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Dear Parent

## Marine Conservation Society Beachwatch/Survey 2011

Walk along a UK beach and, on average, you'll find 2000 pieces of litter per kilometre. Beach litter is now a problem on a global scale and has major impacts on wildlife.

For the fourth year running Portsmouth Grammar School are organising a "Beachclean" on Hayling Island to complement the Marine Conservation Society's nationwide event held on the 18 September 2011.

We will be meeting at 9.45am on Sunday 18 September at the far end of the public car park on the beach between the Ferry Boat Inn and Gunner Point on Hayling Island, but **not** in the Ferry Boat Inn car park Please be aware that car parking charges may apply.

The cleanup will begin at 10am after we've had a health and safety briefing; clear instructions will also be given on exactly how the 'pick' is to be carried out. After the beach has been cleaned – we have a 100m stretch to clean – the event will be finished by 11.30 and pupils can be picked up from the car park where they were dropped off, however, parents are very welcome to come along and help as well.

Please could you ensure that your son/daughter is at the meeting point in plenty of time for the health and safety briefing. It should also be noted that participation in this activity requires the consent forms being completed and returned to PGS in good time. It is also important to ensure that your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for the morning. A hat and warm waterproof clothing and footwear are essential, as is a stout pair of gloves (these may get wet); sun cream may well be needed.

Please could you fill in the consent form and return it to me as soon as possible. This consent form can be used throughout the year for the five follow-up "Beachcleans", subject to any minor alterations.

Should you have any questions about this event, please do hesitate to contact me via email: [s.dean@pgs.org.uk](mailto:s.dean@pgs.org.uk) in the first instant.

Yours sincerely

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