

Portsmouth English Network – secondary

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Raising pupil attainment has never been about just one teacher; it has been about departments, schools and (on occasion) entire communities working together to collaborate and share effective pedagogy to bring out the potential in every pupil we teach.

We have been attempting to gather together members of staff from across each of the city's secondary schools to share practice, and foster links between us in order to improve the pupils of Portsmouth's progress. Although take up was slow last year, we recently shared a very successful meeting for the first time this Academic year which featured staff from 9 different secondary schools and shared feedback on the GCSE results, whereas schools we would like to strengthen and what we can work on as a network to best benefit the city and its' pupils.

In our next meeting we will be championing some of the more obscure texts that can be taught at KS3 and KS4 and are also hoping to create a research project into boys' attainment which will hopefully have an impact on results. With the new KS4 curriculum comes new opportunities and hopefully the Portsmouth English Network can utilise these to benefit all of the pupils that we teach.