

Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

As we reach the end of an extraordinarily busy year I am writing to share some important information about the end of term and beginning of the next academic year. This year has continued to have been filled with many fantastic events, fixtures, student achievements and Atlantic's first Ski Trip, Sports Awards Evening and French trip. Extra-curricular activities really help students develop their sense of **self-worth and engagement** by being part of something bigger than themselves and building stronger connections within our school community. These opportunities make a huge impact on our students' **character, commitment and confidence**.

Staffing Update

At the end of this academic year, I wish to give you a staffing update for September 2023. As ever at this time of the year we sadly have to say goodbye and thank you to some staff who are leaving us. I would like to thank the following staff for their commitment, hard work and passion for their subjects and going above and beyond for the children in our care. Whilst we are all incredibly sad to say goodbye and will miss them, we also wish them every success in their future careers. So on behalf of all the staff at Atlantic, I would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to:

- **Ms Detterick**: who will be going to Queen Elisabeth's school in Wimborne to be a Lead Practitioner for English
- **Mr Blackwell**: who will be relocating back to Cornwall and continuing their teaching career.

New appointments for September 2023

We are really pleased to have the following staff joining us:-

- **Miss Potts**: Science Teacher
- **Miss Price**: MFL Teacher
- **Miss Jameson**: KS3 Teacher
- **Mr Norman**: KS3 Teacher

Internal Promotions

- **Mr Wadley**: Director of English
- **Mr Dalby**: ATL Lead

I would also like to take the opportunity to publicly thank all the staff at Atlantic who have gone above and beyond this year to support all the students in our care.

Safeguarding : Risky behaviour and risks to young people in the holiday period

We would like to remind you that often during the summer holidays young people can be tempted to participate in activities which might be risky. As ever, please be aware of where your children are and who they might be socialising with. Young people can become the target for criminal exploitation and seaside towns can be a particular target area for such activity. Perpetrators of these activities are very sophisticated in the way they approach young people and will be present where young people gather. The safeguarding contact form can be found here. This can be used to raise any concerns you may have over the summer break. For any urgent safeguarding concerns please email Mrs Hendrie (Designated Safeguarding Lead):

shendrie@atlantic-aspirations.org

Online safety during the summer holiday



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We encourage our students and parents to remain vigilant and alert during the summer holiday when not at school. Online safety remains an important issue and we advise parents to work with their children to ensure they are safe on the internet, particularly when using social media websites. Excellent advice can be found on [Think you know](#)

Uniform

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child leaves for school, every morning, in the correct uniform. We work hard to remind students of the uniform code and ensure it is adhered to. The summer holiday is often the time when parents look to replace items of school uniform and to help with this we are attaching our uniform list for parents so that appropriate items are purchased. Please see our website for [Full Uniform Guidance](#)

GCSE Results Day:

Thursday 24th August 2023. The results will be issued in the Business lounge from 9.00am. Students are invited to collect their results between 9.00am and 11am, after this time any remaining results will be posted to your home address.

We are incredibly proud of everything Atlantic has achieved this year and couldn't have done any of it without our fantastic teachers, students and community. Have a wonderful summer, stay safe and see you all in September.

Start of Term September 2023

- Friday 1st September 2023: Staff Inset (training day)
- Monday 4th September 2023: Only Year 7 students in school from 8:30am-1pm
- Tuesday 5th September 2022 : Year 1 - Year 11 are all expected in at 8:27am

Yours sincerely



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