



# Portsmouth High School

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Dear Parent

During the period of school examinations your daughter is required to be in school only on days when she has examination papers. We do expect students to be revising throughout this period; the privilege of study leave may be withdrawn at any point if we feel that your daughter is not using this time efficiently. Monday 7 May is a revision day and the first examination is on 8 May and it is your daughter's responsibility to be in school by 8.40am or 12.55pm when required. She will remain in school until the end of her last examination. A copy of the Year 10 timetable is attached. Normal school hours will be resumed on Monday 21 May. Your daughter is expected to wear school uniform during the examination period.

Study facilities are provided between examinations and also for girls who prefer to work in school on non-examination days. Subject staff will also be available for consultation if necessary. You may remember that your daughter participated in a revision course at the start of this academic year and received a detailed guide to techniques which she may also find useful.

Parents often ask about the best way to support their daughter with her revision and ideas are suggested below:

- helping them plan their revision
- building in regular breaks, exercise and treats
- monitoring time spent on learning tasks to ensure they use a variety of methods
- making sure that their daughter has adequate amounts of sleep
- offering to test their knowledge and understanding
- giving them constant encouragement for their endeavours.

It is important that students do not feel overwhelmed by the volume of work to be learnt and use these examinations as a chance to develop their revision and examination techniques. The focus in Year 10 has been on covering a large body of knowledge and a considerable amount of time will be spent in Year 11 fine tuning the techniques involved in answering examination questions.

We are pleased to remind you that this year your daughter has the exciting opportunity to attend the Thorpe Park trip on Friday 18 May. Thank you for confirming whether or not your daughter is attending. This will be a fantastic way for your daughter to unwind from examinations and bond with her year group before embarking on the final weeks of Year 10. Please ensure that your daughter arrives at school for 8:30am as the coach will depart shortly after this. We plan to return to school by 6:30pm but of course, this does depend on traffic.

Please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's form tutor or Miss E Wright if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Trim Deputy Head

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**Reply Slip - Y10 School Examinations**

I give permission for my daughter to attend school only on days when her examinations are timetabled.

Daughter's name.....Form .....

Signed.....Date .....

**Please return to the school office via the black box in the pupil entrance by Friday 20 April**

Headmistress: Mrs PJ Prescott BSc NPQH



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