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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to share some exciting developments to our Secondary House system.

One of our priorities for 2026–2027 is to strengthen our House structure and further develop students' sense of belonging. Our Houses—**Castle Cove, Church Ope Cove and Chesil Cove**—are named after three iconic parts of the Portland coastline, and we want every student to feel proud to represent their House.

To achieve this, we are introducing a stronger House identity, with increased opportunities for healthy competition, student leadership, trips, enrichment activities and celebrations throughout the year.

To support this vision, we have reviewed the staffing structure across the Houses to ensure a more balanced distribution of staff and expertise. We have also aligned curriculum areas with each House:



Assistant Principal -
Ms Ives

Castle Cove – Language and Legacy

- English
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Drama



Assistant Principal -
Ms Winsborough

Chesil Cove – Earth and Enquiry

- Science
- Geography
- Computer Science
- PSHRE
- Health and Social Care



Church Ope Cove –
Mr Broadhurst

Innovation and Performance

- Mathematics
- Art
- Physical Education
- Music
- Design Technology

As a result, some students will move to a different House to support this new structure. Students will be informed of their House, tutor group and any class changes next week. If a House change means a different coloured tie is required, this can be exchanged free of charge at the school office in September.

To help with the transition, students will spend an extended tutor session with their new tutor group during the final week of term, giving them the opportunity to meet their tutor and begin building relationships ahead of September.

We are excited about these changes and the opportunities they will bring. We believe they will strengthen our school community and help every student feel a greater sense of pride, belonging and connection to Atlantic Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Melissa Heppell
Principal