



Atlantic Academy Portland
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Welcome to Atlantic Academy

Curriculum Information Evening 2019

Inspiring our students to have confidence, character and commitment.



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Welcome

Mrs Bishop

Principal of Secondary

Vision

By providing an outstanding all through provision we will transform the lives of all of our students; inspiring them to have the confidence, character and commitment to realise their full potential.





Mission Objectives:

To improve the character, commitment and confidence of all our students

Character

- We are proud of our school and it is respected in the community
- We care and respect each other
- We define ourselves and are not afraid of opportunity

Confidence

- We feel valued
- We feel safe to learn and try something new
- We believe in ourselves and each other

Commitment

- We work hard and are resilient
- We have disruption free learning
- We have an engaging curriculum





CLIMBING
THE
MOUNTAIN
TO
UNIVERSITY



- *‘Every decision and action taken is done so with the aim to ensure that every student can climb their personal mountain to university, or a real alternative, thrive in a top job and have a great life.’*



Atlantic

- We are absolutely delighted that you are part of the Atlantic Academy journey
- We are **committed** to providing the very best education for your child
- We believe that we offer exceptional **academic progress and personal development**

‘The exceptional pace of improvement. The Academy has been transformed in a short space of time, we are confident that the rapid change will be sustained.’ Regional Schools Commissioner Office (2018)



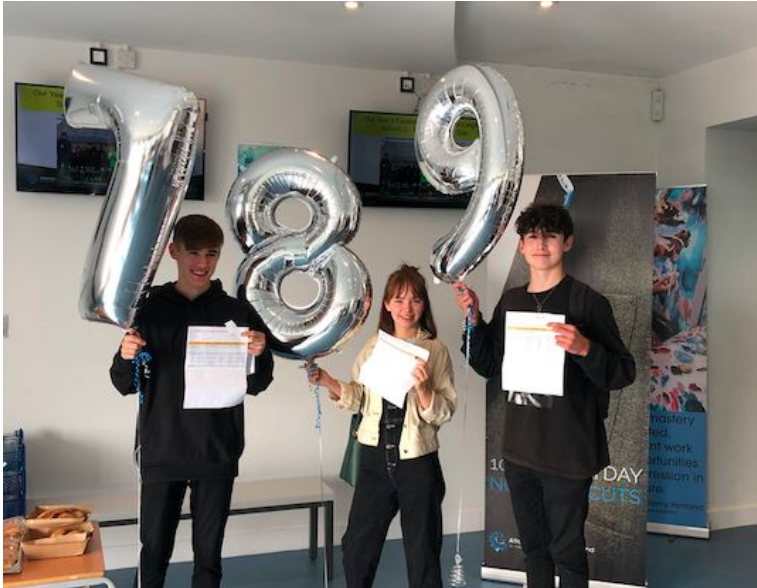
Examination Performance at Atlantic Academy Portland: 23rd August 2019 - 2nd Best in the trust after 2 years

We are delighted to announce that year 11 students from Atlantic Academy have done themselves incredibly proud with their results. The students have been on a rapid journey of improvement to make the progress that reflects their ability and will place them well above the national average, amongst the highest performing schools in Dorset. Over 68% of students gained 5 or more GCSEs at the standard pass rate (Grades 9-4). This is a fantastic reflection of all their hard work and dedication.

The headline figure of English with Maths stands at 53% and will place Atlantic Academy Portland above the national average for progress, and one of the highest progress figures in Dorset. 'We are absolutely delighted for our students proving that hard work, confidence and commitment really does pay off. We are really proud of all the hard work and effort the students have put in to their achievements. They have believed in themselves and each other to get these life changing results. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff and parents, who have been incredibly supportive and committed in supporting our students over the last two years.'

Headline Figures

	Progress 8 score (estimate based on most recent Matrix4 update)	Attainment 8 score	% of students achieving Grades 9-4 in English and maths GCSEs	% of students achieving Grades 9-5 in English and maths GCSEs
Atlantic 2019 -	0.44	45.2	53	34
Atlantic 2018	0.23	44.6	51	28
IPACA 2017	-0.94	32.6	42	20





We believe the best teachers and schools

1. Have deep subject knowledge
2. Are high quality instructors
3. Create positive classroom environments
4. Manage the classroom - systems in place so students put in highest possible effort
5. Understand what learning is and how it happens
6. Are professional - they reflect, support and model



Atlantic Academy's curriculum aims are:

- Ensure a broad curriculum coverage
- Develop a **knowledge rich** curriculum and **cultural capital**
- A curriculum that aids **personal development** (SMSC/PSHE/ Cultural richness/ Diversity/Equality /Well being / Careers
- Ensure that **knowledge** acquisition is enhanced through being effectively applied to real-life situations and problems (National and Local Curriculum)
- Widen **knowledge** acquisition through single discipline and transdiscipline learning
- Ensure all learning is **challenging** and **engaging** to encourage attendance
- Develop transferable future skills through the **application of knowledge** into actions for success.
- Ensure high rates of **progress** for all students.
- Promote teacher planning that is integral to the success and progression of the curriculum that is also manageable.



Faculty Structure and Communication

Mrs Bullin



KS3 Pastoral Support : Mrs Bullin

4 Experienced Faculty Directors – Day to day issues

- Blue Mrs Miglari
- Orange Miss Board
- Green Ms Winsborough
- Behaviour Mr Dawson

4 Experienced Subject Coordinators – to support Pastoral Day to day issues **Tutor – Day to day issues**

1 Specialist Academy Matron – Full time professional service available to all students



Communication

Who do I contact regarding my child?

If you have any concerns or need to talk to someone about your child, the first point of call is

Mrs Bullin the KS3 Pastoral Lead.

However, you may have contact with their faculty director.

Blue Faculty	Mrs Migliari
Green Faculty	Ms Winsborough
Orange Faculty	Miss Board
Behaviour Faculty	Mr Dawson

You are able to contact them by going to the 'contact us' page on the Academy's website.

Please note that staff have 24 hours to reply this.





Communication

How do I receive information from the Academy?

Any information will be sent out in a letter. These will be emailed out to parents. You can also find out information by going on the Academy's website or by looking on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please make sure you inform the Academy of any changes to contact details

Website: www.atlantic-aspirations.org

Twitter - @AtlanticAAT

Facebook - Atlantic Academy Portland

Emails

Text message





Uniform and Equipment

Mrs Lown



Uniform and Equipment

- Consistently applied
- Clearly published
- First logoed items provided FOC by the Academy
- Removes peer pressure to 'borrow'
- Positive and smooth start to all lessons - no wasted seconds
- **'Excellence is habit'**



'It was a lovely tour , which helped make up my daughter's mind that she wanted to continue her education with you.' Prospective Parent

Everyday Equipment

- 30 cm long, clear plastic pencil case
- 2 x HB pencils
- 2 x blue or black pens
- 30 cm ruler (not foldable)
- 1 x purple pen (provided by the Academy)
- Casio FX-85GT Plus calculator (or similar)
- Pair of Compasses
- Protractor
- 2 x Highlighters
- Coloured pencils
- 1 x Mini whiteboard pen (provided by the Academy)
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Knowledge Organiser, RFL Card, Reading book





Teaching and Learning

Ms Winsborough



Teaching and Learning

- Teach to the top - support through scaffolding, writing frames, visualisers, KOs, live marking, interleaving, dual coding,
- No wasted time - **straight into quality learning - no wasted seconds**
- **Visualisers used in all lessons** - share modeling and good practice, aim for the top
- MWBs, scaffolding, teacher support, 20 mins of silent work
- Calm **orderly** environment
- **Setted** - high expectations - expect **ALL** students to gain a minimum of grade 4 at GCSE, targets above national expectations



'It was interesting to see the students working and totally engaged in their lessons' Academy In Action Tour

Curriculum

We believe that children, **whatever their background or ability**, are entitled to a **rich subject curriculum**, delivered by **passionate** and **knowledgeable teachers**.

Atlantic Academy is committed to providing a high-quality academic experience, teaching our students core academic subjects with particular emphasis on maths, English, science and languages, humanities, extending to music, sports science and ICT.

In addition, literacy and numeracy are prioritised and fully embedded throughout all year groups, ensuring that all students are equipped with the basic building blocks for learning.



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Curriculum Offer

The aim of the curriculum is to ensure all students are inspired with a passion for learning and achieve high levels of academic success in a broad range subjects.

At the same time our broad curriculum of up to 15 different subjects across KS3, will equip our students with the knowledge and skills required to play an active and successful role in today's highly competitive and fast-changing world.



Curriculum

50 hours per fortnight 'Broad and Balanced', choices at end of year 9

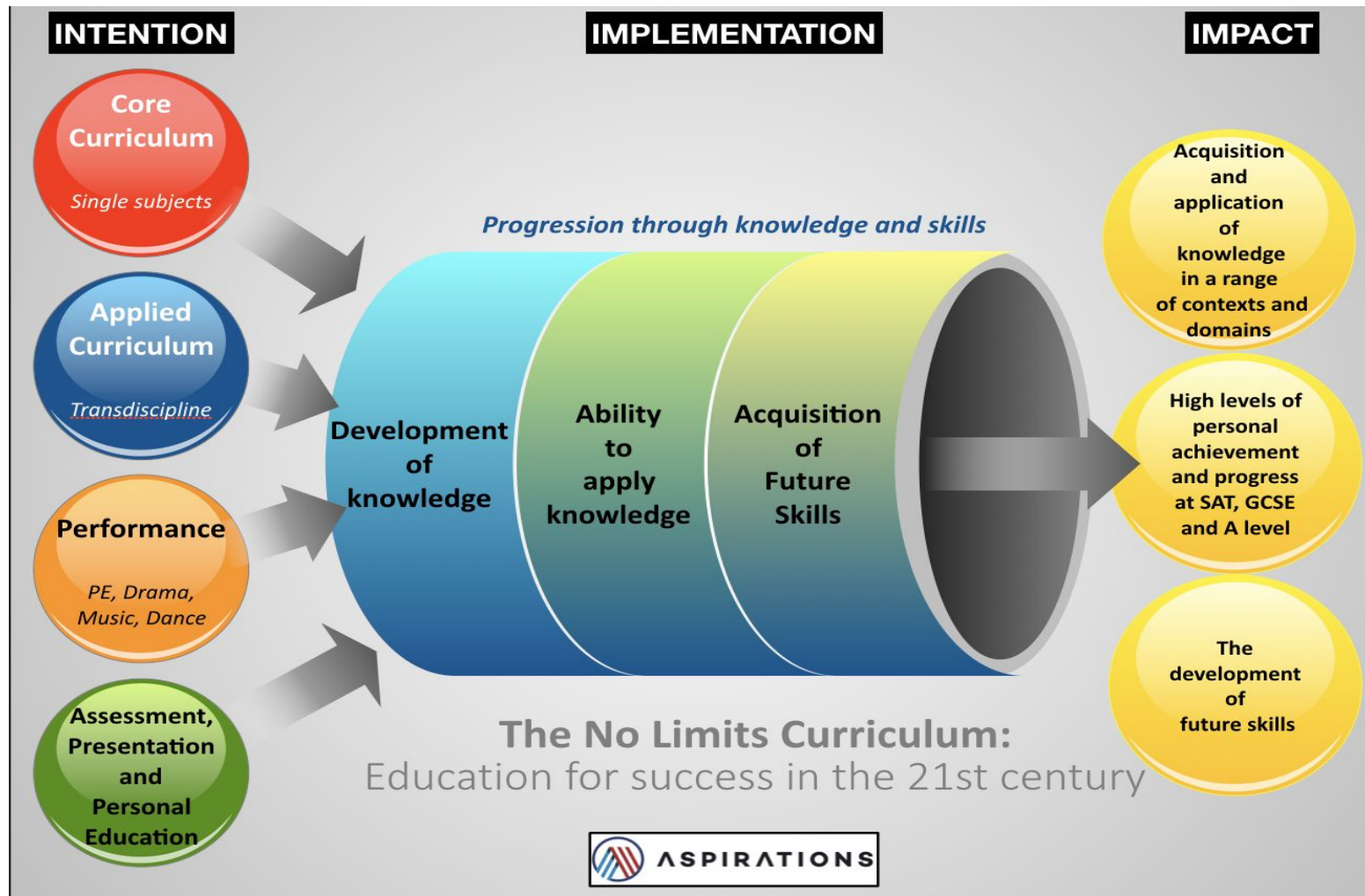
Subject Specialists

Maths	9	RE	1
Eng	9	Music	1
Science	9	Design Tech	2
Geog	4	PE/Dance	4
History	4	Drama	1
MFL	4	Art and Design	2



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Our curriculum has been developed to meet the needs of students so that they have both embodied and institutional cultural capital with **Employability and Future Skills** as the centerpiece of our educational provision:





Homework - same in all years

1 hour per evening/day

Simple, clear, 'parent friendly'

	<u>30 mins - Self Quizzing</u>	<u>30 mins</u>
M	Maths	Reading
T	English	
W	Science	Maths
Th	Geog	Reading
Fr	Hist	Maths
Weekend	French	Reading



'I have noticed so much change at the academy over the past few months, it has changed the children for the better here' Academy in Action Tour



Knowledge Organiser Assessments

- Weekly, full, knowledge organiser quizzes
- Week 5 there is a 50 question knowledge organiser test
- During assessment week there are knowledge organiser assessments - 100 question tests for most subjects including Eng, Maths, Sci, Geo, Hist and MFL



Enrichment

Mrs Lown



Enrichment

- Tuesday to Thursday
- 3.15pm to 4.15pm
- Runs for 10 week blocks
- Enrichment Fair in first week of September
- Sign up for clubs - all year 7, 8 and 9 attend a minimum of one club

Mountain Biking and Cycle Maintenance

If you like fresh air, freedom and excitement, you should come mountain biking.

The Academy can supply you with a bike, and the safety equipment you need.

Get involved in new training in Trestle quarry or riding up to the Glais Tunnels.







All ages and abilities welcome.

Bring your own bike up or borrow one from the workshop.




Safety gear and bike checks will be provided.

All you need to provide is:


- Clothing
- Sports top
- Shorts or leggings
- Old trainers
- Lightweight waterproof coat.




Are you keen to learn an instrument?
Would you like the opportunity to perform with others?
Sign up for Instrumental Workshop in Unit 1!



Hockey Enrichment
Years 4-6
Thursday 3:15-4:15
Sports Hall with Mr Knox



Homework Club



Tuesday 3:15-4:15

Library Space

With Mrs Jeanes





Enrichment

Monday	Time	Venue	Staff:	Students	Capacity
Crafts - sewing	15:15	Year 2 classroom	SLa	Years 2-6	14
Lexia Club	15:15	Primary Classroom	KHu	Years 1-6	15
Tuesday	Time	Venue		Students	
Lacrosse	15:15	Sports Hall	NWl	Years 7-9	40
Football	15:15	Sports Field	MRa	Years 7-10	40
Primary Football	15:15	Sports Field	LKn	Years 4-6	25
Multi-Sports	15:15	Outside space	CRu	Years 4-6	30
Global Rock Challenge	15:15	Dance Studio	AOr	Years 7-10	50
Drama Club	15:15	Drama Studio	CLo	Years 6-10	30
History revision	15:15	History Classroom	JMi	Year 11	30
Homework Club	15:15	Library	JJe	Year 7-10	30
Lego Club	15:15	Primary Classroom	EHa	Years 1-6	20
Primary Singing	15:15	3B	EGo	Years 1-6	20
Wednesday	Time	Venue		Students	
Magic the Gathering	15:15	Library	NHa	7-9	30
Rugby	15:15	Sports Field	CRu	Years 6-8	30
Change Makers	15:15	Reception classroom	EPo	Years 3-9	25
First Aid	15:15	Drama Studio	MGr	Years 7-10	12
Knitting	15:15	Primary Classroom	KWa/SLa	Years 3-6	8
Times Table Rockstars	15:15	2C	KHu	Years 2-6	15
Thursday	Time	Venue		Students	
Homework Club	15:15	LBu Classroom	LBu	Years 7 - 10	
Yoga/ Meditation	15:15	Dance Studio	CRu	Years 1-6	30
Music Club	15:15	Music Room	AWi	Years 7-10	30
Hockey	15:15	Sports Hall	LKn	Years 4-6	22
Friday	Time	Venue		Students	
Mountain biking and cycle maintenance	15:15	Meet in the courtyard	ADa	Years 7-11	12



SEND

Mrs Jeanes



SEND

- Believe all children can succeed
- Do not lower the bar or our expectations
- Elimination of Practice Gaps ‘ Practice, Practice, Practice...’
- Requires a lot of determination and hard work
- Without this gaps widen every year
- Our SEND students will make outstanding progress
- Two qualified SENDCOs
- Full transition from previous school - with plans in place
- Close work with outside agencies for support
- Attendance Officer - offering family support



SEND Support

- Lunchtime Wellbeing Centre Support
- Parent Drop in sessions
- Graduated Approach- Assess- Plan- Do- Review
- Access Arrangements
- Reading Catch up programme
- Clear expectations in class and homework





Assessment

Mrs Migliari



Assessment

We have 3 x 12 week units of work

Weeks 11 and 12, of each of the three units will incorporate assessments, knowledge tests, presentations, celebrations, performances, exhibitions, PSHE etc.

Year 8 and 9 are resetted each unit, and given Progress Ranking, and Attainment Ranking sent home



PPE Assessments

- Pre Public Examinations (PPE) in an Academic Year week 11 and 12 (3 times through the year)
- ALL subjects are assessed
- Year 11 (all) and some Year 9 and 10 are examined in the Main Exams Area
- Students and parents/carers will receive a PPE timetable for the week
- Cumulative - Unit 2 exams contain content from Unit 1 and 2, Unit 3 exams contain content from Units 1, 2 and 3



Reports

Reports will be sent home after each set of PPE exams. These will include:

- PPE percentage
- Ranking in Year group
- Knowledge Organiser score
- Average Knowledge Organiser score for the entire year group.
- Attitude for learning
- Presentation score



Setting and Ranking

- Students are put into sets based on their attainment.
- After PPEs students are ranked based on their attainment from all of their PPEs and their set is based on their ranking.
- All students are taught the same curriculum, some lessons have more scaffolding provided to help students achieve
- Students are praised for the progress they've made, no matter their starting position



Attendance

Mr McConnell

Atlantic Academy have an attendance target of 97%

Did you know?

In each academic year there are only a maximum of 190 statutory school days. This leaves 177 other days for holidays.





Attendance

- We have an achievable target as a whole school of achieving over 97%
- This means that all students need the best attendance possible
- We track all attendance every day and every lesson
- We follow up all attendance absence
- Arriving late will be followed with a 15 minute detention the same day, 30 mins a 2nd time etc up to an hour



Attendance Rewards

- Weekly tutor group prizes including sweets and a cash raffle, for prizes.
- All students with attendance of 97% or above at the end of each term receive a film afternoon.
- 100% attendance entitles students to be entered for the rewards trip at the end of each unit.
- Badges and certificates at the end of each term.



Rewards and Behaviour

Mr Dawson



Behaviour System

‘Order liberates, structure allows freedom and creativity’

Supporting the development of Character, Confidence and Commitment

- Necessary BUT **more important to provide rewards and relationships**
- Rewards and Sanctions system
- Based on a accumulation of points - clarity
- Inside and Outside of the classroom
- Very clear and transparent
- **‘Warm and strict’** - work hard be kind
- Exceptionally high standards as we **care about the long term happiness of students**
- Peaceful and calm in lessons and corridor
- Students work to achieve **without negative peer pressure**

you
deserve
disruption-free
learning
every minute
of
every lesson



Rewards and Awards

Everyday Rewards:

Smiles, thumbs up, nods and approving phrases all contribute towards an ethos that encourages success. The conduct of staff has a profound effect on our students, so we display a genuine interest in the students, we welcome them and we greet them at the door.

The underlying principle at Atlantic is that we always reward academic achievement and behaviour that meets our expectations.

- **Secondary subject area rewards** – Positive text messages, praise postcards, telephone calls, and verbal praise, Hero of the Week, Scientist of the Week.
- **Golden Tickets** - Each lesson a student is awarded a Golden Ticket for their outstanding contribution to the lesson.
- **Ready for Learning Cards** - Students carry these in their blazer pockets, and staff can sign them in order to award positive points for exemplary behaviour outside the classroom.
- **Secondary points** – These are awarded on Progresso as positive points. Students have a weekly summary of these points and as they accumulate students are awarded certificates under the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond categories of the Atlantic Baccalaureate Award. Each week students who have gained 10 or more positive points are entered into a cash draw for secondary students.



Rewards and Awards

Award Schemes

In addition to our daily rewards students have opportunities to gain credit for personal growth and positive behaviour through a number of award schemes.

- **The Atlantic Baccalaureate Award**

Behaviour points are added on the Progresso system and those who attain the required net points totals are rewarded in Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond categories. In addition to this, students who have gone a whole term with zero negative points will be awarded the Zero Hero Award.

- **The British Values Award**

This award supports our students develop their characters, commitment and confidence. The award scheme requires that students have a good knowledge and understanding British Values, and collect evidence of themselves expressing these values .

- **The Zero Hero Award**

These much sought-after badges are awarded at the end of each Unit of Work. They are awarded to students with zero negative points.

- **Attendance Awards**

All students with attendance of 97% or above at the end of each term receive a film afternoon. Students with 100% attendance also get sweets and popcorn. Each week every secondary student with 100% has their name put into a raffle and the winner receives a cash/voucher prize.

- **Academy Colours**

Sports Colours are awarded for consistent membership of an Academy team, County team or higher, excellent team spirit and/or leadership of a team.

- **End of Year and Subject Awards**

Awards for Endeavour and Achievement are made at the end of the year. These are made at the recommendation of staff, and awarded at the Celebration of Achievement Assemblies.

- **The Principals' Award**

At the end of each Unit, a nomination is given to the Pastoral Leads by tutors for one boy and one girl whom they believe deserve to win this prestigious award because of their continued hard work and effort in school.



Negative Points: in a 12 wk unit

10	30 min detention
20	60 min detention
30	90 min SLT detention
40	1 day SRC
50	2 day SRC/FTE
60	Principal Review Meeting





Ready for Learning Card

‘Ready for Learning’ card that students carry with them so that staff can reward excellent behaviour outside of the classroom.

Ready for Learning Card	Student Name: Tutor: Year:							
+VE behaviour	w/b:							
Helping out when asked								
Voluntarily using initiative and helping								
Being polite and considerate								
Picking up litter								
Tidying up								
An act of kindness or thoughtfulness								
Attending Enrichment								
Supporting the learning of others								
Leadership								



Student Voice

Group of leaders from all year groups

Deliver 'golden ties'

Feedback weekly and meet every Friday

Feeds into SLT meetings and Student Council

Developing ideas

- Anti Bullying Ambassadors
- Mental Health Peer Mentors
- Library Monitors
- Liaison with PTFA




'Discipline has brought us our freedom' Student Voice July 2018

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The Atlantic Academy

British Values Passport

Student Name:

BRITISH VALUES

Atlantic Academy Portland

RULE OF THE LAW
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY
MUTUAL RESPECT
TOLERANCE
DEMOCRACY

British Values Award						
	At school		At home		In the community	
Democracy: Participating in a free and responsible society. <i>Evidence of me listening to others and influencing those around me</i>						
Rule of law: Living a morally responsible life governed by British criminal and civil law. <i>Evidence of me following rules over a sustained period.</i>						
Liberty: The freedom to make your own choices <i>Evidence of me making free and significant choices to build my character, confidence and commitment.</i>						
Mutual respect: Valuing other people and how they live. <i>Evidence of me listening actively to other people.</i>						
Tolerance: Behaving respectfully and receiving respect. <i>Evidence of me showing respect towards people of a different age, cultural or religious background, or orientation.</i>						



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British Values Badge and accreditation



BRITISH VALUES

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Atlantic Academy Portland



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Personal Development

Miss Board



Personal Development at Atlantic

Throughout the year there are opportunities to take part in planned activities that promote careers, healthy living, community and Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural (SMSC) development.

Examples include guest speaker talks, off timetable events, tutor activities and health challenges.

In Yr 9 each student meets with a careers advisor.



Yr 9 Choices evening

Will take place on Thursday 13th February 2020.

- Opportunity for students in Year 9 to select subjects they will go on to study in KS4
- Wide range of GCSE and Vocational qualifications



Parent Support

Mrs Bullin



Your commitment as parents

- Healthy eating
- Study space
- Understanding of the pressures involved
- Sleep patterns
- Revision skills for the PPE
- Homework completion
- Contact with the Academy
- Supervision



Support us

- Encourage the right attitude
- Attendance and punctuality
- Avoid issues around the 'basics'
- Support out of 'normal' hours sessions
- Positive about our decisions (or at least not negative!)



Key Dates

Year 9 Parents Evening Thursday 14th Nov 2019

Year 8 Parents Evening Thursday 16th Jan 2020

Year 9 Choices Evening Thursday 13th Feb 2020

Unit 1 PPEs 18th Nov - 29th Nov 2019

Ranking Assembly Friday 13th Dec 2019

Unit 2 PPEs 2nd March - 13th Mar 2020

Ranking Assembly Friday 27th March 2020

Unit 3 PPEs 15th June - 26th June 2020

Ranking Assembly Last week of Summer Term



**Thank you for your support and
attendance tonight**

We are looking forward to a great year ahead!