

# Atlantic Academy Secondary

## Newsletter



### Developing Character, Confidence and Commitment

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents

We wanted to share with you a wonderful article featured on Wessex FM today celebrating the successes of the students at Atlantic.

<https://www.wessexfm.com/news/dorset-news/2977904/dorsets-best-secondary-schools-named/>

These fantastic results are down to staff and students' hard work and commitment - we really are providing great opportunities for all children on Portland. We should all be incredibly proud of both the students and these results and are delighted this is being recognised.

We were delighted to host some visitors from Aspirations to complete our biannual review of the Academy this week. We were incredibly proud of the feedback received which demonstrates the culture, character and commitment of all staff and students. Below are a few of the many comments we received.

- Leaders have established a high expectation culture in which students' learning is central to all decision making
- The learning environment is enabling for learning
- Positive relationships between students and staff
- Scholarly learning supported by effective questioning which draws on disciplinary knowledge
- Students feel safe and are safe at the Academy
- Homework is well utilised to support learning
- Students are respectful and demonstrate positive attitudes to learning.
- Behaviour is a strength due to the high expectations of teachers
- Students with special educational needs are well supported
- Students have a strong sense of the real world and actual events
- Students' knowledge is strong
- Students take pride in their work
- Students demonstrate a love of reading
- Students are kind, respectful and courteous
- Students were incredibly polite and were very confident to talk about their learning
- Learning structures are well embedded in every classroom
- Focus on British values very positive
- Calm environment in all places visited
- SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development ) is actively promoted
- Good classroom discussions allows students to develop

If you are keen to see this in action, please feel free to book in to one of the many tours we have running at the Academy. It would be a pleasure to have our students show you around.

*Mrs Bishop*

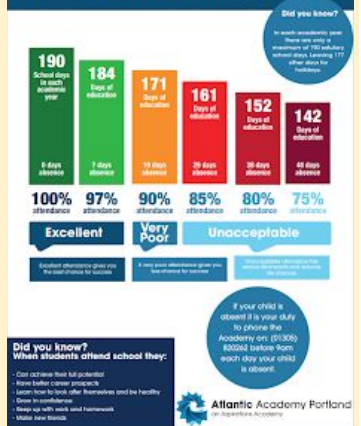
Attendance this Half Term:

**92%**

Attendance champions:

**80 (95%)**

Atlantic Academy have an attendance target of 97%



Our Aspirations Theme this Half term:  
**Belonging**

### Diary Dates

#### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> School jumpers for all and tights for girls
- 4<sup>th</sup> School Photos
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> County Cup YR 9
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Trip to The Houses of Parliament
- 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance March Event (Drill Hall)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> Academy in Action tour (8:45-9:45)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Academy in Action tour
- 22<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> PPE Celebrations Fortnight
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Inspiring the Futures Assembly P5 (Yr7 & 8)

### Curriculum Overview

Staff at Atlantic spent a great deal of time and dedicated much of our INSET days last year to developing our curriculum. We believe we have put together an engaging, exciting and sequential curriculum that builds in opportunities to embed secure subject knowledge, to make links between subjects and topics and to develop future skills.

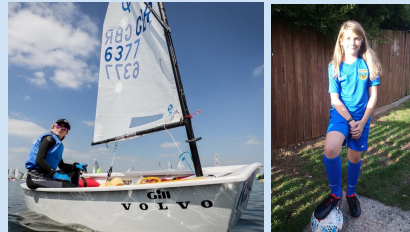
Discussions at home around the topics being taught, reading, visits to relevant places such as museums, listening to music together and watching pertinent films or documentaries will help to enrich and enhance the work we do in school. We love hearing about these experiences from your children. An overview of the topics taught and when are linked [here for Key Stage 3 \(Years 7, 8 and 9\)](#) and [here for Key Stage 4 \(Years 10 and 11\)](#).

#### Year 7 Boys win 8-7



We were really proud of our Year 7 boys this autumn when they beat Wey Valley school 8-7. The victory was made even more memorable because at half time our boys were 6-1 down. However, all the work we have been putting into resilience and determination certainly paid off, and the boys won a hard fought game!

#### Students receive national and county call ups

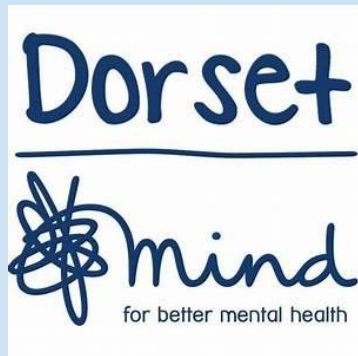


This half term two Year 7 students received prestigious invitations to develop their skills and expertise in their chosen sports. Amelie Hiscocks has been invited to be part of the Royal Yachting Association's UK Girls Winter Squad, and Ellia McCann became a County Footballer.

In addition, we have high hopes for Luke O'Dowd, a Year 11 student who took part in the GB Paralympic swimming summer camp this year and who may well go onto Olympic duties next year.



#### Healthy Body - Healthy Mind



This term, 25 secondary students at Atlantic Academy started their training to become Mental Health Peer Mentors. Working in partnership with the charity, 'Dorset Mind', and Bournemouth University, the training is equipping the volunteer students with important skills in supporting good mental health amongst their peers. The training, taking place throughout the Autumn term, is through a series of workshops delivered by professionals working in the field of mental health. Once their training is complete, the peer mentors will work on a referral basis and will form a first point of contact for all students at the Academy. So far the workshops have covered 'the role of the mentor', 'active listening', 'questioning' and 'empathy'. Students involved are really looking forward to beginning their peer mentoring duties in January 2020.

#### Recycling



21st - YR 10 & Yr11  
Apprenticeships uncovered  
25<sup>th</sup> Healthy Living Week -  
Activities and events  
throughout the week  
including race for life and  
25<sup>th</sup> Careers Workshops -  
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throughout the week  
26<sup>th</sup> Academy in Action tour  
27<sup>th</sup> Yr 9 DASH YE day  
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28<sup>th</sup> Still I Rise (Yr 10 dance  
group)  
28<sup>th</sup> Academy in Action tour  
(2-3pm)  
29<sup>th</sup> - Barvember Maths  
Challenge

#### **December**

2<sup>nd</sup> St George's Church Carol  
Service (6.30 pm)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 12 Careers of  
Christmas  
9th Principals Drop in  
(2:45-3:00pm)  
12th - Yr 11 Parents'  
Evening & Reports  
13th - Yr 7-10 Reports  
13th - Yr 7-9 Ranking  
Assemblies  
16th Yr 11 Mock Interview  
and Application Day  
17th - Academy in action  
tour  
18th - Christmas Lunch  
19th - Whole School Carol  
Service

#### **Top 10 Positive Points Champions**

Ronnie Belcher	224
Nathan Darbyshire	171
Oakley Harvell	169
Aria Houston	158
Lily Booton	154
Billy Alderton	152
Zach Dalby	143
Amelie Hiscocks	138
Rebecca Armos	136
Tom Davey	134



## Reception at the Houses of Parliament



We are thrilled that we have been invited to send five of our students to the Houses of Parliament. The Alcohol Education Trust is celebrating 10 years as one of the largest alcohol education charities.



As part of the 10 year celebrations, Oliver Letwin is hosting a Reception in the Jubilee Room in Westminster.

Atlantic is one of only two schools invited! Students will discuss their thoughts on the importance of alcohol education in schools. All students in Years 10 and 11 were invited to apply and all applications were read and judged by Helena Conibear, the Founder and Director of the Trust. From an extremely strong field, five students will represent the Academy at The Houses of Parliament on Thursday 7th November.

## School Photos

Just a reminder that secondary students will be having their school photo taken on the first Monday after half term. All students will need their school jumper.



Please keep sending your used batteries into the Academy. Our recycling scheme promotes a good and responsible attitude amongst our students towards the environment.

## PTA Events

### HALLOWEEN MOVIE



## New Menus for the next half term

We are excited to announce that we will be introducing an exciting new menu in the dining hall after the half term. Added to this will be the launch of lots of ideas about how to live a healthier lifestyle and be active everyday, with supporting competitions and prizes.

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ENTREE	Vegetable Pasta Bake (W)	Chicken Fajitas	Traditional Roast Dinner	Roasted Vegetable and Chickpea curry with Mango Chutney	Cod fish cakes with Tartar Sauce and Chips
VEGGIE LOVERS	Vegetable Pasta Bake (W)	5 Bean Fajitas	Quorn fillet Roast dinner	Mushroom and Chickpea curry with Mango Chutney	Veggie nuggets and Chips
LIGHT BITES	Ham Salad roll Cheese Salad roll Salad Wholemeal muffins Cookie (D)	Ham Salad roll Cheese Salad roll Salad Wholemeal muffins Cookie	Ham Salad roll Cheese Salad roll Salad Wholemeal muffins Cookie	Ham Salad roll Cheese Salad roll Salad Wholemeal muffins Cookie	Ham Salad roll Cheese Salad roll Salad Wholemeal muffins Cookie
SIDE	Garlic Bread	Cajun New Potatoes Roasted cauliflower Sweetcorn	Crispy Roast Potato root vegetables	Basmati rice	Garden peas
PUDDING	Apple and Cherry crumble with cream	Warm Citrus Rice Cake	Strawberry And Apple Oat Crunch Tart	Decadent Chocolate Brownies	Selection Of Desserts

## Student Voice

Since September our student leaders have been meeting regularly every Friday morning and driving change in the Academy. Amongst other things, the new attendance and positive points cash reward schemes is a result of their work. The Student Council, also, has been active, and it is a pleasure to see students organising themselves, working through an agenda and looking to improve the Academy in partnership with staff.

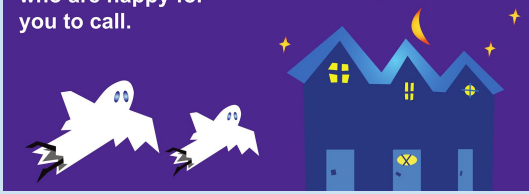


## Halloween Advice from Dorset Police - Trick or Treating Safety Advice

You should only go to houses of people that you know and who are happy for you to call.

Have fun and stay safe this

# Halloween



Children should always be accompanied by an adult when they are trick-or-treating. Only go to houses of people you know and who are happy for you to call. Stay safe, keep to places that you know and are well lit. Do not take short cuts through gardens, alleyways or parks. Watch out for traffic - drivers might not see you. Carry a torch and a fully charged mobile phone. If you see the following sign on a house door do not knock on the door.



## Up Coming Events: Wednesday 6th November

'The History, Myths and Legends of Church Ope Cove Project', is a joint Arts/Heritage project run by Portland Museum in partnership with b-side, and funded by the Arts Council England. After half term Year 8 students will be working with the museum on this fascinating topic.

## Proud to be part of the Opening Ceremony



Atlantic Academy and its students will be proud to be part of the opening ceremony for the new Lidl Store on Portland.

## BRITISH VALUES

AT  
Atlantic Academy Portland

RULE OF THE LAW

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

MUTUAL RESPECT

TOLERANCE

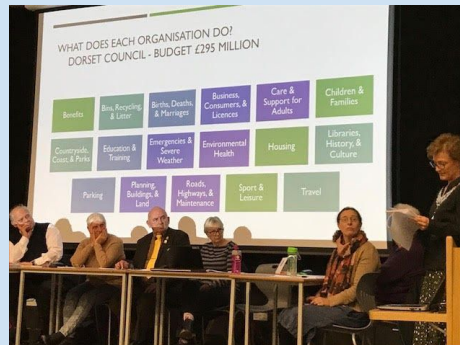
DEMOCRACY

## New Award Scheme promoting the best values

This term, all secondary students have begun to collect evidence of instances where they show tolerance and respect, and where they make free and responsible choices. This evidence may be gained at school, at home or in the community and forms part of our British Values Award Scheme. Members of the community can sign students' British Values Cards to authenticate an instance where a young person has displayed one of the values. Once a student gains evidence for all the values, they are awarded a certificate and badge. The scheme is proving to be very popular and many students are well on their way to achieving the award.

## Outside Speakers

This half term there has been a plethora of expert speakers visiting the Academy. Amongst many, we have had Portland's Mayor and her councillors, and two environmental scientists from 'Dorset Conservation' working with Year 7 on their Transdisciplinary Assignments.



## Principals' Birthday Cake



As well as having a golden tie to wear on the day of their birthday, all students also receive an invitation to share birthday cake and juice with Mrs Bishop and Ms Heppell on the Friday after their birthday.

