



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

Following the return to school of students for a full half term, I have been really pleased to see how well our students have adjusted to being back in school. It has not been easy with all the necessary restrictions in place to maintain the safety of the school community, but it has been recognised that our students have willingly adapted to new expectations and rules. In such a close community it has been essential that all our students are fully compliant with our expectations and follow staff instructions. Ensuring awareness, consistency, and respect amongst students, alongside your support, allows us to maintain the high standards of behaviour, appearance and learning that is expected within our academy.

School Uniform

Our school uniform and dress code can be found on the school website. Given the expense of purchasing schoolwear, we encourage all parents and carers to check that items bought meet our uniform requirements. Please do not be persuaded to buy items that do not meet our school dress code, particularly in the case of footwear.

Cycling to/from school

We have received reports of students cycling in a dangerous manner. Cyclists should be respectful of other road users, wear a helmet and follow the Highway Code. All cyclists are strongly advised not to cycle on the path and to lock their bike up when they arrive at school.

Year 11

On Friday 28th May we said goodbye to our Year 11 students and were truly grateful we had the opportunity to celebrate many of their successes in an awards assembly which was followed by a fantastic cream tea and shirt signing. We couldn't be more proud of the way they have coped with the challenges their final year has brought them; they have not let the challenges deter them as they have shown unwavering commitment, resilience and determination during the time they had left with us. This will no doubt help them reach their potential and enable them to be successful in their next steps post-16. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them on August 12th - Results Day.

Enrichment

This half term we will see the return of some enrichment activities and I am very much hoping to see this increase as the term progresses. We hope that we will be able to resume school fixtures and even be able to hold our Sports Day. I am hoping that we will soon be in the possession of further government guidance that will allow us to safely expand our provision and continue the process of our return to the 'new normal'.

Summer School

As a result of Covid-19, the government asked schools to consider holding 'Summer Schools' to help support students who may have been affected by the closure of school during the first part of the Spring Term. Atlantic will be holding a Summer School to support students making the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 and also for our current Year 7 into Year 8. A google form inviting interest from students was shared. If you wish your child (currently in Year 7) to take part in this opportunity, please complete [the Google form here](#) to express your interest and further information will be emailed to you nearer the time.



Student Voice Survey

In May, all students in years 7-11 were invited to take part in a student voice survey. Here is what they had to say about Atlantic.

May Secondary Student Voice		Climate 94.1% felt that their teachers were excited to teach their class.
Rigorous expectations 93.5% said their teachers encouraged them to do their best	Engagement 93.2% said they were encouraged to be independent and take on responsibility.	Teacher/student relations 91.7% said their teachers were respectful towards them.
Belonging 94.7% said that their teachers respect them.	Value 84.4% said what they learn about in school will be useful in their future.	Safety 83.6% said they felt safe when they are in school.

Please can I thank you for all of your continued support; the Atlantic community has excelled in many areas throughout the year and this would not have been possible without the spirit and togetherness that students, staff and parents have shown.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bishop Principal of Secondary