

LATITUDE

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CELEBRATING Last Term

I have now completed my first year as Headteacher and throughout the year I've challenged staff and students with the same message "if it's worth doing, it's worth doing well".

I can honestly say I could not be prouder of how staff and students have responded, and how the school community is growing and developing.

Student voice has really grown and students are fully involved in making decisions about how their school develops.

I would like to thank staff for providing so many opportunities for students to get involved, and as the following pages show, students are making the most of this and thriving!

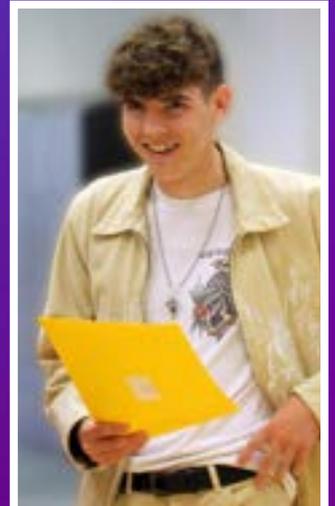
I do need to thank staff, parents and students for all their support and hard work, and I am really looking forward to what we can all achieve together over the next year.

Chris Roberts

Headteacher



Results Day 2023!



ALNS Film Club wins an Award!

Well done to Ava and Kian for receiving an award on behalf of the Film Club from CAHMS during the Summer Holidays! The Film Club were asked to share footage of what they had been working on, following the brief from CAHMS and were also invited to the event to film the Participation/Awards event on behalf of CAHMS! What an honour! It was also a

pleasant surprise to see Luke receiving an award for his participation and work with CAHMS services!

Mr Fitzgerald



Summer Reading Competition

You may remember that during the summer holidays, we hosted a Summer Reading Competition, where students and staff were both invited to send a picture of themselves reading their favourite book alongside a short description as to why they liked the book.

Well...The winners are here!

Well done to Billie, Ethan and Sam!

Keep an eye out for the next competition!

And the winners are...



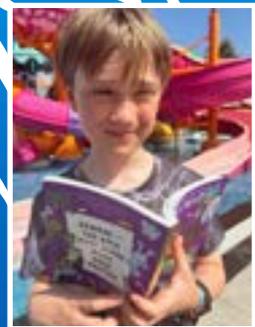
Billie H

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Sam B

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Ethan P

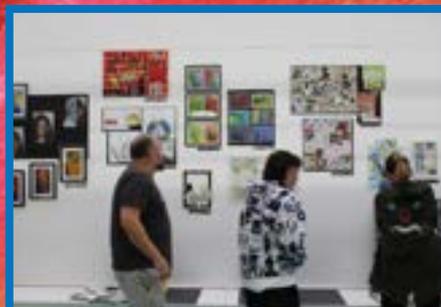
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Art & Design Exhibition

On Wednesday 21st September, we held our Art & Design Exhibition which featured amazing work from all of last year's GCSE Art & Design students.

There were incredible 3D props, graphics, fine art and photography showcased to visitors.

As guests entered, they were greeted with beautiful piano music played by Alex in Year 11 and offered delicious canapés made by Year 11 Food students and Design champions. Thank you to all who attended!



Hot Chocolate Friday!



School Council Meeting

On 22nd September, we had our first School Council meeting of the year. We discussed how far we got with our action plans from the end of last year and set some targets ready for the next meeting. Our areas of focus are:

- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Culture of Kindness
- Education Aspiration
- School Facilities

The tutor reps are planning some new ideas including:

- Opening up a classroom for students to visit to talk about emotions and complete Mindfulness tasks
- Setting up a worry box
- Having a drop-in room hosting by our Anti Bullying Ambassadors
- Researching outside speakers to visit us to discuss careers from all sectors from a variety of backgrounds

We were also lucky enough to have Jessi from UNLOC visit us to tell us about an exciting opportunity for 4 of our students to apply to be member of CoPS (Council of Portsmouth Students)



If you have any more ideas, please speak to your tutor rep.

Mrs Brown

Admiral Lord Nelson School and Trafalgar School have been recognised for their long-term commitment to inclusive languages education by being selected as one of only 15 lead language hubs to join the NCLE's centre for excellence.

Nys Hardingham, CEO of the Salterns Academy Trust added: "We pride ourselves on providing an inclusive education experience for all of our students. We are proud to have achieved recognition for the excellent languages education we deliver and being a languages hub lead will enable us to share our approach and expertise and ensure as many students as possible are able to benefit from an excellent education in languages."



'Get into Oxbridge' Workshop

As part of the Oxford Roadshow, we were visited by Somerville College, a college of the University of Oxford, boasting an impressive list of alumnae such as Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi, Dorothy Hodgkin, Iris Murdoch, Vera Brittain and Dorothy L. Sayers.



The session was aimed at demystifying misconceptions about studying at Oxford University, clarifying entry requirements and generally explaining what life and study at Oxford (and Cambridge) might be like. We were very lucky to have our wonderfully talented alumnus Jamie Ngo come in to share his experience of studying at Oxford - Jamie is a second-year student at Merton College. Thank you, Hannah and Amy of the Somerville Outreach Team and Jamie.

New Home Languages Welcome Display

Our new Welcome display located in the Mall represents all of the Home Languages of our students here at ALNS.

If you happen to notice your Home Language hasn't been included, please email Miss Edser at ledser@alns.co.uk so that we can add yours! It's very important to us that every student here at ALNS feels included.



DofE Bronze Award Evening!

Thank you so much to the over 200 parents and students who attended the DofE Bronze Awards Evening on 10th October. We had a fantastic evening, celebrating the incredible achievements of our Year 10 and 11 students!



Mr Sharp



PD Day I!



Year 11 Trip to London!





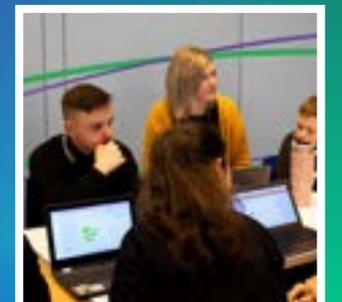
DofE Silver Award Evening!



School Council Meeting

19th October was a momentous day! The Senior Prefects planned and ran their first ever student-led School Council. They fed back the results of the student survey ready for the tutor reps to share after half-term. They also planned the competitions that will be running after in November. They have some exciting plans so please do make sure to get involved!

Mrs Brown



Youth Sport Trust Sports Leaders - Trip to Wimbledon!



The Year 10 Sports Leaders have been working towards completing their leadership award with the Youth Sport Trust through the Set for Success programme. They were invited to attend an event at Wimbledon on 17th October. This involved having a tour of Wimbledon, the museum and some guest speakers. This event also gave the students the opportunity to meet new people and work with other schools through some sporting challenges. Our students stood out on how they represented the school but also how they got involved in the day. Amazing stuff!

Miss Conaghan

Trafalgar Day Ceremony



We were up bright and early for the Trafalgar Day ceremony held every year on October 21st @phdockyard on HMS Victory. Koda and Jarod, two of our History Student Champions, accompanied Miss Suffolk and Ms Barnes on this prestigious occasion. It was great to see Casper there too with his naval cadets. And we were all kindly given Challenge Coins as a memento.

Trafalgar Day is the most important day in the calendar of HMS Victory, the oldest commissioned warship in the

world. Each year on 21 October a ceremony is held on board Victory marking the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar 1805, a battle which defined the Age of Sail and which sealed British dominion of the seas for a hundred years.

The ceremony on board Victory is an act of remembrance rather than just a celebration of victory, remembering the loss of the country's greatest ever naval leader and the lives of men on both sides who perished in the fierce battle, or subsequently, from their injuries.



Ms Barnes

Your Brain Explained

On Monday 30th October, we had the 'Theatre For Life Company' come into school to perform their new piece 'Your Brain Explained' for our Year 9 cohort.

Year 9's have been exploring Theatre in Education in Drama and we thought what better way than for them to experience a production with the intention to educate young people. A lovely way to educate our young people on the importance of brain health and how the brain works!

Mrs Spencer



'The Book Thief' Review by Daria N, Year 9

The Book Thief tells the story of Liesel, a little girl who is taken to a new home because her mother can't afford to take care of her. The story is told by Death, who becomes a character you come to respect and even feel sorry for by the end. The narration puts an odd perspective on the story. Much of what Death says is very philosophical, and even beautiful.

The Book Thief is set in Nazi Germany, at the start of World War Two. On the journey to her new home, Liesel's younger brother dies and she steals her first book: The Gravedigger's Handbook. When she arrives at her new home, she suddenly has a new mama and papa. Haunted every night by nightmares of her brother's death, Liesel and her Papa set themselves the challenge of reading the book, Liesel's last link to her brother.

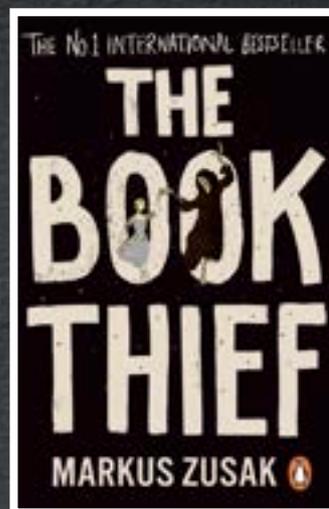
I found this book a bit of an eye opener.

It is one of the first books about the war that I have read that is from somebody living in Germany's point of view. It makes you realise that so many people in Germany became victims of the war, that they weren't all evil as they are often portrayed. It is not the kind of story that has you crying one moment and laughing the next. The sadness surrounding Liesel's story creeps up on you, until suddenly you realise that it was like this for so many, and how serious it was, and is.

In reflection, The Book Thief leaves behind a sense of guilt, in some ways. Because it is the British bombs that are falling in Germany, the British who kill so many in the story and leave the reader's cheeks soaked in tears.

Overall I would rate it 8/10, and recommend it to anyone aged 13 and

upwards, as it is a serious story, and may not be fully understood by those younger.



Warrior Food Drive Harvest Box Success!

Well done to our Warrior Prefects for running a successful Harvest Box for those in need!



We took the food to the Peace Centre: 4 boxes full of food and toiletries and sanitary products.

Thank you to everyone who donated!

#LestWeForget

For Remembrance Sunday 2023, Ivo, Vicky, Pola and Luke accompanied Ms Barnes and Mr Jarvis to lay a wreath on behalf of Admiral Lord Nelson School at Portsmouth Guildhall.



FOOTBALL CORNER



GIRLS FIXTURE



The Year 11s, 10s and two Year 7s had their first fixture of the school year - a tournament at Springfield school.

The girls played really well and came second overall only 1 point behind first place! 2 wins and 1 loss. Special mention to Violet who was my player of the tournament and the two Year 7's who stepped up at such short notice.

Can't wait to get more games in this season.

Miss Conaghan

YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 GIRLS FIRST MATCH OF THE SCHOOL season!



They played in a Cup match against Springfield school. After scoring first Springfield managed to claw a goal back to draw. This then led to penalties.

Unfortunately the girls lost on penalties but for the first match it was a great team effort! The girls played well in a very tough match.

Miss Conaghan

BOYS' FIRST LEAGUE GAME

It was the first league game for the Year 8 Boys on Tuesday 10th October. After starting the game well, keeping possession of the ball and moving it around nicely, ALNS unfortunately found themselves 1 nil down.

However, the boys continued to create chances and eventually equalised with a well taken goal from Lorenzo. ALNS continued to play some eye-catching football and with around 5 minutes remaining to play, the ball fell to Lewis in the box who backheeled it past the goalkeeper putting ALNS 2-1 up.

Mr Probert

WIN FOR YEAR 10 BOYS TEAM!

Excellent win for the Year 10 boys football team on Wednesday 8th November. Going in at half time 1-1, ALNS came out in the second half trying to play some good football although the weather made things tricky. They eventually found some rhythm and won the game 5-2. Goalscorers were Freddie C with a hat-trick and Toby L with a brace.

Well done boys!

Mr Probert

YEAR 9, 10 AND 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls battled in the horrendous wind and rain to beat Miltoncross 2-1. It was a great win from the girls going one goal up to then Miltoncross equalising for grace to score the winning goal.

Considering the weather conditions the girls were amazing and smiled throughout. We did have to apologise to the cleaners for creating a swimming pool from the rain in the changing rooms.

Player of the match - Ellie Mae!

Miss Conaghan



ALNS 4-1 CASTLEVIEW!

The girls played away to Castleview on 21st November. It was a very chilly game on a very slanted pitch. However the girls played some quality football with some lovely passing. Goals scored by Daisy with a hat-trick and Hallie. Overall winning 4-1!

Miss Conaghan



ALNS 4-1 PRIORY CUP GAME!



The Year 8 football team travelled to Priory to play a league and cup double header game. ALNS started the game very well, keeping possession of the ball very well.

ALNS went into the half time break 3-0 as a result of this good start. As the second half began, Priory grew into the game and scored to make it 3-1. However, ALNS took control of the game after this and scored a 4th with the game finishing 4-1.

Goal scorers were Ollie, Rafael, Jackson and Louie. Through to the next round of the cup, well done boys!

Mr Probert

ALNS 8-4 PRIORY!



The Year 7 boys had their first round of the Portsmouth cup which resulted in an 8-4 victory. Some excellent football played and great teamwork! It was great to see lots of different goal scorers and everyone played their part, onto the next round! Well done boys!

Mr Probert

YEAR 10 BOYS AWAY AT MILTONCROSS!



The Year 10 football team travelled to Miltoncross for a league game. The boys started the game well and created a few early chances. We went into the half time break 1-0 up but still had some work to do. Miltoncross started the 2nd half well and created a few chances themselves but ALNS defended well and eventually found that all important second goal to finish the game. Goalscorers were Henry K and Ronnie C.

Mr Probert

ALNS YEAR 11 VS SPRINGFIELD!

The Year 11 boys played their first game of the year, competing in the Portsmouth cup against Springfield. It was a close game in some cold and windy weather but the boys dealt with it well, trying to play some nice football.

ALNS created some early chances but found themselves 1-0 down. However, they continued to look for an equaliser and eventually found one when Jack hit a left footed shot into the bottom corner. The game finished 1-1 and had to be finished with a penalty shootout. ALNS won the penalty shootout and go through to the next round! Well done!

Mr Probert

YEAR 7 BOYS 5-1 WIN!



On 8th December, the Year 7 boys football team had their long awaited first game of the season that resulted in an excellent 5-1 victory. They started the game well, creating plenty of chances but were unable to convert any and went into half time 0-1 down. However, at the beginning of the second half they came out with some good energy, excellent pressing, winning the ball high up the pitch and were awarded for their efforts when the chances started going in. Great game by all, well done!

Mr Probert



Year 10 Boys Basketball Tournament Success!



On Wednesday 15th November our Year 10 boys basketball team took part in the Portsmouth Schools area tournament hosted here at ALNS. It was a brilliant atmosphere, with 9 teams that entered. Some excellent Basketball was played and it was great to see our ALNS team finish in 2nd place overall. Well done boys, you should be really proud of how you played.

Miss Cooper

Punctuality Pros!

We have recently been talking with the students about the importance of punctuality, both for them to be successful themselves but also to show respect and kindness to those around them.

As well as working to support the few who are not yet getting it right, it is important to celebrate those who are so each week one student in each House, decided by random means, will receive an Amazon Voucher and a big well done from us!

Well done to...



Gracie



Oliver



Koda



Rory



Libby



Grace



Alex



Lennon



Harry



Bobby



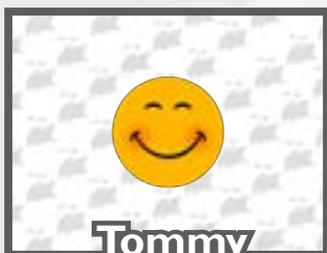
Olivia



Alivia



Jacob



Tommy



Chloe



Lennon



George



Louie



Bobby



Mia

CyberFirst Girls Coding Competition!



Awards Evening!



Year 7/8 Area Basketball Tournament!

On 29th November, we hosted the Year 7 & 8 boys area basketball tournament and 6 schools entered to compete for the title of the best school team in Portsmouth. Every team played each other in some tightly fought competition but our boys team ended up winning every game and as a result finishing in 1st place! Congratulations boys, you played some incredible basketball!

Miss Cooper



Year 9 Area Basketball Tournament!



It was our Year 9 boys turn to compete in their area tournament, 7 teams entered this one and it was a very tough competition with lots of the boys playing for local national league teams from school across the city. Our boys team played brilliantly and finished 2nd overall, narrowly losing to St. Edmonds by one basket in the final. We can't wait for the rematch! Well done boys, you are excellent basketball players. It was a pleasure to see you play.

Miss Cooper



Year 10 Maths Roadshow!

A group of 23 Year 10 pupils took part in the first Maths Roadshow hosted by the school in November.

the morning with all the schools taking part in a Maths competition together.

They were joined by two other Portsmouth schools along with members of the AMSP (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme) who delivered a session on taking Maths further after GCSE, they also had a guest speaker, Ben Sparks who spoke about 'The Creation of Number'. Finally they finished

Pupils enjoyed the session and working together with the other schools in the challenging Maths competition. Well done to all the pupils that took part.

Mrs Pycroft



ADMIRALS GOT TALENT



Photos taken by
Sam K, Year 10



PD Day 2 - Visit from Crystal Tides

Year 7 PD Day 2 was focused on British popular Culture, with the goal of raising students Cultural Capital. Our cultural capital helps form our understanding, knowledge, experiences, thoughts and opinions. It helps us achieve goals, become successful, try different things and share our experiences with others.

This culminated in a performance by local indie rock band Crystal Tides, who feature exALNS student Billy Gregory. When asked by a student who it was that influenced him musically when he was younger, Billy stated that working with our very own Music Technician Mr Green was without doubt the biggest influence on him as a musician.

The band played several songs including their hit single 'Headcase' and their latest

single 'Detonate', as well as talking to the Year 7s about how hard work and dedication got them to where they are today.

Students loved listening to the band and many remained behind to get photos and autographs with the band.

Check out Crystal Tides on Instagram at <http://www.instagram.com/crystaltidesband/> and you can listen to their songs on Spotify!

Mr Waldren



Child Development Trip to Little Admirals!

On 4th December, I took 16 of our child development students to Little Admirals Pre-School in Stamshaw. Our students are studying the development of children from birth to 5 years old and observing them to gain an understanding of how children learn through play, in particular through their physical development.

Little Admirals kindly created lots of play activities for us with hoops, hurdles, climbing frames and stepping stones, as well

as activities where we could see the children's fine motor skills through colouring, 'pins and hammers' and the use of cutlery.

Our ALNS students were unbelievable. Watching them all interact and play with the younger children was heart warming! The Little Admirals children were very pleased they made some new older friends to help them learn.

A huge thank you to the girls that came with me, I couldn't have been more proud of how you interacted with the Little Admirals children. I hope you loved the morning as much as I did!

Miss Cooper



"Just wanted to say thank you for coming along to Little Admirals this week and express how great your students are!"

Both of the groups showed great confidence, enthusiasm and became more relaxed once they settled in. Especially those students who thought 'out of the box' such as, reading a story in front of a larger group, thinking of new ideas on how to play and develop the children's physical development skills as well as wearing builders hats when building with the duplo blocks.

After both groups left, we asked the children about our 'new big friends' and each child was able to express what they played with and what their favourite thing was from the visit, including our younger two year olds. One of the children is extremely shy however, came out of shell with your students which was so lovely to see. We even expressed this to her parents who were over the moon."



- Little Admirals

Dan Snow comes to Trafalgar School!

On 7th December, we were lucky enough to have historian Dan Snow come to Trafalgar School to speak to both Trafalgar & ALNS History students.

Dan kindly taking time out from his busy schedule to talk to our students on the topic of interwar Germany and the search for Shackleton's ship, the Endurance.

Students listened intently as Snow shared his experiences and knowledge. Thank you to Mrs Davies from Trafalgar School for arranging this exciting opportunity!



Sky Studios on Tour!

In December, Sky Studios on tour visited ALNS for two whole weeks!

Sky Studios is a high-tech, mobile, film making project where all of Year 8 and some Year 7 students wrote, filmed and edited their own commercial!

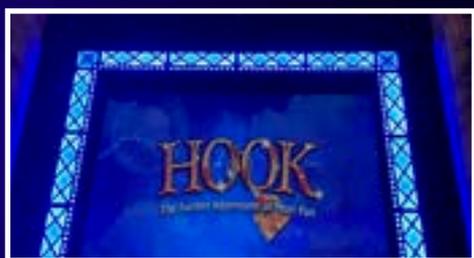
Thank you Sky Studios for providing this incredible, creative opportunity!



WINNER of the Maths Competition!
Congratulations to Jack R,
Spinnaker 4, Year 8!



Trip to King's Theatre!



On the evening of 12th December, 26 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 visited the pantomime in Southsea at the King's Theatre as a treat to celebrate their fantastic work in English.

They won their free theatre ticket through brilliant reading, amazing English homework and continued effort to improve their reading skills. We hope you had a fantastic evening (I know we did!)

From Miss Rolls, Mrs Green and Miss Maile

Aviation Careers Fair Trip!



'On the 29th November we went to the Aviation Careers Fair and Fareham Innovation Centre, the day was likely the most informative I have experienced regarding aviation and all industries surrounding aviation. Those at the careers fair ranged from air control services to RAF and British Airways, and from that day I have received enough information

to receive my PPL (private pilot's license) at the soonest possible time, after hearing from the youngest pilot in the UK how his journey progressed at only 14.' - Randolph H, Year 11



'Overall it was a very fun and informative trip and I learned a lot about my future career paths. I would definitely recommend the trip to anyone if it is offered again.' - Oli E, Year 10



Don't forget to follow our Careers Instagram to be the first to hear about the great opportunities Careers Office can offer!

'We got to sit in airplanes!'

- Miss Riches



Year 7 Trip to University of Portsmouth!

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A review by Oscar, Logan and Kimi

Oscar: My favourite part of the trip was the tour around the blocks of the university.

Logan: Mine was when I got my pen to work, after swapping it three times.

Kimi: My favourite part of the trip was the cup stacking tournament.

3 new things we learned were:

- **Skills:**The different skills people can have.
- **Amount of people:**There are over 3,600 staff members and over 31,000 students, and 5,200 international students.
- **Degrees:**The type of degrees you can get such as Masters, PHDs and Doctorates.

Logan's opinion: I believe the trip was fun because the activities were engaging. Most of us didn't even know each other but we worked well and in my opinion it didn't matter who won the competitions because of how well we worked together. It was interesting to hear the stories of the ambassadors.



Taking notes was also fun.

Oscar's opinion: Personally, I really enjoyed the trip, and found that it was a very convincing and inspiring trip. The scenery/area was very interesting.

Kimi's opinion: My opinion on the trip is that we learned a lot from it (stats, degrees, etc.) and we got to see most of the campus. This leads to my only bad opinion, we didn't get to see the section I wanted to see - The architecture/film and TV production block.

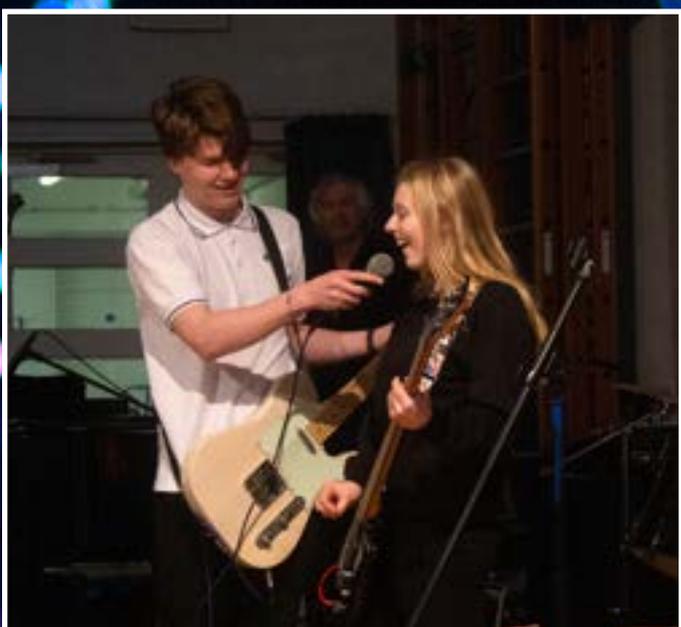
What we learnt about the University:

- Portsmouth University has three floors of libraries.
- The University is split into multiple blocks.
- You can click and collect books from the library.
- The library is open on term days 24/7.
- There are 3,600 staff members.
- They have over 31,000 students.

Festive Meals!



Celebration Assemblies!





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