



Atlantic Academy Portland

an Aspirations Academy

Miss Heppell - Principal of Primary
Mrs Bishop - Principal of Secondary

Maritime House
Southwell Business Park
Portland, Dorset. DT5 2NA

Tel: 01305 820262
Email: Office@atlantic-aspirations.org

www.atlantic-aspirations.org

16th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful term there is so much for us to be proud of and celebrate. Many of your children will have been involved in multiple activities, trips and events, taking full advantage of all the opportunities offered to them.

Charity and fundraising

We realise that we are currently living through challenging times, so I would like to say a huge thank you to you and your child(ren) who have been able to support us in raising enough money to help the many people we would like to support at this time of year. Your support for our charity campaigns has allowed us to increase awareness and provide financial support for many local, national and international causes. Here is a summary of what we have achieved so far - Thank you!

- MacMillian Coffee morning raised £670.00
- Children in Need raised 294.00
- Poppy Appeal £506.75
- Bingo Evening - raised £210.00 for the young carers charity My Time and £100 for the PTFA
- Christmas Fair (PTFA) raised over £1000
- Christmas Jumper Day raised £194.20

Christmas Meal Vouchers

We will be able to provide all of our students who **receive free school meals** with a **£30.00** supermarket voucher to help with food over the Christmas break, plus an additional **£6.00** kindly funded by Portland Town Council. If your child receives free school meals then you will have had a letter and will be sent this voucher via email with an activation code. If you feel your circumstances may have changed and this is something that would help you and your family, please apply for pupil premium funding [here](#) or contact Mrs Delany if you require assistance or have any queries regarding this funding: zdelany@atlantic-aspirations.org

Atlantic Academy has also been very privileged to have worked successfully with, and received support from, Portland Town Council over the last two years to help our families during the holiday periods. This additional financial benefit has helped support our families most in need to purchase food and groceries when children are not in school. We are delighted that Portland Town Council are now supporting other local schools as well as Atlantic Academy, and we look forward to continuing working with them in the future.

My Time - Young Carers

We are delighted to announce our partnership with My Time, a charity that provides support for young children who take on a form of care and support in the home. In the new year we will be working with My Time to establish a support network for young carers at Atlantic across all phases.





Atlantic Academy Portland

an Aspirations Academy

Miss Heppell - Principal of Primary
Mrs Bishop - Principal of Secondary

Maritime House
Southwell Business Park
Portland, Dorset. DT5 2NA

Tel: 01305 820262
Email: Office@atlantic-aspirations.org

www.atlantic-aspirations.org

Centre of Financial Excellence status

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a 'Centre of Excellence' in Financial Education status following our work with the charity Young Money (part of the Young Enterprise) on a financial education programme. Miss Board went to London to receive the award on our behalf and I would like to thank all the staff across our primary and secondary phases who worked incredibly hard for us to achieve this status.

Parent Forum

We have continued to hold our parent forums; these are incredibly positive and we want to continue to build on this and communicate with our community far more! Please see [our website](#) for the minutes of these meetings, or the [google form](#) if you wish to be part of these.

Ski Trip: Saturday 17th December 2022- Saturday 23rd December 2022

Atlantic's first ever ski trip sets off to Artesina in the Italian Alps with some of our current Year 10 and 11 students. This is an exciting opportunity and we look forward to this being a regular event to offer to our students. Can I also take this opportunity to thank the staff who work tirelessly in the background and those who are giving up a week of their Christmas holiday - without their commitment this event would not be possible. I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone a fantastic time.

January INSET

A reminder that Monday 2nd January 2023 is a bank holiday and Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is a staff INSET day. On Tuesday 3rd January 2023, Year 11 students will be coming into school to begin English exam preparation and participate in an academic focused mentoring session; we have written to parents of students in Year 11 about this separately.

As we look towards the Christmas holiday, the school is a hive of activity with various events such as our annual Christmas lunches and our celebration assemblies where students will receive awards for character, confidence and commitment. Additionally, tutor groups will have an extra session together on Friday afternoon. Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community a restful and enjoyable festive season. We look forward to welcoming back our **Year 11** students on **Tuesday 3rd January** and the **rest of the school** on **Wednesday 4th January**.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Lesley Bishop
Principal of Secondary

