



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It is hard to believe that it is less than four weeks until the end of term. I just wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with a few updates and reminders. The end of the summer term is always a busy time with activities and events taking place alongside usual lessons. As this is an intense part of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about a number of **events** to support **personal development** that are taking place for secondary students at Atlantic Academy.

Energy Quest: (Year 7 & 8) Thursday & Friday 1st & 2nd July

We will be holding an **Engineering STEM Challenge morning** with Energy quest UK for our **Year 7 & 8** students.

Mental Health/ Wellbeing Talk: Monday 5th July

Tik Tok's Biggest Boyband '**Here At Last**' are coming to Atlantic to do a Mental Health & Wellbeing talk:

- Lesson 2- Year 7
- Lesson 3- Year 8
- Lesson 4- Year 9
- Lesson 5- Year 10



Transition Day: Tuesday 6th July

We are really pleased that we are able to hold **transition events** this year for all our Primary students including students moving from Year 6 into Year 7. As we are an all through school, we can still keep students in bubbles in order to facilitate this. New Year 7s from our feeder schools will be placed in their own school bubbles.

Sports Day: Wednesday 7th July

Our Secondary **Sports Day** will be held on Wednesday 7th July. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather for Wednesday when we hope to be holding our first Sports Day for two years! Our students will be completing a number of **sporting activities and challenges** throughout the day. To support them, please ensure all students come to school **in full PE kit for the day**. If the weather forecast is sunny, please ensure they have sun cream applied, a suitable sun hat on and plenty of water to drink - it's going to be a busy day! As previously mentioned, unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to this event. Good luck to all those who will be taking part!

Virtual Author Talk: Wednesday 7th July

This is the last of our **virtual author talks** that have taken place throughout the school year. Students will be able to ask **Julia Gray** about her book '**I Ada**' which some students have been reading in class. These have been really successful events and our students are really engaged with these opportunities.

Secondary Virtual Opening Evening: Tuesday July 13th

Normally in July we would have invited the wider **Portland community** into our academy for our **Open Evening** which consists of a short presentation from myself and a tour of the academy from our wonderful students. This year it has not been possible, so we have decided to have a **Virtual Presentation evening**. If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them to email apply@atlantic-aspirations.org so we can send them an **invite** to the virtual evening.



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Virtual Tour

Last year we created a virtual tour with last year's **student leadership team**. We also thought you may like to see it, so please follow the [link](#) here. If you know anyone that is interested in coming to Atlantic in the next few years, we would really appreciate it if you could **share this link** with them to give them an idea of our amazing facilities and why **students love learning at Atlantic**.

Brilliant Club Graduation: (Year 9 & 10) Tuesday July 13th

As we are not able to go to a university for this celebration, we will host this in school for our students. Further details to those involved will follow.

Medical Mavericks: (Year 9 & 10) Monday 20th July

This organisation's mission is to inspire the next generation of medics and scientists by bringing real medical and sports science equipment into our school. They are going to provide workshops to engage aspiring medics and those that just love science. Even if students aren't into science, we can guarantee they will get something from the session - who doesn't want to see the inside of their eyeball, scan their liver with an ultrasound and try their hand at keyhole surgery?

Parent Forum: Tuesday 20th July

Pre-Covid, we reached out to parents and asked for members of the community to volunteer their time to take part in a parent forum. We are incredibly keen to hear **parental/carer views**, and for us all to **work together** to help Atlantic Academy grow to be the **best school for our children**. With this in mind, we will be hosting our first Parent Forum on **Tuesday 20th July from 2-3pm**. If you would like to attend this event, please express your interest using this link, [Parent Forum Form](#) and an agenda will be shared with you closer to the time.

Whole school Enrichment Day: Thursday 22nd July

Details will be shared with students via the daily message board and in tutor time.

'The Island that built the world'

Finally, I wanted to share this with you : the BBC published a podcast about the Eden Portland project: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09m6w8s>. Sebastian is the man we are working with on Eden Portland: <https://www.edenportland.org/>

Last Day of Term: Friday 23rd July

This is the last day of term for all students. During the day we will have our Celebration and Prize Giving Assemblies for all year groups. Please note that we will finish at 2.45pm on the final day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bishop Principal of Secondary

