just around the corner! This day can become expensive, trying to make your child/ren's goodbye to the academic years and their peers as perfect, special and memorable as it can be for every student.

This is why we are accepting donations of Year 11 from previous years to give in their old pre-loved prom dresses and suits to our Pre-Loved shop, which offers our current Year 11s the opportunity to pick out their favourite item to wear for a more affordable price.

If you have any donations you would like to give, just pop into Reception at any time.

On a slightly different note, we are also in need of Pre-Loved donations of embroidered Mayfield uniform only, so if you have any that are in need of an owner, please hand these into Reception as well.

Year 9 Immunisation Session



The Year 9 Immunisation Session is scheduled for Tuesday 25 March 2025. Please take a moment to decide whether you would like your child to receive this vaccine. To give or withhold your consent, complete the form using the link below.

<https://patient.inhealthcare.co.uk/a/landing>

Consent code: 116463 (Please copy this before clicking the link).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Portsmouth.SAI@solent.nhs.uk or phone 0300 123 5074.



Friends of Mayfield EASTER RAFFLE

Friends of Mayfield are running an Easter raffle; we are looking for chocolate or sweet donations.

Your donation could be a packet of mini eggs, a bar of chocolate, a packet of sweets or a chocolate Easter egg.

Please pass any donations to Becky Denford, room 220 (seniors) or Jo Fry, Dolphins (primary), by 31st March. Thank you for your continued support!
Friends of Mayfield.
fom@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk



HAF'S SPRING SPECTACULAR
5 - 19 APRIL THROUGHOUT PORTSMOUTH

Enjoy eggstra-special free activities and food this Easter break, with music & theatre, loads of sports and tonnes of games to choose from.

Free for those receiving benefits-related free school meals. Some pay-as-you-go options too.

Visit pypcportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey/ to book
Follow **Family Life Pompey** for updates
Email HAF@portsmouthcc.gov.uk if you have any problems



FREE

SPRING SESSIONS

FOR ALL 11-16-YEAR-OLDS IN P01-P06
SATURDAY 5 - SATURDAY 19 APRIL




SPRING SESSIONS **UPCOMING EVENTS**

WED 7 12:30 - 3:00 APRIL	Trampoline and hot dog party	Flip Out Portsmouth
TUE 5 9:30 - 12:00 APRIL	Football & pizza party	Oslo, Tanger Road
THURS 10 10:00 APRIL	Musical theatre workshop	The Base, The Guildhall
FRI 11 10:00 APRIL	Yoga, art & creative activities	The Base, Guildhall
WED 14 & THURS 17 10:00 APRIL	Skate, scoot & pizza party	The Street Skatepark
SAT 19 10:00 APRIL	Laser quest, archery and adventure	Fort Purbeck

PLUS, LOADS MORE FOR 11-16-YEAR-OLDS WHO RECEIVE FREE-SCHOOL MEALS, INCLUDING:
PLAYABLE WATER COURSE, BASKETBALL, BOWLING & CODING, GLADIATORS, SAREK MUSICAL WEEK & MORE!

Everything can be booked on eepu.org/haffunpompey

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Got questions? ☎ 079501 100537
e: epetipagem@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



Congratulations Florence and Lillie-Mai!

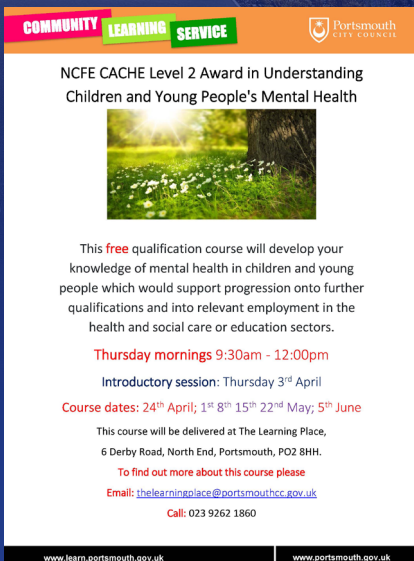
Lillie-Mai and Florence attended the Jamfest Europe 2-day competition last weekend in Blackpool. This competition was in preparation for their exciting trip to America to compete at the Youth Summit and Summit.

Florence, who is in Team Panther U12s, won 1st place and Grand champion with a score of over 99 out of a 100! This earned the team a paid bid upgrade to the Youth Summit and a bid to the European Summit 2026 in Portugal.

Lillie-Mai competed with both her teams, U16 Level 2 and U18 Level 3 -the U16s came in 1st place and Grand champions with a score of over 99 out of a 100. She too has won a bid to Portugal 2026 which has been upgraded to a paid bid and has also won a bid to Summit 2026 in Florida.


The Under18 team won 1st place Grand champions with a score of over 98 out of 100 and won an upgraded paid bid to Summit 2025 Florida, also winning a bid to compete at the European Summit 2026.

What amazing and fantastic achievements, a massive congratulations to you both!



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NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health



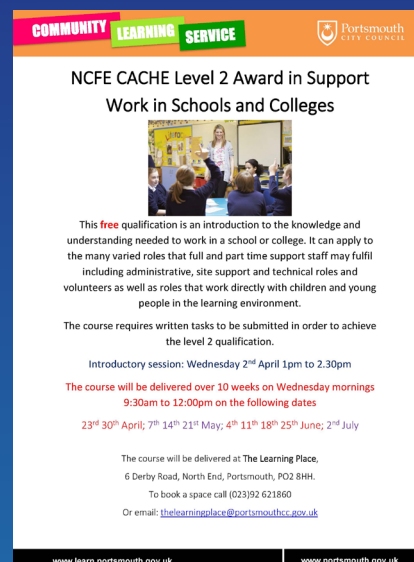
This free qualification course will develop your knowledge of mental health in children and young people which would support progression onto further qualifications and into relevant employment in the health and social care or education sectors.

Thursday mornings 9:30am - 12:00pm
Introductory session: Thursday 3rd April
Course dates: 24th April; 1st 8th 15th 22nd May; 5th June

This course will be delivered at The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8HH.


To find out more about this course please
Email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Call: 023 9262 1860

www.learn.portsmouth.gov.uk www.portsmouth.gov.uk



COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE Portsmouth City Council

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges



This free qualification is an introduction to the knowledge and understanding needed to work in a school or college. It can apply to the many varied roles that full and part time support staff may fulfil including administrative, site support and technical roles and volunteers as well as roles that work directly with children and young people in the learning environment.

The course requires written tasks to be submitted in order to achieve the level 2 qualification.

Introductory session: Wednesday 2nd April 1pm to 2.30pm
The course will be delivered over 10 weeks on Wednesday mornings 9:30am to 12:00pm on the following dates
23rd 30th April; 7th 14th 21st May; 4th 11th 18th 25th June; 2nd July

The course will be delivered at The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8HH.
To book a space call (023)92 621860
Or email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

www.learn.portsmouth.gov.uk www.portsmouth.gov.uk

Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger. Please send these to general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

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