



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

As we reach the end of another remarkable school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements, opportunities, and transitions that have defined our community over the past months. First and foremost, our recent KS3 Awards and Sports Awards Evenings were a resounding success. It was truly inspiring to see so many of our students recognized for their hard work, dedication, and talent. Whether they excelled academically, artistically, or athletically, each student's achievements are a testament to their perseverance and the support they receive from both home and school. Congratulations to all our award winners—you have made us incredibly proud!

This year has been filled with numerous fantastic opportunities that have allowed our students to grow and succeed. From engaging classroom projects, academy events to competitive sports events and enrichment clubs, our students have embraced each experience with enthusiasm and curiosity. These opportunities not only enhance their learning and engagement with school life but also help them develop their character into well-rounded individuals.

### Staffing Update

As with any school year, we also say goodbye to some of our valued staff members who are moving on to new adventures. Their contributions to our school have been invaluable, and they will be greatly missed by both students and colleagues. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their dedication and wish them the very best in their future endeavours. So on behalf of all the staff at Atlantic, I would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to:

- **Miss Maw:** who will be travelling around Africa and beyond
- **Mrs Wheatland:** who will be going to Budmouth as a Lead Practitioner
- **Ms Busby Wilcox:** who will be going to Budmouth as Second in English
- **Mrs James :** who is going to enjoy retirement and time with her family
- **Miss J Gale :** who is leaving to pursue other career opportunities

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new staff members who will be joining our team and existing staff who are taking on more responsibility. Their fresh perspectives and expertise will undoubtedly enrich our school community, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our students' educational journeys. We are really pleased to have the following staff joining us:-

- **Mrs Minns-Jones :** Head of Science
- **Ms Stone :** History & KS3 Teacher
- **Miss Bond:** Geography & KS3 Maths Teacher
- **Mrs Bird:** who will take up the position of Second in Maths
- **Miss Hamilton:** who will take up the position of Second in English
- **Mrs Paul:** who will take on a Head of Year Role
- **Mrs Jones:** who will take on additional responsibilities for secondary reading interventions

### 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



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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 Greaves (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead): [agreaves@atlantic-aspirations.org](mailto:agreaves@atlantic-aspirations.org)

### Online safety during the summer holiday

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 welcome your continued support in ensuring your child leaves for school 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 I am attaching our uniform list for parents so that appropriate items are purchased. (Please see our website for Full Uniform Guidance).

### GCSE Results Day:

Thursday 22nd August 2024. 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.

### Start of Term September 2024

- Monday 2nd September 2024: Staff Inset ( training day)
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024: Only Year 7 students in school from 8:30am-1pm
- Wednesday 4th September 2024 : Year 1 - Year 11 are all expected in at 8:27am

### Open Evening 17th September

Save the date for our Open Evening on Tuesday, 17th September. Join us for an informative and engaging event where you'll have the opportunity to explore our facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and learn more about the exciting curriculum we offer. Please tell parents with children going into Year 6 , so they don't miss out on this opportunity. We look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you, parents and guardians, for your support throughout the year. Your partnership is crucial to our collective success, and we are deeply appreciative of your involvement in your children's education. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing you again in the new school year, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Finally I would also like to take the opportunity to publicly thank all the staff at Atlantic who continue to go above and beyond to support all the students in our care.

Yours faithfully

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