



Following an application and interview process it gives me great pleasure to confirm our new Head Boy and Head Girl appointments for 2017/2018

Head Boy - Luke Southorn

Deputy Head Boy - Thomas Harris

Head Girl - Chloe Norman

Deputy Head Girl - Adelaide Beard

Mrs Pearce, Mr Dawson and Ms O'Beirne have already met with our new Student Leadership Team which also includes applicants for the above positions. They have started discussing exciting plans for the future, including meeting representatives from the Aspirations Academy Trust. The Student Leadership Team will meet weekly now and will share information about their meetings in this publication.

This week, I have been reminded many times of the sheer brilliance of our Island Community. From attending the 'Mayor Making' Ceremony for Portland Town Council on Tuesday evening to seeing student work on display in Fortuneswell this week as part of the B-Side Festival, everybody was so positive. We are truly blessed to live both in a beautiful location and amongst such wonderful, inspiring people. I believe the biggest sign of a community's character is what happens when things get tough. In our own situation as a school, I feel we've never been more united around a common goal and I am personally very excited about what the future holds under Aspirations Academy Trust.

This week, Portland rallied to the support of a bereaved father whose house caught fire while he was at his son's funeral. Pete Gale was attending the funeral of his son, Garry Gale, when shortly afterwards Pete was informed that a fire had broken out at his house on Portland.

Having been inspired by the their Portland's support for the Gale family, the Student Leadership Team with the full support of the Senior Leadership Team will be running a non-school uniform day on Friday 26th May, 2017 in aid of the Gale family. The suggested donation is £1.

As we continue to move forward together, let's do so with powerful purpose for our Island's future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Gary Spracklen
Acting Principal

Forthcoming Key Dates

Gateway & Pathway

Thursday 29th June 'Passion Project Showcase' from 2:30-3:20pm.
Friday May 26th - Break up for May Half Term

Discovery/ Gateway Transition

Friday 26th May - Break up for May Half Term

Shining Through in the Community

Year eight student, Ciaran Joslin-Stone today met with a member of staff at the Tesco store in Easton today, who had admired his Design and Technology project and requested to purchase the work.

Students in year eight have been designing and making traditional wooden toys and games in Design & Technology workshop lessons. Ciaran's work has been part of a very successful display at the store, that celebrates the talents of students at IPACA. Mr Williams, manager at Tesco generously offered space in the foyer for the students work to be displayed and we have received many positive responses from the community.

Ciaran was delighted that his work was spotted by Lorraine, a manager at the store and said he feels very proud!



Charging Ahead - IPACA lead the way.

Last Friday 12 of our students travelled over to the Moors Valley Country Park to compete in a Dorset wide inter schools mountain biking competition. The event was sponsored by British Cycling, who provided all the specialised equipment, and set up a challenging off road race track through the woodland at the country park. The day began with time trials over the course, allowing all competitors to get a feel for the terrain and the track. Following the time trials our students took part in a series of highly competitive races, over two or three laps of the course, putting their skills and courage against peers from other Dorset schools. Our team, with a wealth of experience from their regular mountain bike riding, acquitted themselves brilliantly and won almost all their races. If you would like to find out more about mountain biking at the academy please contact Mr Dawson.

ISLAND TIDY UP



The Partnership's coastal community team is organising an island wide clean up this Saturday 20th May. We need teams of volunteers and individuals to help on the day. To register your interest please call 07909 093279 or email portlandcommunitypartnership@gmail.com.

SPIRIT OF PORTLAND

The Spirit of Portland will run again this year from the 28th July to the 6th August 2017. A brief outline of activities will be included in June's FPN with a full schedule to be shown in July's edition together with other media details. A working list will also be shown on the partnership's website www.portlandcommunitypartnership.co.uk

Thank you to those organisations who have already submitted details. Please email the partnership if you intend to hold an event during this time and wish to be shown on the listing.

Many thanks
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Mindfulness

Mindfulness for year 11 students begins this Tuesday with Sue, see below for details.

Attention: Year 11 students

Mindfulness

Sessions

with

Sue Eley



Tuesday

Lunchtime

Perrvfield Maker Space

12.50 to 1.20pm

Research suggests that Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction programs help manage stress, anxiety, sleep, relationships and cognition.



Sailing Adventures

A taste of life on the ocean wave proved a great adventure for some of our Yr10 students. (Liam Copperthwaite, Luke Southern, Codie Beecroft, Adelaide Beard, Macy Redhead & Natasha Varcoe) who sailed aboard The Pelican from Weymouth on the 29th April to the Isle of Wight, and returned on Wednesday 3rd May.

As part of the Pelican Tall Ships Voyage the youngsters got to grips with many aspects of this magnificent sailing vessel, including climbing the rigging! Adelaide says, 'I was so nervous at first, but I really surprised myself, the crew were very encouraging about everything and it was a great experience.' Luke said, 'It was good to meet so many new people and get straight on with them. All of us were doing new things and helping each other, especially when tums got wobbly when the sea got up a bit'. Working as a team and challenging themselves in unfamiliar situations is what makes such an experience so valuable to our young people, we received great reports back from the ship and are very proud of them.

Keep FIT, Be ACTIVE

Early morning circuit training on Wednesdays has been a true success and attendance has been really high and very regular amongst the students.

Mr Coelho has been very impressed with the number of IPACA runners he sees on Saturday/Sunday morning at the Park Run in Weymouth.



Parents and Carers who are having trouble setting up their account can contact

cashless@ipaca.org.uk

Nursery

Parents entitled to childcare support can receive 30 free hours of childcare, please see poster/leaflet for more information or contact Kate Haskins at khaskins@ipaca.org.uk

Stay and Play - Come & and join us for a stay and play afternoon, every Thursday at Osprey Quay, 2:00pm -3:10pm

PTFA

The IPACA Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) have launched a lottery! This lottery is one of many fundraising initiatives that the IPACA PTFA are championing in order to raise funds for much needed outdoor play equipment.

There will be a guaranteed weekly winner from one of IPACA's pool of supporters and a further opportunity to win £25,000 in a weekly jackpot. The local prize currently stands at £20 and will increase as our supporters grow.

This weekly lottery will be drawn every Saturday evening and tickets cost just £1 per week. It's open to anyone in the UK so please spread the word to friends, family, colleagues and the local community.

To be included in the first draw, which will take place on Saturday 6th May 2017 please sign up by 3rd May. Go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Isle of Portland.

Good luck and thank you for your support!

We've sold 48 tickets so far, which gives a projected annual fund of £998.40 for IPACA...with your help, let's raise even more.

Our next big event is our virtual Race Night, see poster for details. Tickets are on sale now at each campus. If you cannot attend but would like to support the event, we are selling horses in advance for £10 each. For this you get to name your horse, have your name or business name printed in 100 race Cards and be in with a chance of winning some cash if your horse wins its race. Why not get a group of you together to sponsor a horse or two?

Contact me at jessicaj555@yahoo.com for more details. We are also looking for raffle prizes. If you have something you would like to donate, please leave at either campus or contact me to arrange collection, thank you.

Parent Pit Stop

Opportunity to Meet Other Parents



Come in for a coffee and chat with parents of children from 0 -19 years old, living on Portland.

Make new friends and share experiences...
...it won't cost you a penny. The Pit Stop is free.

Tuesday	8:30am - 09:30am	Osprey Quay
Thursday	8:30am - 09:30am	Maritime House <small>Race Restaurant</small>

For more information, please phone the office on 820262



Opportunity to Meet Other Parents and talk to Professionals

Regularly attended by representatives from the Chesil Family Partnership Zone and Dorset SENDIASS Team (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information)

Senior Leadership Team

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