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May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be aware that as we come to the end of our academic year staff are busy writing your child's progress report. We expect to be sending these out during the week beginning Monday 18th June. As ever, if you would like to discuss your child's progress, attainment or pastoral issues further, then please do email your child's tutor for Seniors, or class teacher for Infant / Juniors. The email address for Senior Section tutors and Primary classes teachers can be found on the school website.

Sport Relief and Defibrillator Appeal

The Primary Sponsored Run and Walk at the end of the last half-term was a huge success. During the afternoon, the children ran enough miles to cover the distance from Portsmouth to Glasgow and more than £2,000 was raised, to be split equally between the Mayfield Defibrillator Appeal and Sport Relief. Thank you, as ever, for your generous support of your child's effort.

Uniform

Firstly, can I please thank all parents and carers for their on-going support with our school uniform and dress code. I would however like to reiterate some of the rules we have regarding hair, makeup and jewellery which apply to all sections of the school:

- hair must be tied back if longer than shoulder length and must be of a 'natural' colour;
- hair accessories or head scarves must be black or navy blue;
- extreme haircuts are forbidden - hair length should be at least a grade 2. This includes (but is not limited to) all over hairstyles, undercuts, tramlines and shapes being cut into hair;
- make-up should be subtle and nail varnish of a pale or natural colour;
- jewellery is limited to one pair of studs or sleepers in the lobe of the ear;
- false nails are forbidden.

Year 11 final preparations

As we continue to build up to the final GCSE exams in May/June we have a number of events and initiatives to support both you and your child:

May Half Term Revision Sessions (Tuesday 29th May - Friday 1st June)

As with the Easter holidays, some of our subjects will be providing (voluntary) revision sessions for pupils to attend over the May half term – details of these sessions can be found by visiting the Mayfield School website:

https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/files/documents/Revision/Revision_and_Exam_overview.pdf

Understanding GCSE results and next steps (Wednesday 11th July, 6pm-7pm)

This session will primarily be focussed on helping you understand what your child's GCSE results mean for them when they open them in August. What do all the grades, codes and numbers mean? What will they need to re-sit? What do you do if their results are better than expected? What do you do if they have not done as well as they expected? What are your options and who should you speak to? We will answer these questions and any others you might have about your child's results. Please book a space on this event by visiting <https://goo.gl/MTdaUg>

Staffing Update

I am pleased to confirm some important changes within our Heads of House teams. From June 2018 Mrs. Jessica Jones will become the Head of Intrepid House and Mr. Phil Denford, the Assistant Head of Victory House. A full list of house teams and their contact details can be found below:

| Role | Email |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Head of Discovery House (Red) | Webb@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Assistant Head of Discovery House | ReidC@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Head of Endeavour House (Blue) | CampbellJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Assistant Head of Endeavour House | Hutchinson@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Head of Intrepid House (Green) | JonesJ1@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Assistant Head of Intrepid House | Reid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Head of Victory House (Yellow) | JohnsonS@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Assistant Head of Victory House | DenfordP@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |

After the half-term holidays, we will be welcoming:

- Mr Richard Clarke-Lyons, Assistant Headteacher;
- Mrs Jessica Campbell, joining the Primary Department on her return from maternity leave;
- Mrs Christina Pountain, Year 4 teacher;
- Mr Harry Randell, Teacher of Geography;
- Miss Madison Riley, Teacher of Science;
- Miss Megan Lewis, Teacher of MFL.

Please do remember that we are here to support your child in doing their very best in their final exams - if you have any concern about your child or their progress then please do not hesitate to contact their Head of House.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and wish you a pleasant half term break.

Best wishes



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Headteacher