

Message From the Principal

'High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectations' Charles Kettering

Dear Parents

A big congratulations to Year 11 who are working incredibly hard in preparation for their upcoming exams. If you have a child in Year 11 please make a point of saying 'well done' for all of their efforts: keeping up to date with homework, 20 minutes a day of Tassomai Science and attending Tutor and Support Sessions all make a big difference.

The new website was launched last weekend, please take a minute to have a look and let us know what you think.

Thank you to those parents who attended this week's Parent Forum. We discussed;

- Behaviour and lines in the sand - including high expectations
- Assessment Manifests - these will be on the website along with Knowledge Organisers

Full minutes will be available on the website. See below for upcoming Forum dates.

Finally, a big thank you to IPACA staff who have shown commitment and passion throughout this term.

Kind regards

Joss Hayes - Principal & CEO

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Parent Forum Meetings

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| • Weds 1st March | - | 2:00 - 3:30 | - | Osprey Quay (Creche facilities will be available) |
| • Thurs 16th March | - | 5:00 - 6:30 | - | Maritime House |
| • Mon 27th March | - | 2:00 - 3:30 | - | Osprey Quay (Creche facilities will be available) |
| • Tues 25th April | - | 5:30 - 7:00 | - | Maritime House |

Parent Tour Dates

To book on one of the following tours, please email Elaine Clayton eclayton@ipaca.org.uk

To reduce any disruption to our learners, we will limit the tours to 6 people per tour. If these tours prove successful, more dates will be added:-

08:50 - 09:30am

Wednesday - 22/2/17
Monday - 27/02/17
Wednesday - 01/03/17
Friday - 03/03/17

11:00 - 11:40am

Monday - 20/02/17
Wednesday - 22/02/17
Friday - 24/02/17

Upcoming Key Dates

Gateway & Pathway

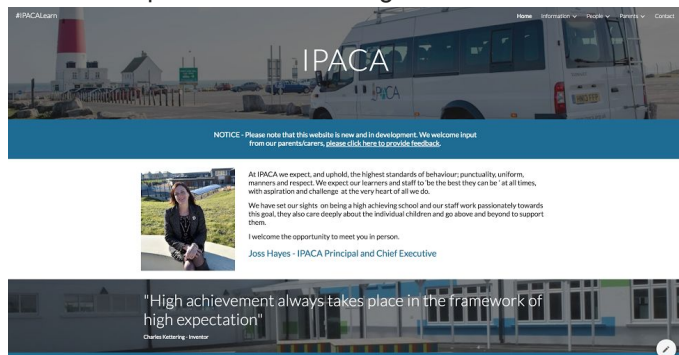
Thursday 9th February - Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 27th February - Two week Year 11 mock exam
Thursday 2nd March - Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th March - Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd March - Year 11 Mock Results Home
Wednesday 22nd March - Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 27th March - One week Year 1-Year 10
Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day
Friday 7th April - Break up for Easter

Discovery

Tuesday 28th February - Books at Bedtime Osprey Quay
Wednesday 1st March - Books at Bedtime Maritime House
Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
Tuesday 21st March 3.30 - 5.30 - Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 23rd March 5.00 - 7.00 Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day
Friday 7th April - Easter Bonnet Parade (EYFS)
Friday 7th April - Break up for Easter
Friday 7th April - Easter Bingo

New Website Launched

Following feedback from parents/carers, we have launched a new website - www.portlandacademy.co.uk. Our new site includes our latest policies, contact details for Teaching Staff and Governors as well as information about our Parent Forum Events and copies of our latest publications including the IPACA e-Newsletter.



In the coming weeks, we will be adding more content to the new website including a new look school calendar, letters and copies of all Knowledge Organisers and Assessment Manifests. **Mr Spracklen would welcome further suggestions at gspracklen@ipaca.org.uk.**

Maritime House - Inconsiderate parent parking

As previously commented in our eBulletins, some parents are inconsiderately parking. This puts our children at risk and is unacceptable. There are 160 designated spaces in the car park which is ample to meet the current need. We therefore ask once again for all parents and those collecting children to use the designated spaces and drop-off points correctly. **For further information contact agostelow@ipaca.org.uk**

Maritime House - Pedestrian Crossing

We understand from Compass Estates, that the outstanding works relating to a pedestrian crossing from the Car Park to the Sports Hall and making good groundworks at the Reap Lane rear entrance to the estate, will be undertaken next week, during half term. **For further information contact agostelow@ipaca.org.uk**

Senior Leadership Team

Principal - Mrs Hayes, jhayes@ipaca.org.uk

Key Stage 4, (Y9-11) Pathway Phase - Mrs Pearce, rpearce@ipaca.org.uk

Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) & (Y7&8), King Barrow School -

Mr Spracklen, gspracklen@ipaca.org.uk

Early Years to Year 4, Discovery Phase - Mrs Thomas, jthomas@ipaca.org.uk

Specialist Provision & Perryfield School - Miss Axford, kaxford@ipaca.org.uk

Business Support Services - Ms M Smith, msmith@ipaca.org.uk

IPACA Home Learning

Gateway Transition Learners will continue to follow the process and schedule which has been in place all year to do homework set in a red homework book. If further information is needed please email your child's classroom teacher.

Gateway Learners have recently been given Home Learning Booklets to record homework along with having access online through homeworky.com. **Pathway Transition** and **Pathway** will receive booklets next half-term to begin using every day. Teachers will review the booklets with Learners in Family Tutor Time to ensure homework is being recorded. It would be appreciated if parents signed the Home Learning Booklets each day to indicate that you are aware homework has been set and completed. More information about Home Learning including a timetable will be available to view on our website next week.

If there are any questions or concerns email your child's family tutor, see www.portlandacademy.co.uk for further details or contact Ms Axford on kaxford@ipaca.org.uk

IPACA SEN Update

Welcome to our IPACA SEN update section. I would like to reintroduce myself as the interim Head of Specialist Provision. I am honoured to be given this role and have the opportunity to work with our amazing SEN Learners. Each week there will be a short update informing you about upcoming events and activities, happening in Specialist Provision.

Last week Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 completed assessments; congratulations to all of our SEN Learners who gave it their very best. Assessment time can be stressful, however, staff worked hard to support Learners by adapting papers, providing extra time, reading and writing support. Our focus now is supporting our Year 11 SEN Learners through their mock exams. A letter will be sent home to learners identified as needing support during their exams.

For further information contact kaxford@ipaca.org.uk

Campus Details

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