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May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be aware that as we come to the end of our academic year staff are busy writing your child's progress report. We expect to be sending these out during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June for Seniors and on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July for Primary. As ever, if you would like to discuss your child's progress, attainment or pastoral issues further, then please do email your child's tutor for Seniors, or class teacher for Primary. The email address for Senior Section tutors and Primary classes teachers can be found on the school website.

You will be aware that Portsmouth City Council, Department for Education and Mayfield School have been working on exciting plans to build a new school on the existing site. Information about this proposal can be found [here](#).

### **Uniform**

Firstly, can I please thank all parents and carers for their on-going support with our school uniform and dress code. I would however like to reiterate some of the rules we have regarding hair, makeup and jewellery which apply to all sections of the school:

- hair must be tied back if longer than shoulder length and must be of a 'natural' colour;
- hair accessories or head scarves must be black or navy blue;
- extreme haircuts are forbidden - hair length should be at least a grade 2. This includes (but is not limited to) all over hairstyles, undercuts, tramlines and shapes being cut into hair;
- make-up should be subtle and nail varnish of a pale or natural colour;
- jewellery is limited to one pair of studs or sleepers in the lobe of the ear;
- false nails are forbidden.

### **Careers**

This year the government have introduced the 'Gatsby standards'. These outline the expected careers provision for all students in secondary. We are pleased to share with you the good progress that has been made this academic year. Students in year 10 have received a detailed careers programme through their CPR lessons and are in the process of meeting with our Careers advisors.

Various targeted workshops and events have been run across the year groups to ensure students have access to a range of employers and are equipped to enter the world of work. Please keep yourself updated with the careers section of the school website which has information about upcoming open events at colleges and with apprenticeship advisors.

We are looking to connect with employed, self-employed or recently retired workers who would be prepared to give up some time to support our careers programme. If you are interested then please contact [DenfordR@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:DenfordR@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) to find out more.

## **Year 11 final preparations**

We are all immensely proud of how well our year 11s have started their GCSE exams - all of their hard work and preparation over the last year is really paying off.

Over the May half term, we have a number of revision opportunities open to pupils. Pupils have been given a copy of the sessions they have signed up to for these sessions - if they require a replacement copy then please email Mr Gibson ([gibsonr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:gibsonr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk))

Personalised timetables for year 11s will begin on Monday 10th June - these will include revision sessions for all remaining exams. Until this time year 11s are required to attend all lessons and tutor time as normal. Where they have a lesson that they have already finished they will be given opportunities to revise for their remaining exams. This will enable all pupils to continue to receive the highest quality of support with their final weeks of revision.

Please do remember that we are here to support your child in doing their very best in their final exams - if you have any concern about your child or their progress then please do not hesitate to contact their Head of House.

## **Primary Contact and Consent Forms**

It is important that we keep accurate and up-to-date contact and consent information for our pupils. Therefore, Primary parents will find the following forms enclosed with this posting:

- A Main Authorised Person form to provide us with the contact details of all adults that have permission to pick up your child;
- A Consent and Medical form to allow your child to take part in local non-hazardous pursuits.

Please can you complete both of these forms and return them to your child's class teacher by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## **INSET Days 2018/2019**

During the year, the school will be closed to pupils for staff training for 5 days. The remaining dates for this academic year are:

21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

## **Staffing Update**

Leaving us at the end of this half-term, we have:

- Miss Beech, Year R teacher starting her maternity leave
- Miss Graney, Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Swan, Teaching Assistant

We wish them well in their future endeavours.

After the half-term holidays, we will be welcoming:

- Mrs Threadingham, Year R maternity cover teacher
- Miss Campbell, Primary class teacher
- Miss Williams, Primary class teacher
- Miss Burnett, English teacher
- Miss Blest, ICT and Computing teacher
- Miss Gerrard, Science teacher
- Miss Miller, Behaviour Support Assistant

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and wish you a pleasant half term break.

Best wishes

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**D Jeapes**  
**Headteacher**