

# Team TPS Weekly

**Friday 8 May 2026**

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## Good Luck Year 11!

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Many Year 11 students have already sat their first formal GCSE exams this week, with the series starting in earnest next week. We are so proud of all the work that they have done in

preparation for these exams and the positive attitude they have shown throughout the year - we can't wait to celebrate their results in the summer!

Over the exam period, it is vital that all students remember our final top tips: they should stick to a consistent routine, make sure they get enough sleep, try to minimise time on their devices, organise their time by using a timetable and remember to keep going! It is not too late for any student to make progress at this point - however they feel about a subject or exam, as long as they are revising and working hard throughout the series they can still improve their results.

A reminder that revision resources can be found here: [Revision @ TPS](#)

It is also important to remember that all students will encounter a difficult exam throughout the series.

The important thing is to keep going and remain focused on the future!

We wish them all the best and look forward to all the post-exam celebrations!

Mr Holbrook

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## Communications & Reminders

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10,490 ERAs for the whole school this week!

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## Parent Survey 2026 Results

Thank you for the hundreds of parents who completed our annual survey at the end of last term, we had 356 responses. We were delighted that **over 90%** of parents would recommend TPS to another parent (as opposed to the national average of 76% of secondary parents who would recommend their child's school).

As promised, below are the results. We will strive to keep improving the school experience for all of our families, building on the strengths that parents have recognised and the making any areas identified for improvement our priority.

| Question                                                               | Positive | Negative | Neutral |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| <b>I would recommend TPS to another parent*</b><br>* Nat. 76% positive | 90.4     | 9.6      | -       |
| <b>My child is happy at TPS</b>                                        | 83.4     | 8.4      | 8.1     |
| <b>My child feels safe at TPS</b>                                      | 85.7     | 5.3      | 8.7     |
| <b>The school makes sure its students are well behaved</b>             | 79.2     | 7.9      | 11.8    |
| <b>TPS has high academic expectations of my child</b>                  | 86.5     | 3.9      | 7.9     |
| <b>TPS clearly communicates ERA</b>                                    | 83.4     | 4.5      | 11      |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| <b>My child is interested in their learning</b>                      | 78.9     | 6.5      | 14      |
| <b>TPS communicates well with me</b>                                 | 76.7     | 10.7     | 12.4    |
| <b>TPS gives my child the right support to enable them to learn</b>  | 79.8     | 7.9      | 11.5    |
| <b>TPS decisions have the best interests of my child at heart</b>    | 75       | 9.2      | 13.5    |
| <b>My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school</b> | 94.1     | 2.2      | 3.1     |

### Free text comments

The most frequent themes from the parent comments were positivity about the high standard of teaching staff, high quality pastoral care, additional opportunities and enrichment, strong academic progress and the very strong TPS school ethos.

“Outstanding”

“A fantastic school”

“The best decision we ever made”

“A school that really cares about children”

In terms of areas that some parents would like to see developed, inconsistent individual communication follow up alongside homework quantity (some parents feeling that there is too much, some feeling that there is not enough) and quality (the balance of screentime versus paper based home learning) were raised.



Department  
for Education

**\*\* Message from the Department for Education - Growing up in the online world: a national consultation \*\***

Technology is part of most children's lives from an early age. It can help them learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have told us the current situation is not working well enough.

The government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. [Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation](#), will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home.

The consultation closes on 26 May 2026. There is a survey available for [parents and carers](#) and for [children and young people](#), and an [online event](#) for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May at 6pm to 7pm.

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# SEND reform White Paper Workshops

## Join us at the **SEND Local Offer Discovery Days**

These workshops give parents and carers the chance to learn about the proposals, ask questions, and share their views. They are designed to help families understand the consultation and ensure that parent voices help shape our response and next steps.

### **Times and dates of HPCN workshop**

**Petersfield Festival Hall, Heath Road GU31 4DZ**

**18 May 2.30pm**

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## Student teamwork prevents bus crash

**Are humans naturally cooperative? For centuries, theorists insisted that humans only care about themselves. The courage of five young Mississippi students suggests otherwise.**



This week's TPS Talks asks students to consider and debate whether humans are naturally cooperative, or whether people are fundamentally more self-interested than not.

Our focus is on the brave and heroic acts of 5 young Mississippi students who successfully prevented a bus crash and saved the bus driver's life (as well as the lives of many students on the bus!).

[TPS-Talks-Week-27-8.5.26.pdf](#)

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TPS | The  
Petersfield  
School

# COMMUNITY GOLF *Day*

Get ready to swing into spring



20 June, 2026  
1:45PM



Furzeley Golf Club  
Denmead, Hampshire

18 holes of golf  
4 Ball Texas Scramble Format

Open for All Skill Levels • Beautiful Spring Atmosphere

Awards Ceremony Included

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TICKETSOURCE



# Hygiene Products Donation Request



At our school, we have a set of student wellbeing drawers in the medical room containing essential donated hygiene products. These drawers are available to all students, providing discreet access whenever something is needed. While open to everyone, they are particularly beneficial for students who may not have access to essential everyday items due to their personal circumstances.

This initiative was originally started by one of our Year 11 students and has since become a valued and frequently used resource within the school.

Unfortunately, our supplies are now running low, and we are kindly asking for donations to help us continue offering this support to our students.

Any new, unused items such as soap, shower gel, creams, toothbrushes, or any smellies would be extremely gratefully received and will help ensure that all students can access what they need, when they need it.



Open to all Petersfield residents.  
Survey closes 17 May 2026



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON PETERSFIELD'S GREEN SPACES

A short online survey about our parks,  
trees and public open spaces



### WHY WE'RE ASKING

Petersfield's green spaces - from the Heath to neighbourhood play areas and street trees - are central to our wellbeing and identity. We're inviting all residents to share their views through a short online survey.

### WHAT THE SURVEY EXPLORES

- How you use Petersfield's parks and green areas
- What you value most
- How well you feel they're currently managed
- What improvements you'd like to see
- Whether you might like to get involved in caring for these community assets

### QUICK AND EASY TO COMPLETE

The survey is online,  
mobile-friendly, and  
takes only a few  
minutes.

### VOLUNTARY AND CONFIDENTIAL

Your participation is  
entirely voluntary.  
All responses are  
confidential and will  
be used only for the  
purposes described.

### WIN £25

Complete the  
Survey to enter  
the draw for your  
chance to win a  
£25 voucher\*

Over 16's only. Ts&Cs apply\*

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## WHY THIS SURVEY IS IMPORTANT

Petersfield's greenspaces appear to be widely used by people of all ages,  
and seem very popular with some.

**But what do you think? - have your say through this survey.**

This is the first time we have actively sought **YOUR** views on the subject  
and we will use the results of the survey to help inform and influence  
Petersfield Town Council's future plans.

Since the 2017 Petersfield Society report - "Petersfield's Trees - their  
**importance and value**" - highlighted the comparative lack of tree cover in  
the town, significant work has been undertaken, proving the worth of these  
surveys, including (but not limited to):

- Petersfield Society report "Petersfield Community Tree Location Survey" (2021) highlighting public areas available for planting
  - PTC and community tree planting at The Avenue, Borough Hill, Penns Farm and Ramshill Estate, Bell Hill, Woods Meadow, Love Lane and the Penns Play Area - **over 2800 trees planted** with more planned
  - PeCAN's "Fruit Tree for Gardens" scheme began 2020/21 and has continued annually
  - Continuous care and maintenance by 'Friends of Petersfield Heath'
- Also, let's not forget other green space infrastructure projects, including:
- Renovated toilet facilities at the Heath, new children's playground at Penns Farm, and the Skate Park extension at Love Lane

**So what do you think?**

## HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE: COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Scan the QR code, or visit:  
[petersfieldsociety.org.uk/survey](https://petersfieldsociety.org.uk/survey)



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No Mow May encourages people to change their habits so that they mow their grass less – ideally once a month – and possibly even leave a patch or two of grass to grow long. This allows biodiversity to thrive and encourages bees into your garden.

**Are you doing this at home? If not, then think again and help wildlife thrive this May!**



A beautiful sunset over TPS taken by one of our evening cleaners.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS  
FEELING UNDER  
THE WEATHER,**

**IT CAN BE HARD  
TO KNOW IF YOU  
SHOULD SEND  
THEM TO SCHOOL  
OR NOT.**



**UNLESS THEY HAVE A  
TEMPERATURE OF  
38 DEGREES OR ABOVE,  
THEY'RE USUALLY  
GOOD TO GO.**



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
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**SEARCH NHS SCHOOL  
ILLNESS GUIDANCE.**



HM Government



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This club will run alongside the Year 7 KS3 Extra programme and is therefore open to all students including Year 7, who can swap their KS3 Extra option to swimming.

Please note that these sessions are designed for **recreational swimming**. As there will be no formal instruction provided and the sessions will also be open to the public, students will need to be able to **swim confidently and unaided in order to take part**.

If you are interested in your child taking part, please complete the form using the link below by **Friday 15th May**. Please note that completing the form does not guarantee a place, and payment will only be requested once places have been confirmed.

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[TPS Swim Club 2026 – Fill in form](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [\*\*lrushmere@petersfieldschool.com\*\*](mailto:lrushmere@petersfieldschool.com)

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# Year 7 Homework

Year 7 students start the year with a lighter homework timetable to help them settle into secondary school. From January, they will move onto the full weekly homework schedule.

Below is an overview of the homework students will receive each week from January.

Please note that expressive arts subjects may occasionally set optional enrichment tasks, which students can complete if they would like to.

| Subject                                               | Estimated time per week                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| English booklet                                       | 30 minutes                                                    |
| Literacy (Reading Plus/Lexia)                         | 60 minutes (plus 30 minutes completed during Literacy lesson) |
| Maths Sparx*                                          | 30 minutes                                                    |
| Science Sparx*                                        | 30 minutes                                                    |
| MFL                                                   | 30 minutes                                                    |
| History OR Geography project (alternates half termly) | 30 minutes                                                    |

\*Over time, the Sparx algorithm should adjust the difficulty level so that it is suitable for individual students, meaning it can be completed in 30 minutes. If you are finding that even after several weeks, your child is spending more than 30 distraction-free minutes completing Sparx, please contact your child's Science or Maths teacher.



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## Year 8

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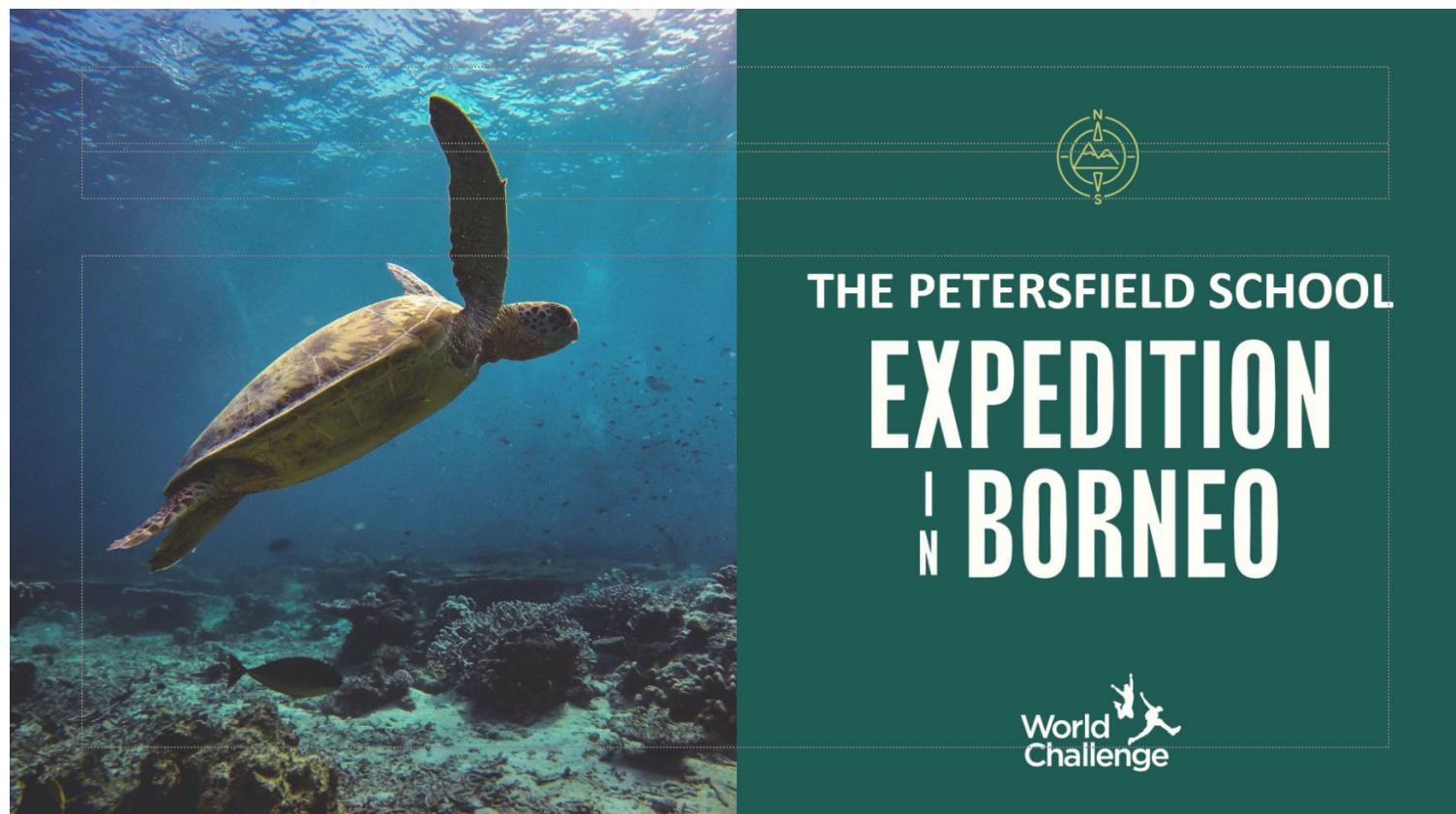
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### **Petersfield School - Borneo 2028 World Challenge Trip**

Thanks for everyone who came along to the information evening on Tuesday night.

Applications are open for the expedition to Borneo, please sign up for the Borneo 2028 trip here. The deadline for applications is Friday 22nd May 2026 with a £350 deposit.

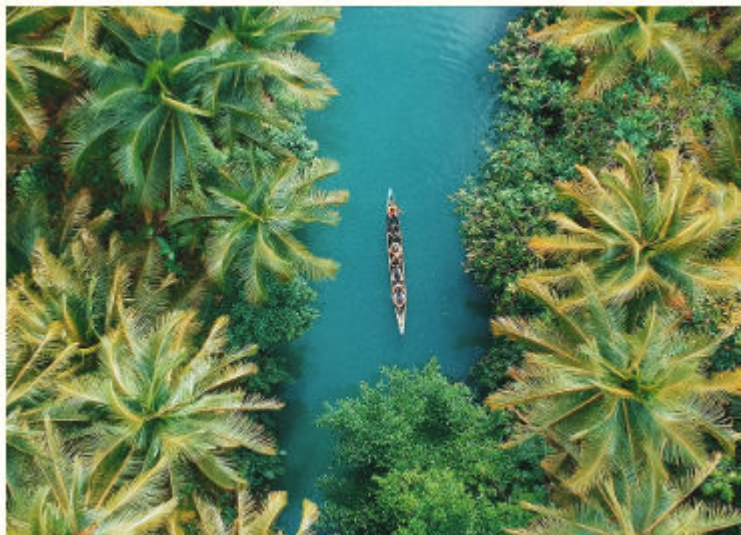
If you missed the talk, here is the recording – [https://youtu.be/hGxmz\\_C95C8](https://youtu.be/hGxmz_C95C8)

More ideas on fundraising and how you can earn your place on the expedition are here. Remember to also create your EasyFundraising account.

You can still sign up and find out about the expedition on our trip webpage:  
[myworldchallenge.com/tour](https://myworldchallenge.com/tour)

For any questions, please email Holly at World Challenge: [hperrett@world-challenge.co.uk](mailto:hperrett@world-challenge.co.uk), contact the support team on 01494 427600, or speak to Mrs Leahy and Mr Lown

We do hope that you will take up this fantastic opportunity.



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## Payments for the trips for ERA week are due

**This is a reminder that payments for the day trips during ERA week are now overdue.**

If you would still like your child to attend their chosen activity please make payment a.s.a.p. otherwise we will need to open the trip to other students and your child may lose their place. This reminder is for the day trips only.

*(Please note, that does not include any overnight Year 7 or 8 camps or overseas residential in that week. Please follow the payment plans as outlined in those letters).*



[Click on the link to view the Team TPS ERA Week 26 Brochure](#)

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# Year 8 Homework

Below is an overview of the homework students will receive each week in Year 8.

Please note that expressive arts subjects may occasionally set optional enrichment tasks, which students can complete if they would like to.

| Subject                                                  | Estimated time per week |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| English booklet                                          | 30 minutes              |
| Maths Sparx*                                             | 30 minutes              |
| Science Sparx*                                           | 30 minutes              |
| MFL                                                      | 30 minutes              |
| History OR Geography project<br>(alternates half termly) | 30 minutes              |
| RE – Padlet article                                      | 30 minutes              |

We would also encourage students to complete 60 minutes of independent reading each week. This doesn't need to be submitted or formally marked – the aim is simply to help students build a regular reading habit and enjoy books of their choice.

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# KS4 DANCE

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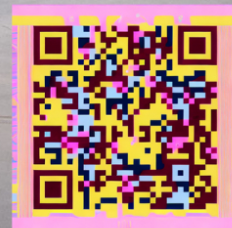
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FROM 2.45 TO 3.45PM  
STUDIO 1

Contact Mrs A Jones for  
more information.

Scan the QR Code to sign up



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## Guest Lecturer



**This week we were delighted to welcome guest lecturer Dr Harold Lovell from the University of Portsmouth.**

Dr Lovell spoke to some of our Year 10 Geography students about his career as a lecturer and research work as a glaciologist.

Sharing his experiences and introducing students to the range of careers that A-level Geography can offer was a great inspiration for our students.

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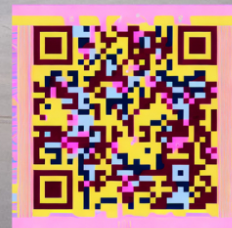
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[Click here to sign up](#)

Year 10 Upcoming Dates:

Please see below a list of events and POST 16 activities for the remainder of Year 10, further details to follow:

**College Taster Day** – An opportunity to learn more about types of courses. If student is currently interested in the A-level pathway then this will be held at Bohunt 6th Form on 24/25 June. If student is currently interested in a vocational pathway, this will be held at Chichester College on Friday 3 July.

**Work Experience/Take your child to work week** – 29 June – 3 July. (If student is attending the Chichester taster day, they would do 4 days work experience instead of 5)

Parents/Carers If you have businesses that would be open to taking on students for Work Experience opportunities, please email [lgroves@petersfieldschool.com](mailto:lgroves@petersfieldschool.com) as we are always very grateful for support in the local area.

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## Year 11

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### Free Revision Breakfasts



**Breakfast is available in the Main hall from 8am before the English, Maths and Science exams start at 9am**

This is an excellent opportunity to make sure you are well fueled for the exams. There will be options such as pastries, bacon rolls, cereal and veg options. We will also make sure subject specialists are at hand to give last minute tips and help for the exam that morning. It is also a time to get into school nice and early, avoiding any last minute rush and stress before these morning exams.

**Look forward to seeing you there.**

Monday 11th May

Thursday 14th May

Monday 18th May

Tuesday 19th may

Thursday 21st May

Tuesday 2nd June

Wednesday 3rd June

Friday 5th June

Monday 8th June

Wednesday 10th June

Friday 12th June

Monday 15th June



# Leavers Assembly Save the Date!

## **Class of 2026 Leavers Assembly**

**Thursday 18 June 11.15am-12.30pm**

**More details to follow!**

## **Year 11 Meal Balance Notification**

**With our Year 11 students due to finish school in June, we are writing to remind you to ensure that balances on school meal cards are used up and to cancel any auto top-up arrangements you have made in ParentPay.**

If you are unable to use up the balance and have used ParentPay to top up the card within the last 24 months, we can refund some or all of the balance back to your ParentPay account. You will then be able to withdraw the balance from your ParentPay account or reallocate it to another fund.

We are unable to refund top-ups that are older than 24 months within ParentPay. These balances can be transferred to the school meal account of another child within the school (e.g. a sibling).

Another option suggested by parents some years ago was donation to the student welfare card. This meal card is used to assist some of our students facing the most difficult circumstances and enables students to benefit from a drink, snack or meal at a time when they most need it. This is very much appreciated by the student welfare team and the students themselves.

Please email [fcooper@petersfieldschool.com](mailto:fcooper@petersfieldschool.com) to action either of these options.

Leaver balances of less than £3 are not refunded and are automatically donated to the student welfare card as detailed on the lunch top up item for which we are very grateful.

Another alternative, if your last top up on ParentPay was more than two years ago, is to request a refund from the catering company ([info@accentcatering.co.uk](mailto:info@accentcatering.co.uk)) . The caterers will require bank details in order to action a refund for you.

TPS Finance Team



**25% PRICE  
REDUCTION!**

## IMPORTANT UPDATE!

The Y11 Prom will now take place on

**Monday 22 June 2026**

6.30 - 11.00 Old Thorns Liphook

Please note the change of date due to circumstances beyond our control

For more information, please read the attached letter [Prom-2026-Update-letter.pdf](#)

### Time to choose your tables!

Please give a list of full names to Mrs Steventon (English Intervention Room).

Tables of 10 people. If you don't have a full table, you will be matched with another group.

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### Year 11 Final Exam Tips Session

Please find attached the slides from the '[Final Revision & Exam Tips](#)' online session.

Please click on the recording of the presentation (30 minutes) below:

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Take Home, Take 5 is an opportunity for you to engage with your child's revision and offer support. Every Friday you will receive 5 questions and answers for English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics Geography and History. These are questions you can use to quiz your son/daughter.

It should take you no longer than 10-15 minutes to complete.

[Take-Home-Take-5-Week-16.pdf](#)

[Take-Home-Take-5-Week-17.pdf](#)

[Take-Home-Take-5-Week-18.pdf](#)

If you would like to complete even more Take Home, Take 5 quizzes please click on the link below:

[Take-Home-Take-5.](#)

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## GCSE and Vocational Exam Information 2026

The GCSE and Vocational Exam Timetable for Summer 2026 is now available on our school website. Please follow the below link where you will find an overview of the timetable (a detailed version including exam board, code and duration is also available) plus some important information that candidates must be aware of.

<https://www.petersfieldschool.com/about/results-and-exam-information/>

Further information will be shared in due course but please note there will be no formal study leave and students will be expected to attend school until they have completed their final exam.

Examination dates are set nationally and it is imperative students attend each exam – there will be no opportunity to sit any missed exams.

In the event of any sustained national or significant local disruption during the examination period, awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 24 June 2026 as the 'Contingency Day' for examinations and therefore students must remain available until this date.

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## How/What to Revise

Create a timetable

Use the [TPS Revision Pathway](#) to find resources

## BET Revise

Focus on topics that you are less confident with (RAG sheets)

Remember that revision should be **active** (flashcards, mindmaps, past papers).

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## Careers



**TPS Careers Hub**— Our platform for advice and support on all things Careers and Post-16 information, plus links to exciting and inspiring opportunities. This will be updated weekly so keep checking for information to support your child in making their Post-16 plans!

[CareersHub.com/careers-the-petersfield-school-](https://careershub.com/careers-the-petersfield-school-)

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Two Simple Questions for  
Two Unforgettable Weeks

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## COMPETITION TIME: WIN 2 WEEKS OF WORK EXPERIENCE

InvestIN's new competition offers you the chance to win a fully funded place on a Summer Experience Programme of your choice, giving you two weeks of hands-on work experience led by industry professionals in one of the world's most competitive careers. Partially funded places are also available for runners-up.

### HOW TO APPLY

Simply answer the two questions below to be in with a chance of joining us for two weeks this summer.

- ✓ Why do you want to attend this programme?
- ✓ Imagine your chosen career 10 years from now. What do you think it will look like, and what role would you like to play in it?

The best part? You choose how to answer: write it, film it or get creative with a presentation or poster!

Hurry!  
Applications close  
at midnight on  
Monday 11th May.

FIND OUT  
MORE



ENTER NOW

# GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN YOUR DREAM CAREER

Choose from 15 careers

*Art & Design*

*Architecture*

*Computer Science*

*Dentistry*

*Engineering*

*Entrepreneurship*

*Forensic Science*

*International Politics*

*Investment Banking*

*Law*

*Media*

*Medicine*

*Psychology*

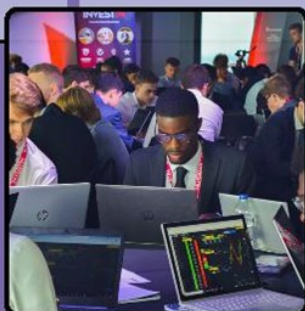
*TV & Film*

*Veterinary Science*



## ENGINEERING

Visit a working airfield and learn from aeronautical engineers about mechanics



## BANKING

Trade the stock market with the London Academy of Trading



## MEDIA

Visit a TV studio and deliver a simulated broadcast



## MEDICINE

Shadow doctors on a simulated ward round at a London training hospital

## EXPLORE PROGRAMME TIMETABLES



**Ages  
12-18**

"Now I've been on an InvestIN programme,  
I know what I want to do forever"



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## TPS - Spotlight

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### TES Schools Awards 2026



**We're SO proud to share that Bohunt Education Trust has been shortlisted for Best Multi-Academy Trust (10 schools or more) at the national TES Schools Awards 2026.**

This recognition follows an exceptional year for BET. We are currently ranked as the highest-performing large multi-academy trust in England - 1st for Attainment 8 and 2nd for Basics 5 in the DfE league tables.

Being shortlisted is a reflection of the collective effort across our schools: the dedication of our staff, the ambition of our pupils, and the strength of collaboration that underpins everything we do.

From our beginnings at Bohunt School in Liphook, we have grown into a thriving family of ten schools across the South of England, continuing to expand our provision to serve more communities. Huge congratulations to all the finalists.

We look forward to celebrating alongside our peers at the TES Schools Awards on 19 June 2026!



The latest issue of BETTER Times - Issue 23, Summer 2026 - is out! A 'learning beyond the classroom' special, this issue is packed with amazing stories of student and staff endeavour, news and highlights from across our family of schools.

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## Dates for your Diary

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Confirmation of INSET Days for 2026:

**2026 Summer Term**

INSET Day Tues 23 June 2026

<https://www.petersfieldschool.com/parents/term-dates/>

|                    |                                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Summer Term</b> | Half Term                          | Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May 2026 |
|                    | Inset Day                          | Tue 23 June 2026             |
|                    | Last day of Summer term            | Wed 22 July 2026             |
|                    | GCSE Results Day                   | Thurs 20 August 2026         |
| <b>Autumn Term</b> | Start of term for <b>all years</b> | Thurs 3 September 2026       |

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# Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

## GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

## TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

## GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

## LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

## AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

## HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

## BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

## 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

## SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

## TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

## SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

## WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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# Sports Results and News

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**Tuesday 5th May**

**Yr 8 and 9 Track K/O**

A special thank you to Downie and Gadban Solicitors for sponsoring our athletics tops

**U13 Girls Cricket vs Bishop Luffa**

TPS 114 - 148 Bishop Luffa

Our U13 girls kicked off their softball cricket match on Tuesday. After being put into the field first, the team worked hard throughout the innings, showing good energy and commitment despite some well timed shots from the opposition that helped them build a challenging total. We then went into bat and the girls showed some good shots but lacked the confidence to take some risks to gain the runs. The girls never gave up and continued to push for runs until the end. Overall, it was a good first match and we have plenty of positives to take forward. We look forward to playing the next match on Tuesday 12th May against St Philip Howard.

**Wednesday 6th May**

**Year 10 Girls Tennis vs Eggars**

**Yr 7-10 WSW Athletics**

**Thursday 7th May**

**Year 7 and 8 Track K/O**



**Year 8 Cricket WSW Chichester Federation League**

TPS kick started their cricket campaign on Thursday with a trip to Bishop Luffa. TPS skipper Charlie won the toss and elected to bowl. 7 TPS bowlers were used in the 20 overs and bowled some exceptionally tidy spells despite not taking many wickets. After only JD and Monty taking a wicket a piece, TPS were set the target of 107 to win. A total that felt very achievable to chase down.

After 6 overs, TPS found themselves 12-1, not the ideal start to the innings but they had survived the opening bowlers initial spells. At 36-2 Jacob and Monty then put on a match winning partnership of just under 70 runs. Monty getting run out just before the close of innings for 28 and Jacob finishing unbeaten on 26 not out.

The boys have had a great start to the season and look forward to their Knights Stokes T20 competition on Tuesday before they play in the league again on Thursday away at St Philip Howard. Some students will also be selected for the BET Cup Cricket competition at Steyning on Wednesday. Best of luck to all students involved.

## Cycling News



**BRITISH SCHOOLS CYCLING ASSOCIATION**

# NATIONAL HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Solent Pirates Youth Cycling Club**

**BSA National Hill Climb**  
**6th JUNE 2026**  
Ditcham Park School, Petersfield  
Categories: U7 U9 U11 U13 U15 O15

**Registration**  
8:00am - 10:00am  
Sign up by  
30th May 2026!

Contact: Gordon Watson: [solentpiratesevents@gmail.com](mailto:solentpiratesevents@gmail.com)

**BRITISH CYCLING GIRLS FOCUS CLUB**



**Solent Pirates Youth Cycling Club**

## GIRLS CYCLING SESSION

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**9:30-12:00**  
**THORNEY ISLAND**

For further information and to book 

**Come and try cycling with our friendly and supportive club**

We are a youth cycling club for 6-16 year olds with a focus on fun, friendship and inclusivity and we would love to welcome more girls to our club. **No experience needed although you must be able to ride a bike independently.**

We offer:

- A range of different cycling experiences including road, cyclocross and track
- Workshops to develop rider confidence.
- Family ride outs
- Annual camping trip

**BRITISH CYCLING GIRLS FOCUS CLUB**

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# MAIN MEALS

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SUMMER MENU  
WEEK TWO

| TASTE OF ITALY                  | SUNSHINE FAVOURITES                                  | MEXICAN MOMENTS          | EURO CLASSICS               | CHIP SHOP                               |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Meatballs & Fusilli             | Caribbean Chicken with Pineapple Salsa               | Mexican Chipotle Pork    | Hunters Chicken Tray Bake   | Battered Fish Fillet or Chicken Tenders |
| Veggie Meatballs & Fusilli      | Caribbean Squash & Sweet Potato with Pineapple Salsa | Mexican Chipotle Beans   | Hunters Vegetable Tray Bake | Vegetable Spring Roll                   |
| Garlic & Herb Slice             | Spicy Rice                                           | Flour Tortillas          | Green Beans                 | Chips                                   |
| Roasted Garlic & Lemon Broccoli | Jamaican Slaw                                        | Roasted Corn and Peppers | Extras: Garlic Bread        | Peas                                    |
| Extras: Grated Cheddar          | Extras: Grilled Flatbread                            | Extras: Crispy Nachos    |                             | Extras: Curry Sauce                     |

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## GLOBAL EATS

From £2.75

|                       |                                    |                            |                                                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Currywurst with Fries | Indonesian Chicken Stir Fried Rice | Lamb Kofta Pitta and Salad | Crispy Korean Chicken Baguette with Asian Salad |
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## DESSERTS

|                  |                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Summer Berry Flapjack Bake              |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Cookies & Cream Sponge                  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | Apple & Cinnamon Crumble with Ice Cream |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Caramelised Banana Upside Down Cake     |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Tiramisu Sponge                         |
| From £1.50       |                                         |

### ALLERGENS

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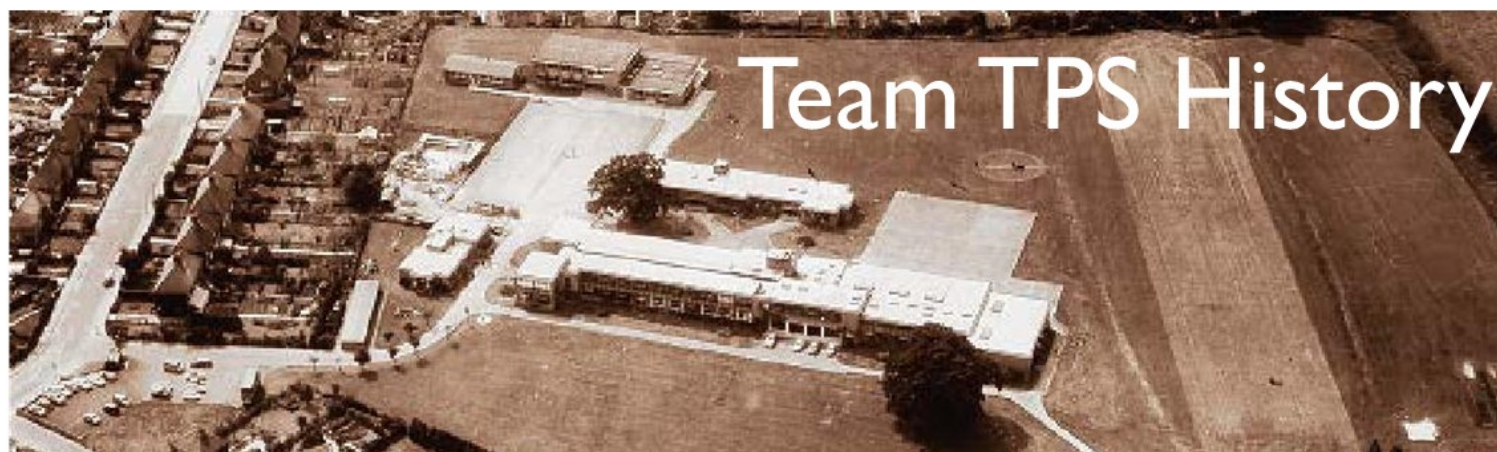
### PASTA & JACKETS STATION

MONDAY – FRIDAY  
See our daily menu for the  
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Bolognaise  
Basil Pesto  
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We have recently uncovered a Team TPS archive of old photos and press cuttings. Over the next few months we would like to share some of these wonderful memories with you .

This week: The New Information Technology Facility 1988



**In 1988, local dignitaries were given a glimpse into the future in the shape of a new information technology facility! It was housed in one of the old Chemistry labs and had 10 Archimedes computers.**

The facility was officially opened by the Chair of Governors, Mr Alan Ray and guests included members of the EHDC and HCC. Mr Ray said "There is no doubt that education is changing enormously and the next decade is going to see changes the like of which have not been seen before. We will soon arrive at the situation where every child at the school has immediate access to keyboard facilities."

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## Useful Links

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Performance Opportunities -

**BRAMSHOTT  
— PLACE —**

# **Performance at Bramshott Place – Liphook**

*Inspired* in Hampshire

**This event is a garden party at Bramshott Place Retirement Village on Friday 24 July between 12 & 2pm  
Ideally they would like performances of music from 1960s and 1970s**

**If you would like to take part please let Mrs Voller know and I will send the organiser's contact details to parents/guardians.**

**THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL ORGANISED EVENT**

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3-5 JULY 2026  
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# HASLEMERE FRINGE FESTIVAL

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ALTERNATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL SET UP & RUN BY THE COMMUNITY

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