



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

What a week we have just had starting with tiktok's biggest boy band **Here at Last** who were in on Monday to talk about mental health. We then welcomed all our **new Year 7s** in for their **transition day** on Tuesday and met virtually with parents later that evening. This was followed by a **fantastic sports day** which would not have been possible without all the hard work from **Mr Randlall**, his **Year 9 sports leaders** and of course **all the students who participated** in the numerous events. I would like to thank the PE department and sports leaders for their fantastic organisation of this event and I would also like to **congratulate Orange Faculty** as overall winners on the day - well done!

Then to end such a wonderful week we were able to celebrate the end of schooling at Atlantic Academy for our Year 11s by holding the **Atlantic 2021 Prom**. It really was a wonderful evening and they all looked amazing as they arrived in style to a fantastic reception from family and friends. We look forward to seeing them all one more time on **Thursday 12th August** for their **results day**. However, it is not quite the end of term just yet and we still have so much to do and only a few days to do it in:

Year 9 Options Letter

Year 9 students have received letters today confirming their option choices; these are the subjects that they will study through years 10 and 11.

Secondary Virtual Opening Evening: Tuesday July 13th

It's not too late to sign up to our **Open 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.

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

A small event will be held to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our Year 9 and 10 participants this term. All the students have put in so much effort on top of their already hectic curriculum demands! I would just like to take the opportunity to congratulate the following students on their achievements as part of the research project for the Brilliant club: Chay; Felix; Amelie; Caitlin; Eva; Naimh; Carly and Jessica.

BioBlitz @ Atlantic Academy : Friday 16th July 12:30-3pm (Primary & Secondary)

BioBlitz is a type of environmental citizen science - the volunteer collection of biodiversity and environmental information which contributes to expanding knowledge of the natural environment. As such, BioBlitzes produce useful data that contributes to knowledge about site biodiversity. This will come in the form of a list of species records for Atlantic Academy that are passed on to local and/or national databases.

Parent Forum: Tuesday 20th July

We are incredibly keen to hear **parental/carers 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, if you haven't already, using this link, [Parent Forum Form](#) and an agenda will be shared with you closer to the time.



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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?

Whole Secondary Enrichment Day: Thursday 22nd July

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

Atlantic Summer School

Thank you to those of you who recently signed up to the Atlantic Summer School 2021 which is taking place between **Monday 9th August and Friday 20th August 2021**. This offer is available to students who are currently in **Year 6 and will be at Atlantic Academy for Year 7 (September 2021)** and for those students who are **currently in Year 7 at Atlantic**. The two weeks are going to be supported by Dorset Council's Holidays and Families programme, offering lots of enrichment opportunities, covering Art, Languages, physical activity and wellbeing as well as sessions to support gaps in literacy and numeracy. It's not too late to register - you just need to complete this short [google form learning agreement](#).

Summer in Dorset

Summer in Dorset is a Dorset Council initiative designed to bring high-quality, accessible, and affordable holiday activities to families in Dorset. A big part of Summer in Dorset is the funding from the Department of Education's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. This funding allows Dorset Council to provide free activities for children who receive benefit-related free school meals. [Summer in Dorset](#) will benefit the whole Dorset community as it encourages providers to run more activities, the majority of which are also open to fee-paying customers. We are working with providers so that sessions are suitable for a wide variety of abilities and ages, and that they cater to the best of their ability to children who are disabled or have additional needs.

[Find out more about Summer in Dorset](#) and [watch this short video](#) from Marcus Rashford that explains the HAF programme.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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