



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Atlantic Academy Portland Principal's End of Term Letter – May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the halfway point of the summer term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate the many achievements of our students and staff at Atlantic Academy Portland.

Firstly, a huge well done to our fantastic Year 11 students. Now midway through their GCSE exams, they have shown incredible resilience, determination, and maturity. We are especially proud of the number of students who have signed up for next week's *Learning Lab* revision sessions over the half-term break. Their commitment to their learning and success is truly commendable – they are setting a brilliant example for the rest of the academy.

This term also brings some changes within our staff team. After many dedicated years working on Portland and at Atlantic, Mrs Hendrie will be retiring at the end of this half term. A popular and highly respected member of our school community, she will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike. We wish her all the very best in her retirement and know she has a long list of exciting plans ahead.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Migliari has stepped into the role of Director of Science. This important position has been vacant for some time, and we are incredibly grateful for her leadership in taking it on. Mrs Migliari is an exceptional Science teacher whose passion and expertise will undoubtedly continue to drive high standards, excellent outcomes, and outstanding engagement across the department.

Improving attendance continues to be one of our top priorities, and we are pleased to report positive gains in our attendance figures. Several Tutor groups have now achieved 'perfect attendance' and earned themselves a reward of their choice. 7CHo particularly enjoyed their 'no homework for a week!' We look forward to seeing even more students and tutor groups reach this milestone in the weeks ahead.

Looking forward, the rest of the summer term is set to be packed with exciting events, including work experience, sports days, our annual Awards Evening, and more. We are excited to celebrate with our Atlantic community and to finish the academic year on a high.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Warm regards,

Melissa Heppell
Principal
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