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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

The summer term is now underway and it was lovely to welcome all our students back last week and, also, fantastic to have the opportunity to speak to our Year 10 parents at our virtual parents' evening. Thank you for your continued support and feedback on parents evening. The virtual approach to our parents' evenings have continued to be effective and we are considering using this platform moving forward next year.

Atlantic Academy Garden

We are really excited to be working together with our PTA and a local charity, Island Community Action, to create a new outdoor space for students. It will be made up of different areas reflecting Portland's unique landscape – from sea to stone – and will offer a fun and immersive space for the students to develop their knowledge, passion and respect for nature and the environment.

The plans include a wildlife area and growing space, three large beach huts and a small stone amphitheatre. This will give students the chance to put on exhibitions and performances, as well as simply getting outside – growing vegetables, hunting for bugs and soaking up the sights and sounds of nature – as part of their school day and after school enrichment activities. There will also be opportunities for the space to be used by the wider community.

To date the project has received seed funding from Tesco and Goulds Garden Centre, plus an offer of practical support from the Youth Offending Institute YOI. **Additional help** will be needed **to complete the work**, including **sponsorships** from local businesses. If you are able to support please contact Miss Fowler zfowler@atlantic-aspirations.org.



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European Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

You may already be aware that the EUSS allows eligible EU citizens resident in the UK by 31st December 2020, and their family members who apply successfully to the scheme, to continue to live, work and study in the UK after the application deadline of 30 June 2021. Here is a link to further information which can be found [on our website here](#).

Unit 3

Unit 3 started last week and if you would like any more detail about the curriculum content of individual subjects then please do view the '**Key stage 3 and 4 Curriculum Overviews**' on our website using the following links:

- KS3 Curriculum overview can be found on our website or click link [here](#)
- KS4 Curriculum overview can be found on our website or click link [here](#)
- KOs can be found [here](#)

ATL Curriculum Focus for Summer Term 1

Year 7 D&T Unit

In this unit of work students are going to be focusing on their technology rotation in DT. In the project they are going to design a prototype for a new product that holds snacks to eat when the user is at the movies/ playing games/ watching a film at home. Students will explore packaging, suitability, and how prototyping works and why it is important. They will further develop knowledge of key DT processes such as the design life cycle. Through exploring typography and marketing students will be using nets to create a paper prototype, gaining peer reflection and then creating a final design using card/ other suitable materials. **Upcoming events: Year 7 - World Oceans Day (8th June 2021)**

Year 8 Civil Rights and Music : *How can we draw upon the Civil Rights Movement to compose a blues piece?*

Students will understand the history of Civil Rights and the daily struggles of African Americans. They will also learn literacy and language techniques and the musical structures needed to compose lyrics. Students will be assessed on their language and literacy techniques (**links to English**) in poems and contextual understanding of the time period (**links to history**). Students will also be assessed on their ability to perform their poems to music (**links to music**). Students will recite or perform their pieces to their peers and adults. **Upcoming events: Year 8 - Guest speaker: Slavery - the legacy (Date to be confirmed)**

Student Voice Survey

These will be taking place during tutor time this week and the feedback from these surveys will be an incredibly useful guide to measure impact and to help decide our focus for next year's Academy Improvement Plan.

There are 7 sections to the questionnaire:

1. **Climate** - Students' view of the overall social and learning climate of the school.
2. **Rigorous Expectations** - Students' view of the expectations teachers have of them.
3. **Engagement** - How much students care about your school
4. **Teacher Student Relationships** - Students' relationships with their teachers
5. **Belonging** - How students feel about being part of the school community
6. **Value** - How interesting school is
7. **Safety** - how safe students feel in school

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bishop Principal of Secondary