

# LATITUDE!

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Issue 54



## FEATURING...



- PD Days
- Trips
- German Exchange Project
- Black History Month

- Competition Winners
- Remembrance Day
- Awards Evening
- Festive Meals



**AND  
MORE!**





# WELCOME TO LATITUDE:

AUTUMN/WINTER TERM ISSUE

## Headteacher's Letter

I just want to say a massive well done to all the staff and students! We have had a great term, with so much happening and we have much to celebrate.

As this edition of Latitude shows, thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication, there were lots of trips, clubs and events for students to enjoy.

Thank you, students for engaging so well and for being so positive and upbeat. Thank you, staff for making all of this possible.

Thank you parents for all of your support.

*Chris Roberts*







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# Hot Chocolate Friday!



Hollie, Jesse and Lilly



Ben and Theo



Sam, Nadine, Mia, Dottie and Esme



Austin and Ms Hall



Ben and Jaden



Gracie and Aiden



Isobelle, Jaden, Anaya and Mrs Shepperson



Isaac, Harry, Luka, Theo and Ms Barnes





# YEAR 11 TRUST EVENT

# OMAR SHARIF

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Year 11 students from across Salterns Academy Trust came together at Admiral Lord Nelson School on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September for an unforgettable keynote from Omar Sharif.

Through powerful storytelling, Omar challenged students to overcome self-doubt, build resilience, and pursue their goals with purpose. His message sparked inspiration and left students feeling empowered to take on the next stage of their journey. 💪📖

A huge thank you to Omar Sharif for visiting us, don't forget to give him a follow over at [@omarsharif\\_official](https://www.instagram.com/omarsharif_official) to stay up to date. 📱



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# Admiral Achievers

## WELL DONE JAMES!

Huge well done to James, Year 11, Warrior 11 for achieving his black belt in Karate recently and is now a Shodan!



## WELL DONE RILEY!

Congratulations to Riley, Year 7, Spinnaker 8 - In the summer holidays, Riley achieved his 2<sup>nd</sup> brown belt in Karate!



## WELL DONE MILA!

Huge well done to Mila, Spinnaker 12, Year 8, who took part in a 5k Colour Dash to support Portsmouth Hospital Charities. Donations went specifically to the ICU department who looked after her Auntie in 2024. The course was full of different terrain and multiple colour stations!



## WELL DONE JAYDEN!

A round of applause for Jayden in Mary Rose 5, Year 7, for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the British Indoor Karting Championship (BIKC) local finals at the Gosport E-Karting track, earning a place at the regional finals in Cardiff in October!



## WELL DONE AMELIE!

Congratulations to Amelie J in Year 8, Spinnaker 11, who was selected to attend the first of this year's England U13 Girls Ice Hockey trials on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Amelie trains regularly with the Slough Jets U14 team and the Ice Bees U16 girls team and all the hard work is paying off. She is now waiting to see if she's made it through to round two of the trials. Good luck Amelie!



## WELL DONE AMALIE!

WELL DONE to Amalie in Year 7, Warrior 10! Amalie is part of a PSG Gymnastics team who competed in the National championships in Newcastle in July. They were competing against teams that have a couple of years extra experience on them and came managed 6<sup>th</sup> overall with flawless runs in all of their routines!

## WELL DONE CHARLIE!

Charlie has achieved his level 3 Youth Sailing Award at the Andrew Simpson Centre. Charlie has only been sailing a Year but has amazed his instructors with his dedication and progression. What an amazing achievement - Keep up the great work, Charlie!



## WELL DONE ETHAN!

Ethan in Year 10, Mary Rose 11, has just won Silver (2<sup>nd</sup>) for his Taekwondo form in a tournament on 11/10! He has also recently achieved his Green belt. Keep up the good work Ethan!

## WELL DONE BEA!

Bea in Year 8, Spinnaker 10, painted at Look Up Portsmouth with her Mum! They tried new techniques and battled the rain to complete the piece. Amazing work Bea!



## WELL DONE TOBY!

Toby took part in The Great South 5k on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October and achieved PB of 24.23!





### WELL DONE COREY!

We are in awe after hearing an update on Corey's (Year 11, Mary Rose 8) darting achievements! He has played many tournaments recently and in one of those tournaments, Portsmouth's own former Number 6 in the World dart player Andy Jenkins agreed to pair with Corey in a tournament! As of early October, in all of the Under 18 darts academies, he is sitting in 27th position in England and 53rd position in the World! Keep it up Corey!



### WELL DONE RILEY!

Riley B in Year 11 took on the 'Sweat Every Day in November Challenge' for Stand Up to Cancer and raised an impressive £195!

This was a display of amazing resilience for an incredible cause. Well done Riley!

### WELL DONE ROBYN!

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Robyn in Year 8, Spinnaker II went to StarzUK dance competition. Robyn was entered for a Ballet solo, a Tap solo, and as part of her dance squad.

Youngest in the teen section (12-15).

Robyn came away with -

- 1st for ballet
- 1st for tap
- 1st for her squad (highest scoring group dance of the day!)



### WELL DONE AMELIE!

A huge congratulations to Amelie W, Year 8, Mary Rose 8, who recently competed at the WDC Ballroom & Latin World Championships, Dutch Open in Assen.

Amelie had amazing success making the:

- U16 - 5 Dance Ballroom World Championship Final, taking 4th Place
- U14 - 5 Dance Ballroom World Championship Final, taking 3rd place

It was a long hard week for Amelie, attending dance camps and lectures but all her hard work paid off!



### AMELIE SUCCEEDS AGAIN!

Following her success in Assen, Amelie succeeded again in Blackpool at The Latin and Ballroom British National Championships!

Amelie made all 5 of her U14 ballroom finals she entered, finishing no lower than 2nd place. With the standout result being crowned vice-champion in the U14 Solo Ballroom British National 5 Dance Championships. This is an incredible achievement for Amelie.



### WELL DONE HENRY!

Join us in congratulating Henry D in Year 11 who represented England in November at the Caledonia International competition in Scotland 🇬🇧

Henry helped his team mates to Team Silver ahead of Wales and just behind the host Team Scotland 🇨🇾. He also finished 7th all around and qualified for the Rings final where he finished an excellent 4th place.

Well done Henry - An amazing achievement!

#TeamPGC #EnglishGymnastics



### WELL DONE CHARLIE!

Charlie in Year 8, MR 11, has been asked to play at the Bowie Tribute night at the Wedgewood Rooms in Southsea all in aid of The Rowans Hospice. Good luck Charlie!



### WELL DONE DANIEL!

Daniel R in Year 9, Spinnaker II, had quite the adventure with air cadets, successfully completing an initial Air Experience Flight! The flight instructor let him take control during normal flight for a short time. Amazing work Daniel!



## Trafalgar Day Service



Before half term, Jaden, Gracie and Ms Barnes had the honour of representing Admiral Lord Nelson School at the annual Trafalgar Day Service held on the HMS Victory at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The event commemorates Admiral Lord Nelson's famous victory at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21st October 1805, when the Royal Navy defeated the combined French and Spanish fleets off the coast of Spain — a triumph that secured Britain's naval dominance for generations.

Jaden and Gracie joined naval personnel and dignitaries in paying their respects as the wreath was laid in remembrance of those who served and lost their lives at sea. Following the ceremony, they were treated to breakfast on the lower deck of HMS Victory, the very ship that Nelson commanded during the battle.

To mark the occasion, both students were presented with an HMS Victory Challenge Coin — a traditional naval token of pride and belonging. Challenge coins are given to recognise service, achievement, or connection to a particular ship or unit, and are treasured symbols within the armed forces. For sailors, they represent honour, camaraderie, and history — making this a truly special keepsake for Jaden and Gracie to remember their morning aboard HMS Victory.

Ms Barnes



## Royal British Legion Raffle!

Well done to Perry, Niamh, Bella, Bartek and Oscar for raising £72.50 for the Royal British Legion through their raffle! They made the sweet basket entirely by themselves!

The lucky winner was...

**Beth F,  
Warrior 8!**



## Portsmouth Remembrance Service

On Sunday 9th November, Emily, Sid, Theodora and Beth joined Ms Barnes and Miss Wellham at the annual Remembrance Service at Portsmouth Guildhall. The students represented Admiral Lord Nelson School with pride as they laid a wreath on behalf of the school community.

It is always a privilege to take part in this important event each year — a moment to honour and reflect on the courage and sacrifice of all those who have served, and those who continue to serve today.

Ms Barnes



## HISTORY HUB

(SEP 2025 - DEC 2025)

THE 'HISTORIANS OF THE WEEK'  
THIS TERM WERE:

### Year 7

Archie S	Nolan J
Amelia B	Oliver S
Cole B	Olivia M
Daisy S	Pippa G
Eddie B	Riley S
Elizabeth R	Robin L
Freddie A	Sydney S
Henley S	Theo S
Ivy S	Thomas P
Jack A	Troy G
Jaden C	Violet A
Jenson F	Winston A
Kacy W	Zoe J
Leo T	

### Year 8

Albie M	Finley C	Millie H
Alicia Y	Freddy F	Miyaz M
Amelie L	George A	Nellie D
Amelie V	Ismaeel A	Noah D
Anaya H	Ivy N	Noah H
Ava V	Ivy R	Oscar S
Bella P	Lake S	Rita C
Blossom S	Lewis K	
David C	Lillie S	
Edgar H	Loki W	
Emilia D	Lola-Rose L	
Eshal F	Lucas C	
Ewan T	Mila K	

### Year 9

Adiba K	Faye D
Alfie H	George J
Amber B	Gracie H
Anisia N	Hallie H
Bobby D	Harley W
Caiden S	Izabella G
Charlie C	Lola F
Ella O	Louie T
Ellis G	Perry E
Eve H	Zofia P

### Year 10

Alisha B	Jake M	Ted W
Ava C x2	Jayla P	Trysten G
Ava S	Jessica N	
Caitlin H	Kaci F	
Chase T	Lana H x2	
Elliott M	Libby E	
Emilia A	Lily H	
Emma B	Lily M	
Isatou T	Nancy H	
Isla M	Poppy D	
Jack R	Rosa F	
Jack R	Skye A	
Jacob O	Tallulah B	

### Year 11

Aiden S	Harriet O
Casey L	Harvey F
Dale Y	Hugo M
Daria N	Max T
Ellie-Mai R	Riley V
Eva T	Sydney H
Evie W	Tanisha A
Freddie B	Woody M





## History Quick Podcast: Going from Strength to Strength



This term, our History Quick podcast has continued to grow, develop, and reach new audiences — and it's been brilliant to see so many students getting involved. What started as a small project has quickly become one of the most exciting parts of the History Department, with more pupil-led episodes than ever before.



Over the last few weeks, students have taken the lead on a range of fascinating topics. We now have several episodes exploring the key differences between the First and Second World Wars, breaking down everything from weapons and tactics to life on the Home Front. These student-produced episodes show just how knowledgeable and passionate our young historians are — and how confidently they can explain complex ideas.

We've also released something very special: an episode on a GCSE Germany topic presented by two of our former students. They returned to school to share their expertise, offer brilliant explanations of Hitler's consolidation of power, and give current students an insight into what strong historical understanding sounds like. It's inspiring, clear, and perfect revision for anyone studying Eduqas GCSE History. The best part is that History Quick is becoming truly student-powered. More voices, more topics, more creativity — and more opportunities for our learners to deepen their knowledge in a fun, accessible way.



If you haven't listened yet, now is the perfect time, especially if you're in Year 10 or 11. Do check them out — Scan the code above!

Ms Barnes

## Mary Rose Museum Trip!

Sixteen enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students with a passion for history were invited by the Mary Rose education team to trial their brand-new workshop, Portsmouth 100, created to celebrate 100 years since Portsmouth became a city.

During the session, students explored the rich history of Portsmouth and even designed their own imaginative versions of the city's future. Afterwards, they toured the Mary Rose Museum, getting an up-close look at incredible artefacts and immersing themselves in the exciting 4D exhibition.

It was a fascinating and memorable day, and the students had a fantastic time throughout.

Miss Wellham





# pd Day 1





# MARWELL ZOO!

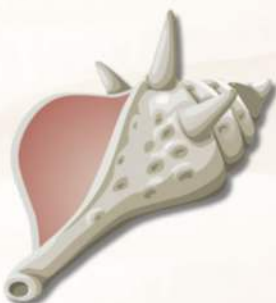




*Year 10 & 11 go to see*

# LORD OF THE FLIES

*at Chichester Festival Theatre*





# OUR STUDENTS SAID...

'Lord of the Flies' at Chichester Festival Theatre was an immersive experience: perfect for allowing us as students to visualise the text we have been reading. It was a thrilling show that was beautifully modernised allowing us to fully sympathise with the characters and story. It was perfect for revising Lord of the Flies and captured the twisted nature of the novel impeccably.

Emily P, Year 11

Great show!

Anein A, Year 11



At first, I wasn't very sure about the staging and props (in Lord of the Flies at Chichester Festival Theatre) but by 30 minutes in I was very impressed. The actors were very good at showing the right emotions and getting across the mood and atmosphere of the story. The scenes with the pig very accurately showed how Golding described the animal's murder without using his actual words and the parachutist was terrifying. Overall, my feelings on the show were that it was accurate to the novel and really fun to see.

Austin M, Year 11



# WELL DONE LOLA!

🎉 Huge congratulations to Lola for winning the Climate Change Screensaver Competition! 🌍💻

Her powerful design was featured on screensavers across the school — and she's earned a well-deserved £20 Amazon voucher! 📦👏 #ClimateChampion  
#StudentSuccess







# GERMAN EXCHANGE PROJECT

*On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we said goodbye to our wonderful German exchange guests after an unforgettable week together. So many great memories and friendships made — we're already looking forward to the return visit later this year! 🤝 #GermanExchange  
#FriendshipAcrossBorders #SeeYouSoon*





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Pamodzi Creatives  
Fashion Show!



The Wedgewood Rooms came alive on 5th October as Pamodzi Creatives hosted a vibrant fashion show celebrating the richness of Portsmouth's Black fashion and culture. Featuring designs that honoured heritage and identity, current and former students from Admiral Lord Nelson School proudly contributed as models — a true celebration of creativity, community, and culture. [#PamodziCreatives](#) [#BlackFashionExcellence](#) [#PortsmouthCulture](#) [#WedgewoodRooms](#)



An afternoon of...

## PUMPKIN CARVING & S'MORES MAKING!



The afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> October was all about taking a break and having fun 🎃⭐ Our incredible young carers came together for pumpkin carving, s'more making, and good chats around our new fire pit in our nature area.

A little autumn magic, a lot of well-deserved joy 🔥







**YOUNGMINDS**

**Hello  
Yellow**  
FRIDAY 10 OCT

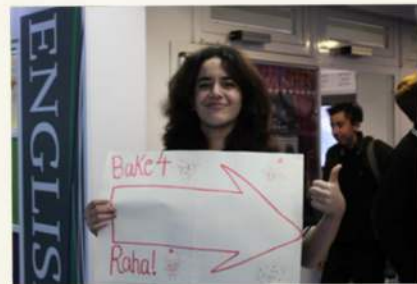


# Bake Sale 4 Raha



Money raised for Children with Cancer UK:

## £308.24!



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# ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION





# INFO CENTRE

## ICONS



### Rory

Rory has come so far with his amazing crochet skills. He joined Crochet Club as an absolute beginner, did one lesson and over the next 2 weeks had crocheted a scarf and a hat!

### ELLAROSE

Ellarose P - another Info Centre Icon! Not only is she a crocheter extraordinaire, but she is also probably one of the nicest people in the Info Centre - always there for you, always has a kind word to say and always ready to help out. Ellarose is quietly brilliant.

### AANIYAH

Another crochet creator! Check out these cool gloves, crocheted by Aaniyah!



### A L F I E



Well done to Alfie for troubleshooting our broken printer! His problem solving skills are second to none!



### ARCHIE AND JACK

Archie in Year 7 has written and designed his very own comic book, Super Baby!

His friend Jack has been helping him print copies to distribute to students around the school! What a team!



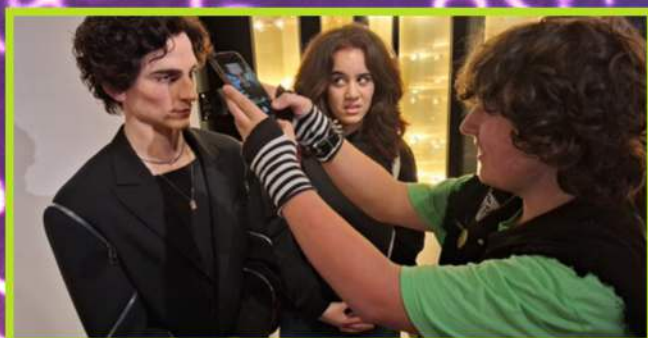
Most heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event and bought a ticket - we have raised £76 for Friday Fridge - a Christian outreach in Southsea providing hot meals for those in need. Money raised will go towards making up Christmas stockings with sweet treats for the very needy and vulnerable members of our Portsmouth community. Thank you.

Mrs Riches and Mrs Sullivan





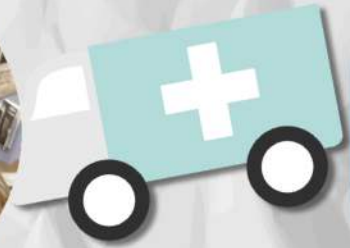
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# WONDERFUL WORLD OF MEDICINE DAY





# 'Big City Read Project' WINNERS!

Our Year 7s were tasked over the summer to design their own mode of transport to take people on tours of the ocean life in California. This was inspired by the 2024/2025 Big City Read novel *The Lost Whale* by Hannah Gold that a lot of our students read in Year 6.

Admiral Lord Nelson had over 50 entries from our new Year 7s in the first few weeks of term!

6 fantastic winners were chosen by our judging panel. Well done to Max, Eviee, Jake, Theo, Ivy and Elijah.

Their prizes included a signed certificate from Hannah Gold, a brand new novel, bookmarks, fountain pens and plenty of biscuits to celebrate! Well done to Elijah our overall winner who also won himself a £20 gift voucher.

Keep your eyes peeled for more English competitions throughout the year!



Well  
DONE









# SPORTS CORNER

## FOOTBALL SUCCESS AND TRIPS



**Both KS3 and KS4 girls football teams have had success with the start of the new football season this term.**

Our **KS3** team were the first group to christen the new football kit, and they had an amazing first game together. We have some really talented girls who have come up from primary schools and bonded well with the current Year 8's. In their first match they played against Mayfield and won 4-0. I am excited for the season to continue with these girls, watch this space!



**KS4:** This team mainly consists of our GCSE students who all perform at a top level. The girls didn't disappoint in their first match together, beating Priory 7-0. Goals scored by Summer x2, Lily H x2, Lily P x2 and Millie D. The girls worked really hard as they were getting footage for their GCSE course and it definitely paid off!

*Miss Conaghan*

The **Year 7/8 girls** played against Milton Cross in the freezing cold on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. It was bitter! The girls were amazing and played some really good football resulting in a 4-0 win, nothing can stop these girls they are fab!

*Miss Conaghan*



Year 7 boys played a friendly against the Year 8 boys, it was an excellent game with some lovely football on display. More importantly there was some great sportsmanship showed by all.



Year 9 boys made it through to the 2nd Round of the Hampshire cup! Brilliant performance away from home against the Havant Academy school, some excellent football played and some great goals scored, well done!



A small number of Year 11 boys were selected to represent the school in a 5-a-side football tournament hosted by Pompey in the Community. They played really well and made it through to the final! Well done all!



Year 8 boys also made it through to the 2nd round of the Hampshire Cup, following a brilliant performance and result at Home against Mountbatten School.



The Year 7 Boys played Mayfield in their first league game. The game finished 1-1 with ALNS taking the lead in the first half through a well worked move on the left hand side. Mayfield equalised in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half but it was great game! Well done!

*Mr Probert*



On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, some Year 7 and 8 girls went to Emirates Stadium to watch Arsenal vs Chelsea!

Miss Conaghan says: "They were an absolute delight and thoroughly enjoyed the game, as well as singing on the minibus!"



On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, myself and Mrs Shepperson took some Year 11 GCSE students to the Lionesses VS Ghana game. The girls were an absolute pleasure to take, and the football was pretty good as well.

*Miss Conaghan*



## NETBALL SUCCESS



The wonderful **Year 11's** have shown great commitment in netball and came away with some draws in the tournament. They should be very proud of themselves!

*Mrs Wooden*



Our incredible **Year 8** team have won all of their games, carrying on their success from last year! They have shown great commitment to ALNS Netball.

*Mrs Wooden*



For the majority of the Year 7 girls, it was their first time playing netball and first time competing against other schools, we won some games and lost others but have shown great commitment and loads of potential for the future!

*Mrs Wooden*



## SPORTS LEADERS



A group of ALNS sports leaders attended the Mary Rose school to assist with the running of their KS3 sport and movement festival. They were brilliant and represented the school really well!

*Mr Probert*



# SPINNAKER WINTER WARMERS



*Raising money for The Roberts Centre*





# Awards Evening

## 2025





The results are in! 🌲

87 submissions later... We are very excited to announce the results of our Christmas Card Competition! ⭐

WELL DONE to our First Place submission: Aadvce in Year 10 🏆

WELL DONE to our Second Place submission: Ivy in Year 7 🏆

and WELL DONE to our runners up Emilia, Ella and Ayva! 🏆

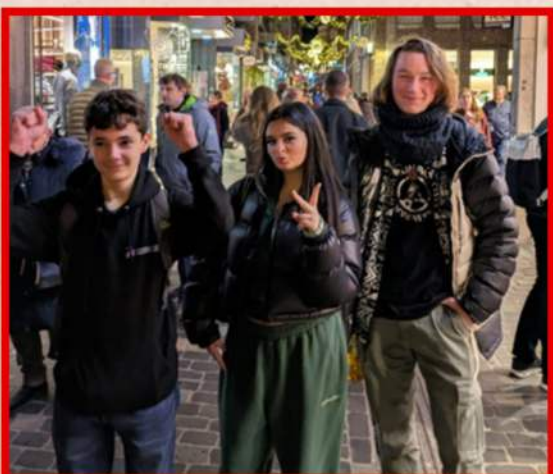
Thank you all for your wonderful submissions - Until next year 🎅







# Aachen





# FESTIVE MEALS









# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 9 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 9 Parent Curriculum Information Evening</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>PD Day 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Dance Live!</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Non School Uniform Day</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Mentoring Day &amp; Careers Fair</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 9 Options Deadline</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 8 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>PD Day 5</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>School Show Week</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

