Team TPS Weekly

TPS | The Petersfield School

Friday 23 October 2026

Introducing

The Team TPS ERA Week 27



ERA Week 27: Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July 2027

Enrichment is an important part of life at Team TPS and every year we offer a week of enrichment experiences. We are excited to share with you the **ERA Week 27 Brochure**

During ERA Week, students in Years 7 to 10 will enjoy activities and trips that bring our **Enjoy, Respect, Achieve** values to life. These experiences support learning, wellbeing and personal development. They also help students build confidence, try something new and make lasting memories. We want every student to feel welcome and able to take part and there are spaces for every child to have at least one off school site experience.

Please read the information in this brochure and talk through the options with your child. This will help them choose the trips that interest them most.

We want every student to have the opportunity to join in, so if cost may prevent your child from taking part, please contact the relevant trip organiser or the Progress Leader for your child's year group. These conversations will be handled sensitively, and we will discuss what support may be available.

We are looking forward to an exciting and inspiring **ERA Week 27 for every student**.

Communications & Reminders



It's official! TPS is a top 5 school for GCSE achievement in Hampshire… yet again.



This week the GCSE school performance tables were published, showing the Class of 2026 as one of the highest achieving in Hampshire. This is out of over seventy secondary schools in

Hampshire.

We are so proud of their hard work and dedication. Alongside our staff and governors, we also want to thank all of our TPS families for their fantastic support of the school.

TPS was again a county top performer with over 84% of our students achieving a passing grade 4 (grade C) or above in both English and Maths.

Well done TPS Class of 2026!

RAG Week 2026: An Incredible Week of Fundraising and Fun!



What a fantastic week it has been at TPS as students, staff and families came together for our annual RAG (Raise and Give) Week. Through a series of exciting events, lots of friendly competition and incredible community spirit, we are delighted to announce that we raised over £2,500 for charity.

The week began on Monday with the ever-popular **Staff vs Student Dodgeball**, where staff and students battled it out across three fiercely contested games. Despite some outstanding performances from the students, the staff narrowly secured the overall victory and started the week on a winning note.





On Tuesday, our lunchtime **Tuck Shop** proved to be a huge success. Demand was so high that everything sold out, with students keen to support the fundraising efforts while enjoying a well-earned treat at lunchtime.

Wednesday saw one of the most anticipated events of the week, the **Staff Lip Sync Battle**. The sell-out crowd was treated to incredible performances from Performing Arts, PE, Mr Herbert, and Maths/Science as they competed for the coveted TPS Crown. After a series of unforgettable acts, **PE claimed their first ever Lip Sync Battle title** with a crowd-pleasing performance of *Wonderwall*.

Thursday saw our **KS3 Halloween Sack Race**, with students showing great determination, speed and plenty of Halloween spirit as they raced towards the finish line. In a highly competitive contest, **Joseph** claimed first place, with **Zephaniah** securing second and **Redgrave** finishing third. The event proved to be a fantastic addition to RAG Week and was enjoyed by both participants and spectators alike.

The week concluded on Friday with **Staff vs Student Darts**, where students showcased some impressive accuracy and produced several excellent arrows that challenged even the most accomplished staff dartists. The competitive spirit was on full display, providing a brilliant finale to a memorable week.

RAG Week once again highlighted the generosity, enthusiasm and community spirit that make TPS such a special place. Raising **over £2,500 for charity** is an outstanding achievement, and it would not have been possible without the support and participation of our students, staff and parents.

Thank you to everyone who took part, donated and supported our events throughout the week. Together, we have made a real difference and created some fantastic memories along the way.





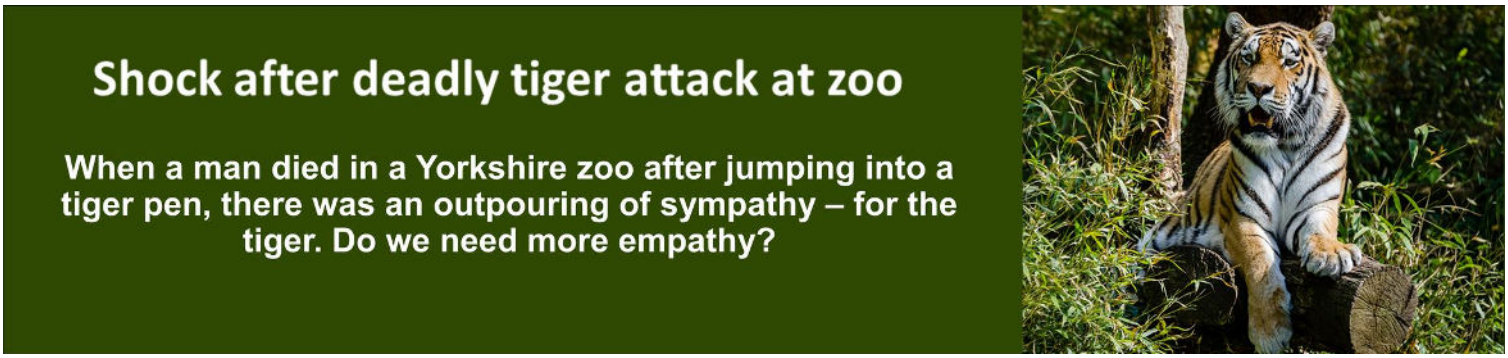
Well Done Team TPS Runners



Well done to the Team TPS Runners who all managed to complete the Great South Run on Sunday in fantastic times and raised £1,000 to add to our fundraising target.

Please click on the link to sponsor our intrepid team [The Petersfield School Fundraiser for The Rosemary Foundation]





The shock after a deadly tiger attack have been the focus for this week's TPS Talks.

Whatever the cause of his actions, the fact remains that a human being is dead. That should be enough, many say, to ensure that the only reaction to this story should be sorrow. The fact that people online responded instead with abuse and voyeurism, shows that we have lost our sense of empathy.

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Student Council Update



This half term, your Student Council representatives have been sharing ideas and raising issues that matter to students across the school.

Lunch and Break Times – We discussed ways to improve food provision, reduce queues and increase seating at busy times.

School Facilities – Students suggested improvements to facilities, including classroom clocks, water stations and site maintenance.

Learning and Revision – Representatives shared feedback on homework, revision support and exam preparation to help improve the learning experience for everyone.

What Happens Next?

Your feedback has been shared with staff and school leaders, and we will continue to work together to turn your ideas into positive changes around the school.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their views this half term. Your voice is helping shape our school community.

Open Mic Night

Join us on 12 November for our Geography-themed Open Mic Night, featuring performances from students across all year groups and raising money for The Rosemary Foundation.

Come along, enjoy the performances and show your support for our students and The Rosemary Foundation, in remembrance of Mr Newton.

Ticket link - https://www.ticketsource.com/thestudiotps/t-aalqlog



Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2026





Could you design the Mayor's Christmas card?

Create a Christmas card inspired by Petersfield and the local area, using any style, technique or media you choose.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes
Judged by the Petersfield Mayor The winning design will become the official Mayor's Christmas card

DEADLINE: 13.11.26

Ask your Art teacher for more details.





PRE-♻WNED EVENT

The joy of recycling

Pre-owned Uniform and Prom Attire Event

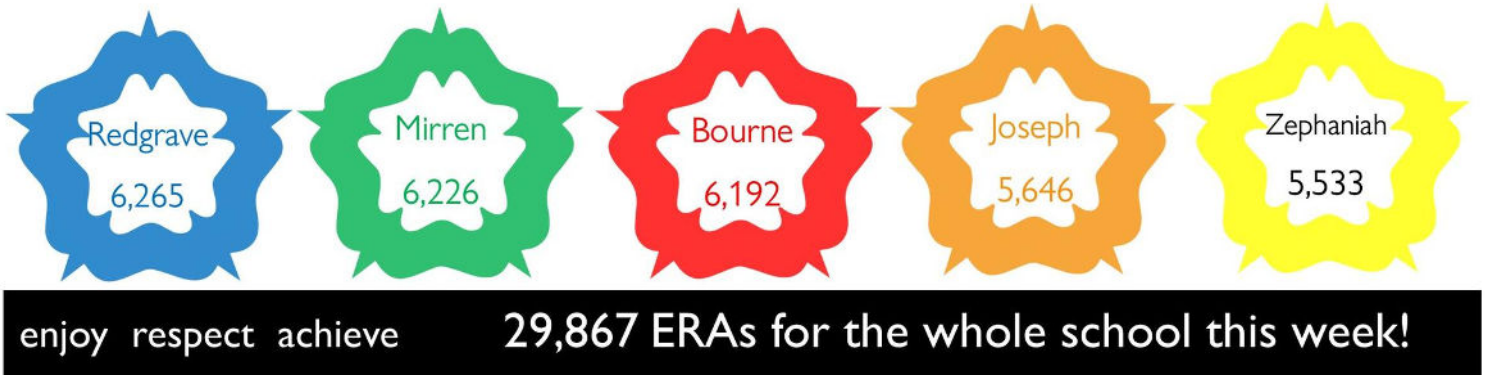
TPS will be holding its first pre-owned uniform event on **Thursday 10 December, from 6pm to 8pm in the Studio**.

If you have any good-quality TPS uniform that your child has grown out of, please hand it in at Reception after half term so that it can be given a new home.

We will also have **prom dresses, suits and accessories** available for our Year 11 students.

All items will be free of charge, and everyone is welcome.

Congratulations Redgrave!



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Year 7

Premiere Performance 2026





What a fantastic week for our Year 7 students!

Across three days, they performed their Premiere Performance to packed audiences of proud parents and families in the Studio, confidently showcasing the skills and creativity they have developed so far in Performing Arts.





Year 7 Camp



Get ready for an incredible outdoor adventure! The Year 7 Camp is packed with exciting activities, team building, and unforgettable memories at Tile Barn Outdoor Centre.

Cost £215 per student

Camp Details & Dates

Camp 1: Monday 28 June – Wednesday 30 June 2027 *(A Population + half of C Population)*

Camp 2: Wednesday 30 June – Friday 2 July 2027 *(B Population + half of C Population)*

Location: Tile Barn Outdoor Centre, Brockenhurst, New Forest *(About 1 hour on a coach)*

Places Available: 200 places, first come first served

Epic Outdoor Activities

Ropes Course & Climbing: Push your limits and build confidence high up in the trees!

Canoeing & Cycling: Explore the beautiful New Forest on water and wheels.

Archery, Orienteering & Sports: Work together, learn new skills, and play as a team.

Camping & Great Food: Experience outdoor tent camping and hearty meals with your friends!

Living the Team TPS Values

Enjoy: Try new things, push our limits, and remember that helping a teammate is helping ourselves.

Respect: Play by the rules, be smart, polite, and show gratitude.

Achieve: Work hard, never give up, and do whatever it takes for as long as it takes.

How to Sign Up

Complete your **medical and consent forms:** [Year 7 Camp 2027 Medical & Consent Form – Fill out form]

Secure your place via **ParentPay - Year 7 Camp 26/27**



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Year 8

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we reach the end of half term, I would like to wish all our Year 8 students and their families a restful and enjoyable break. I hope students take the opportunity to switch off, recharge and return refreshed and ready to get going again on Wednesday 4th November.

Looking ahead, Year 8 BET assessments will take place during the week commencing 16th November. The core subjects (English, Maths and Science) will take place in the Sports Hall - students should come back ready to prepare positively for these assessments.

Please also be aware that I will be unavailable for the first two weeks back after half term due to jury service. During this period, if a matter is urgent, please contact Mrs Sutton. For non-urgent matters, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope everyone has a fantastic half-term break.

Best wishes

David Lown and Lisa Sutton

Year 8 Progress Team

Year 8 Assessments

Year 8 will be sitting assessments in the majority of their subjects between Monday 16 November and Friday 27 November. These will be an important opportunity for students to apply what they have been learning in lessons and receive feedback on how to improve from teachers. Further to this, the **History, Maths Paper 2** and **Geography** assessment will take place on **Tuesday 17 November** and **Wednesday 18 November** in the Sports Hall in exam conditions. This is to build students' confidence in working in this manner and help them to achieve their best work.

Maths Paper 2 is a calculator paper so students will need their calculators.

Please ensure students are fully equipped with **all** the equipment they need for these assessments such as: a black pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, and a pair of compasses. All equipment must be in a clear pencil case.

Water can be taken into the assessment but must be in a clear plastic bottle. Students are **not** permitted to take any unauthorised items into the exam room such as phones, watches of any kind or air pods.

Please see the timetable below for the assessments taking place in the Sports Hall. All other assessments will be completed throughout the assessment window during lesson time.

Lesson	Time	Tuesday 17 November	Wednesday 18 November
P1	08:55-09:50		**Maths Paper 2 – calculator** *40 minutes*
P3	11:05-12:00	**History** *45minutes*	
P5	13:30-14:30		**Geography** *45 minutes*



We are excited to announce the opportunity for pupils in Year 8 to participate in the TPS Bushcraft Camp in association with Campfire Wild Adventures during ERA Week.

The bushcraft camp will give students in Year 8 the opportunity to build on the experience of Year 7 residential camp by taking part in a variety of outdoor learning and adventure activities designed to

promote independence, resilience, confidence and teamwork whilst in a fun and stimulating outdoor environment with their friends. The camp is also designed to help students develop the skills, knowledge and character to successfully participate in the Duke of Edinburgh program run in Year 9 & Year 10.

Below is a PDF of information about the Camp, **sign up and payment details will go live after half-term**.

Year-8-Camp-Info-PDF.

Any questions in the meantime please email me on Mtaylor@petersfieldschool.com

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Year 8 Hampshire Book Award 2026



Students from our judging panel met Fidan Meikle, winning author of the Year 8 Hampshire Book Award 2026, at Calthorpe School in Fleet. The event was organised by the Hampshire School Library Service and Fidan was presented with the award for her novel *My Name is Samim.*

Fidan is a multi-award-winning Azerbaijani-British linguist and translator, writer of poetry and prose for children and adults. She has now written two books My Name is Samim and the sequel My Name is Zayn.

Before the audience of Hampshire schools, Fidan explained the extensive research behind her stories, inspired by the experiences of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in the UK. She interviewed many refugee children to ensure her portrayal of their journeys and trauma was authentic and their stories prompted Fidan to explore how a child finds hope and resilience after devastating loss.

My Name is Samim is an insightful and deeply moving story which has brought many readers to tears, making Fidan a worthy winner of the Hampshire Book Award 2026.



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Year 9



Now that we have reached half term, we want students to feel settled and positive about the options choices they have made as they continue their journey towards their GCSEs.

Changing subjects at this stage would mean missing valuable learning and potentially creating gaps in knowledge that could be difficult to catch up on. With this in mind, options choices are now final, and no further changes will be made.

Thank you for your continued support in helping students make a positive start to this important stage of their education.

Berlin 2028

When?
Friday 11th February – Monday 14th February

Who?
Current Y9 History & RE
Current Y10 History

Cost?
1055

What does the price include?

- All inclusive with flights and hotel and food
- 1 day use of coach to visit sites around Berlin
- 1 day use of coach to visit Sachsenhausen Concentration camp and Olympic Stadium
- Berlin Zoo
- TV tower
- Topography of terror
- DDR museum
- Visit to Reichstag

Next steps:

40 places available for this trip and will be allocated on a lottery basis if oversubscribed.

To register interest please pay a deposit of £300, deadline Friday 9th November



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Ready for a challenge, Year 9?

Take on your Bronze DofE and build new skills, get active, volunteer and complete an unforgettable expedition with your friends.

A non-refundable deposit of £50 is due by Friday 6th November, ParentPay will open for this next week.

More details are in the launch letter below. Please come see me or Mrs Glue during school or email me at mtaylor@petersfieldschool.com if you have any questions!

Bronze-DofE launch letter

Let's get exploring!

Miss Taylor



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Year 10



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 minutes to complete.

Year-10-Take-Home-Take-Five-Week-3.pdf



Duke Of Edinburgh Silver Award

Total cost £490.

Parents should complete this form for their child: Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Medical and Consent Form 2026/27 – Fill out form and pay the £75 deposit on parent pay.

Students can only sign up if they have completed their Bronze Award as shown on eDofE.

Practice Expedition to the New Forest 7 - 9 May.

Qualifying Expedition to the Isle of Purbeck 17-19 June. DATE CHANGE FROM INITIAL PUBLICATION

Volunteering Section:

Spend **6 months** (averaging at least 1 hour per week).

Physical & Skills Sections:

Choose one section to do for **6 months** and the other for **3 months** (averaging at least 1 hour per week).

More information email Miss Howell (ahowell@petersfieldschool.com)



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Year 11

Year 11 PPEs Monday 9 November - Friday 20 November

Year 11 will be completing Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) in the majority of their subjects after Half Term (Monday 9 November - Friday 20 November)

Please see below for an overview of the timetable. Personalised timetables, confirming exam room and seat number will be issued after Half Term. If students study any subjects that have exams timetabled at the same time, we will also confirm the date and time that they will sit each exam.

Please note that Sociology PPE has now been moved to Thursday 19 November

Year 11 PPEs: Monday 9 November – Friday 20 November 2026

Lesson	Time	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
Tutor	08:30-08:55	**English Literature** *1hr 45m*	**Maths – Paper 1** *1h 30m*	**History** *2 hours* *(Health & Med 1h15)* *(Germany 45m)* **Geography Paper 1** *1h 30m*	**English Language** *1h 45m*	**Chemistry (Single/Combined)** *Single – 1h 45m* *Combined – 1h 15m*
P1	08:55-09:50					
P2	09:50-10:45					
Break	10:45-11:05	Break				
P3	11:05-12:00		**PE Paper 1** *1h 15m* **Economics** *1h30m* **Music** *Approx 1h 15m*			
P4	12:00-12:55					
Lunch	12:55-13:30	Lunch				
P5	13:30-14:25	**Biology (Single/Combined)** *Single – 1h 45m* *Combined – 1h 15m*	**French/Spanish Writing** Foundation: 1h 15m Higher: 1h 20m **Mandarin Writing** *Foundation: 1h* *Higher: 1h 15m*	**Mandarin Listening** Foundation: 35m Higher: 45m	**Business** **Computer Science** **Creative i-media** **Dance** *1h 30m*	**Further Maths** *1h 45m* **Y10 Statistics** *1h 30m* **Y10 RS** *55 mins*
P6	14:25-15:20					Further Maths & Statistics to extend into P6

Year 11 PPEs: Monday 9 November – Friday 20 November 2026

Lesson	Time	Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
Tutor	08:30-08:55					
P1	08:55-09:50	**Maths – Paper 2** *1h 30m*	**Drama** **Food Prep & Nutrition** **Religious Studies** *1h 45m* **Food Tech** *1h 30m*	Drama NEA	**Design Technology** *2h* **Sociology** *1h 45m*	NCFE Food Tech NEA **French / Spanish Listening** *Foundation: 45m* *Higher: 60m*
P2	09:50-10:4					
Break	10:45-11:05	Break				
P3	11:05-12:00	**PE Paper 2** *1h 15m* Media Studies **1h 30m**		Drama NEA		NCFE Food Tech NEA **French / Spanish Listening** *Foundation: 45m* *Higher: 60m*
P4	12:00-12:55					
Lunch	12:55-13:30	Lunch				
P5	13:30-14:25	**Physics (Single/Combined)** *Single – 1h 45m* *Combined – 1h 15*	**French/Spanish/Mandarin Reading** Foundation: 45m Higher: 60m	Drama NEA	**Geography P2** *1h 30m*	NCFE Food Tech NEA
P6	14:25-15:20					

Please note the duration of each exam has been included in the overview timetable to help parents and students plan for transport home should the exam extend beyond the end of the school day. All afternoon exams (for both the PPEs and GCSEs) will begin at 1.30pm and students are required to be in attendance for the full duration of the exam.

Your support in ensuring your son/daughter arrives on time and is fully equipped for their exams is greatly appreciated. As a minimum they **must have** a black pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, calculator, and a pair of compasses. We also recommend a highlighter for highlighting questions All equipment must be in a clear pencil case.

Water can be taken into the assessment but must be in a clear plastic bottle. Students are **not** permitted to take any unauthorised items into the exam room such as phones, watches of any kind, air pods or notes.

A link to the relevant subject topic lists is also provided to help students prepare effectively:

[YEAR-11-NOVEMBER-PPE TOPIC LISTS]





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[Take Home Take 5 Week 5]

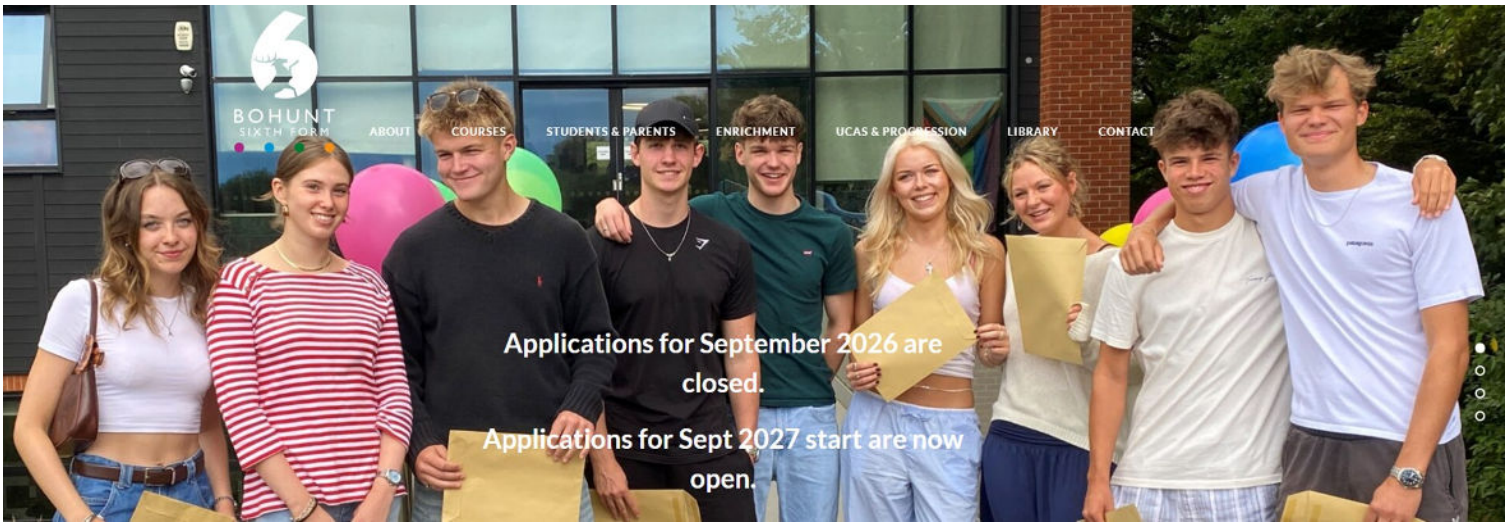
Exam Dates 2027



Exam dates for the 2027 examination series have been released and an overview of the timetable is available on the school website by clicking the following link:

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

College Open Events 2026-27



Some colleges require you to pre-book your space on the open event, so please do check on their websites first.

South Downs College (HSDC)

HSDC Term Dates I Havant, South Downs & Alton College Dates

Saturday 7 November 2026- Morning

Thursday 25 February 2027 – Evening

Chichester College

Open Events I Chichester College

Sat 7 November 2026 (10am-1pm)

Thurs 4 March 2027 (4.30pm-7pm)

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Careers

TPS Careers HUB

Careers and Post-16 information, plus links to exciting and inspiring opportunities

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-

TPS - Spotlight

MEP Event at the Chinese Embassy in London



Last week four Year 10 MEP students attended an event at the Chinese Embassy in London with Mr Zhang to celebrate the success of the 2026 MEP trip to China.

During the event, our students shared their educational experiences in Mandarin, demonstrating an impressive level of fluency and confidence. They also performed Chengdu, a song written by Mr Zhang.

The students had the opportunity to hear speeches from representatives of the Chinese Embassy, the Department for Education, the British Council, and the University College London, as well as fellow students from MEP schools across the UK, before enjoying a banquet together.

TPS is proud to have represented all MEP schools that took part in the Chengdu, China visit at this prestigious event.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term	Last day of Half Term	Friday 23 October 2026
	Half Term Break	26 October-03 November 2026
	INSET Day	Wednesday 25 November 2026
	Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 18 December 2026 12pm Finish

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

Attendance

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

E-Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.



DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and *still* not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

Meet Our Expert

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Sports Results and News

Monday 19th October

Year 9 Table Tennis WSW tournament:

Congratulations to the Year 9 table tennis team, in a competition with 4 different schools, TPS performed the best overall. Great attitude and sportsmanship shown throughout the whole afternoon. Lots of great performances and humility shown in the games. Very good start for the table tennis team, hoping for some more tournaments in the future.

Team standings:

1st, 3rd, 6th and 7th in overall team scores out of 8.

Individual seed winners:

Seed 1- 1st place

Seed 2- 2nd place

Seed 3- 1st place

Seed 4- 1st place

Tuesday 20th October

Year 10 Round 2 National Cup 2-1 Win



An amazing win for the Year 10's. They played Kings in Round 2 of the national cup. With only 11 players, and just 10 for the last 10 minutes, we scored a last minute winner finishing with a 2-1 result taking us into round 3! Well done team.

Wednesday 21st October

Year 9 WSW League 9-3 Win



A fantastic win for the Year 9 team yesterday. As the cold season started, they played their first game at Bishop Luffa, winning 9-3. Some great goals and great teamwork. 3 points, putting us at the top of the league, ready for our next games after half term!

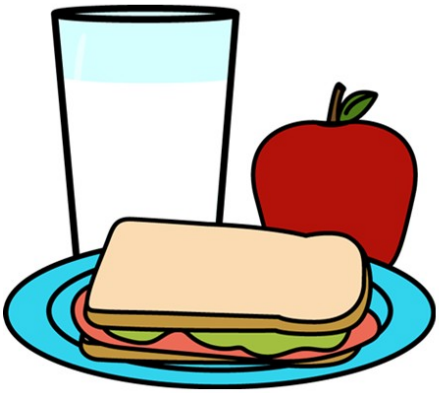
Year 11 Football WSW League

TPS 3-1 OSVA

Congratulations to Year 11 as they continue their fight for the league title. After a successful game against OSVA TPS now travel to the Regis and SPH as the final two games of the season taking place after half term.

Hot Food Menu

Daily Spend Limit



Please be aware that there is a daily spend limit for students of £7 across our food outlets. For Free School Meals students this is £4 personal spend in addition to the daily Free School Meals allowance.

If you would like to increase or decrease the daily allowance for your child you can do this by emailing bohuntpetersfield@accentcatering.co.uk

TPS

MAINS

FROM £2.80

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
ORIENT EXPRESS Sticky Hoi-Sin Chicken Stir-Fry Sticky Hoi-Sin Eat Curious Stir-Fry Soy & Ginger Noodles Roasted Chinese Leaf & Cabbage Prawn Crackers	TASTE OF ITALY Slow Cooked Ragu Beef Lasagne Mediterranean Roasted Vegetable Gnocchi Chef's Salad Garlic & Herb Slice Herby Diced Potatoes	MOST OF ROAST Roast Pork **OR** Turkey with Stuffing and Herb Gravy Accent Squasage Roll Skin on Roast Potatoes Roasted Carrots and Parsnips Yorkshire Pudding	BENGALI KATHI ROLLS Kolkata Chicken Wholemeal Kathi Roll with Minty Yoghurt Kolkata Paneer Wholemeal Kathi Roll with Minty Yoghurt Masala Fries Indian Coleslaw Mini Samosa	FISH & CHIP SHOP Battered Fish Fillet **OR** Jumbo Sausage Vegetable Spring Roll with Sweet & Sour Sauce Chips Peas Baked Beans Curry Sauce



	HOT DELI/GLOBAL EATS FROM £2.85	DESSERTS FROM £1.55
MON	Cheesy Meatball Sub	Sticky Ginger Cake
TUE	BBQ Chicken Slider	Double Chocolate Pudding
WED	Fajita Nachos with Jalapenos & Sour Cream	Berry Mess Cupcakes
THU	Vietnamese Chicken Bun Cha	Autumn Fruit Turnover
FRI		Toffee and Banana Cake

W/C: 14/09/26, 05/10/26, 02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26

ALLERGEN INFORMATION If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please ask the Allergen Guru or Chef Manager about the ingredients in your meal.



And Finally...



We uncovered a Team TPS archive of old photos and press cuttings and we would like to share some of these wonderful memories with you .

This week: Year 7 Premiere Performance







The Year 7 Premiere Performance has long been an important date in the TPS calendar.











Useful Links

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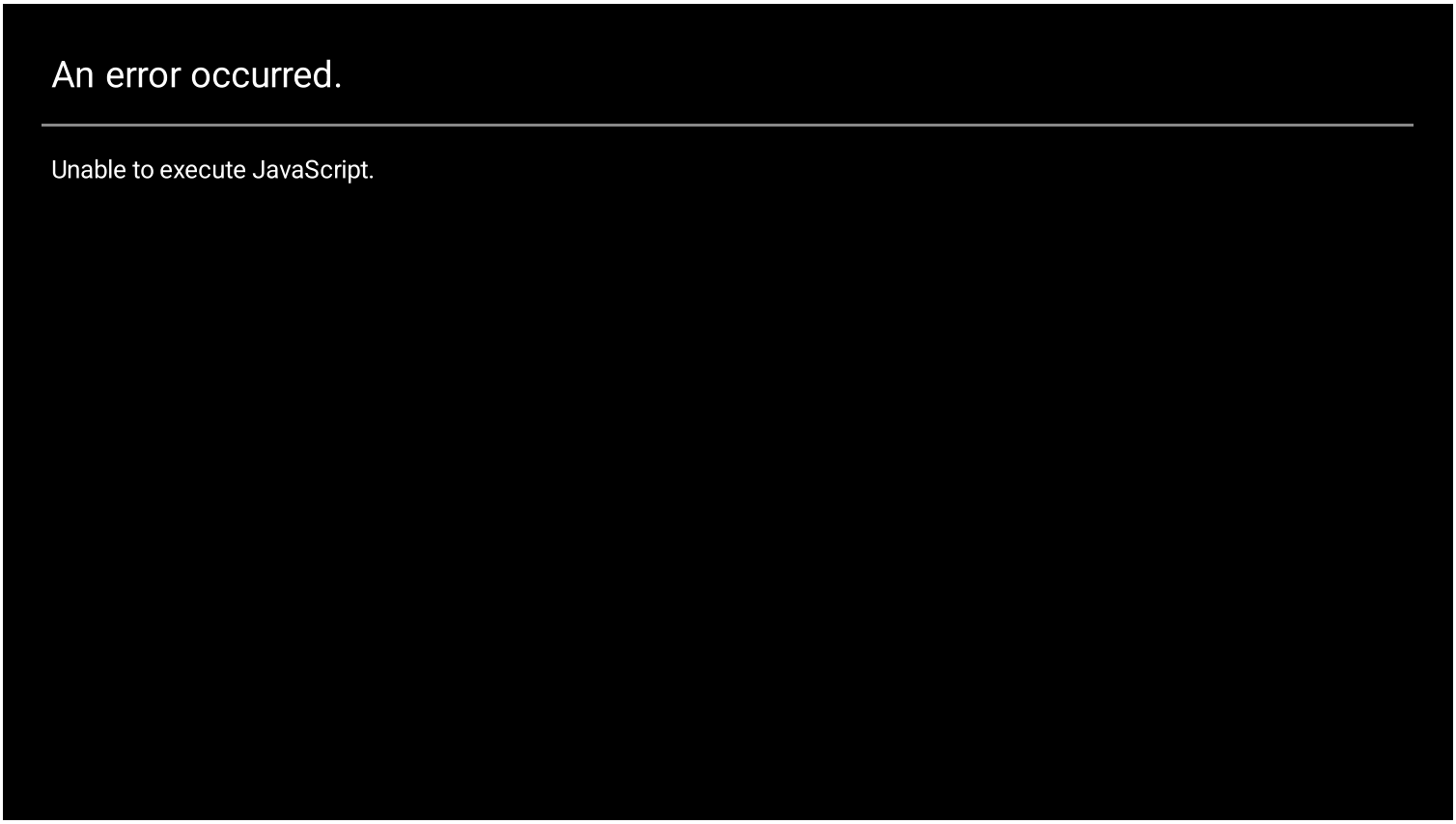
Could teaching be your next career move? See Bohunt IFT in action: watch our film here.



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Wednesday 18 November, 6.45–7.15pm

Thursday 19 November, 1.30–2pm

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The company will be attending the market twice a month throughout the year, increasing to weekly visits during the busy school uniform season in July and August. Parents can find more information and shop online via the new website.

Website: [Petersfield Schoolwear Company]

We now have two uniform suppliers, The Petersfield Schoolwear Company, and Skoolkit - [www.skoolkit.co.uk]

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