



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent / Carer

Transition to Atlantic Academy

We are delighted that you have chosen Atlantic Academy Portland for your child and look forward to welcoming you to Atlantic over the coming months.

As you will be aware, Atlantic Academy has the highest expectations of our students. We believe that our very high expectations help ensure all students, no matter what their starting points, can achieve amazing things and we will do everything possible to make this happen. We hold out hope for every child that they can succeed at the highest level.

We are now beginning the process of working with you, your child and staff at your child's current school to ensure that your child has a smooth transition into Atlantic Academy for September 2024. Please see the key dates for a successful transition for your child which are all detailed below.

Transition Evening: Tuesday 2nd July 2024

We are inviting all Year 6 parents, carers and students to attend a transition evening being held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 6:00 pm. The event offers you the opportunity to:

- Meet with the Academy Senior Leadership Team (SLT).
- Meet the Head of Year 7.
- Meet the SENDCO.
- Find out more first hand what this transition will mean for you and your child.
- Ask questions.

The focus will be to ensure that you are very clear about the expectations of the Academy and about the start of the Academic year - it will be a great opportunity to begin our partnership.

Your attendance at this evening event is very important to ensure that you and your child are fully informed and prepared for September. We have found that where parents/carers do not attend these evenings the child can feel more unsettled at the start of the year. We will send further information nearer the time.

Dorset Transition Day for students – Tuesday 2nd July 2024

There will be an opportunity for your child to spend the day with us at Atlantic Academy on Tuesday 2nd July 2024, when they will learn more about life at Atlantic, understand our expectations, meet fellow students and take part in a range of activities.



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On the day:

- Please drop your child off at our main student entrance area (next to the sports hall) at 8.45am where they will be directed to the theatre. This gives us time for all our current students to enter the Academy, to ensure that your child is comfortable when arriving at Atlantic. If your child attends Atlantic already they may come to the Academy at the normal time.
- Your child needs to be in their current school uniform.
- During the day students will be involved in a wide range of events delivered by different subject areas.
- Please ensure that your child has basic stationery equipment for the day.
- Please provide a packed lunch for your child.
- Please collect your child from the secondary gate at 2.30pm at the end of the day.

Uniform

Some uniform items need to be ordered via the uniform supplier's website: <https://www.dorsetprintwear.com/> or <http://www.brigade.uk.com/>. However, trousers, shirts, skirts and PE shorts can be purchased at any retail outlet of your choosing, providing they are in line with the required uniform. Full details of our uniform policy can be found here on our website: [Atlantic Academy Equipment and Uniform Policy](#)

Additional transition support

Our transition team will start working closely with your child's current school, gaining vital information to make the transition as smooth as possible, and will provide additional transition support for children where this has been identified as beneficial.

If you have any queries relating to the transition of your child, please go to our 'Contact' page on the website and follow the link on the left 'Transition', or you can follow this [link](#).

I will write again with further information and guidance about transition; this letter will have links to various forms that will need your attention. We look forward to welcoming your child to Secondary School at Atlantic Academy and to starting our great journey together.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bishop
Principal of Secondary