



7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

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We have had a fantastic start to the academic year, with a busy and enriching first half term. Students have enjoyed a wide range of experiences, from local visits to Portland Castle and Durdle Door to literacy festivals, residential trips and sporting fixtures. It has been inspiring to see our young people across all phases demonstrating self-belief, enthusiasm for learning and a sense of purpose.

Behaviour Update

Our students have shown excellent behaviour and attitudes. Since launching our updated behaviour policy, student voice tells us behaviour has significantly improved across the Academy, and we have seen a notable reduction in lesson removals.

This week, we introduced our new Behaviour for Learning strategy, Atlantic BEST, supporting every student to show their BEST in lessons, around the Academy and in the community.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for learning, wellbeing and long-term success. We are delighted to see improved attendance across the Academy compared with the last three years—thank you for your support. Our expectation is that all students strive for 97% attendance across the year.

ATLANTIC BEST

BE READY. ENGAGE FULLY. SHOW RESPECT. TRY YOUR HARDEST. ONE CULTURE. EVERY CLASSROOM.

B

BE READY TO LEARN

- Arrive on time, in uniform, with equipment.
- Begin the Do Now straight away.
- Settle quickly — eyes on the teacher, ready to listen.
- Follow instructions first time.

E

ENGAGE FULLY

- Take part and answer questions — your voice matters.
- Listen actively and think clearly.
- Work with others respectfully.
- Take pride in your work.

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SHOW RESPECT

- Use kind words and polite behaviour.
- Listen without interrupting; value others' views.
- Look after the school and equipment.
- Repair relationships when things go wrong.

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TRY YOUR HARDEST

- Give your best effort every lesson.
- Embrace challenge; learn from mistakes.
- Keep going — show resilience and responsibility.
- Use feedback to improve.

CULTURE WE CREATE TOGETHER



Key Dates & Events

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 10 – Friday 14 November

We will mark the start of the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10 November.

Remembrance Day: Tuesday 11 November

Students who are part of Guiding, Scouting or Cadet groups may wear their uniform. We will observe a two-minute silence together in school.

Children in Need Non-Uniform Day: Friday 14th November

Students are invited to take part in a non-school uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need. This event brings our community together to raise funds for a charity supporting children and young people across the UK.

We kindly ask each student to contribute a **£1 donation (or more if preferred)**, with all proceeds going directly to Children in Need.

Clothing Guidelines: Outfits should be

- Suitable for school and the weather
- Free from offensive or inappropriate slogans/images
- Respectful of the school environment

The academy reserves the right to contact parents if clothing is deemed inappropriate.

Normal lessons will run as usual, so students should dress comfortably for learning and bring any required equipment or kit for subjects such as PE, Dance, or Food Technology.

End of Term: Friday 19 December

The Academy will close early on the last day of the Autumn term at 12:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our students and families a restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful and exciting term.

Yours faithfully

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Vice Principal