



Young Inspection Report

Dynamite Young Inspection at Portsmouth Force at the Ravelin Sports Centre

Date: Saturday 31st January 2026

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About the Visit

Dynamite teamed up with MAKE to attend a live basketball game at the Ravelin Sports Centre. The purpose of the visit was to explore how accessible, inclusive, and welcoming the experience was for everyone attending.

The game was hosted by Portsmouth Force, an award-winning, not-for-profit community basketball club supporting local players from grassroots level through to national league competition.

Feedback was gathered from all Young Inspectors who attended and has informed this report.

Inspection Findings

1. Website

Website: <https://www.portsmouthbasketball.co.uk>

- The website contains lots of useful information about teams and upcoming matches.
- To book games and receive the latest updates, users must join the club.
- Some Young Inspectors felt clearer information about attending matches would be helpful, including:

- Ticket prices
 - Concessions
 - Accessibility information
- WhatsApp and Facebook posts before and after matches were good, with clear information and lots of photos.

2. Accessibility

- A reserved seating area was provided for the group.
- Seating was easy to access and located close to an exit.
- The group asked whether wheelchair spaces need to be reserved when booking tickets.
- Young Inspectors would like clearer information about ticket costs and concessions.
- Ravelin Sports Centre was easy to find, well-lit at night, and felt safe.
- The venue is well laid out, with plenty of space even when busy.
- The café only accepted card payments; some Young Inspectors had brought cash only.
- Courtside seating was felt to be a good option alongside the main stand.

3. Staff

- All Portsmouth Force staff were extremely friendly, kind, and helpful.
- Staff made the group feel very welcome throughout the visit.

4. Safety & Surroundings

- The venue felt safe and welcoming, with lots of families and children attending.
- The environment was loud, with flashing lights.
- It was suggested that ear defenders are recommended for anyone with noise or sensory sensitivities.

5. Fun & Enjoyment

- The game was very enjoyable, with great music and an exciting atmosphere.

- The half-time dance performance was a highlight.
- The atmosphere was friendly, lively, and inclusive.
- Young Inspectors really enjoyed meeting players after the match and having photos taken.
- Players made time to speak to everyone, which made the experience feel special and inclusive.
- The game was fast-paced and exciting.
- The 6:30pm start time meant people did not have to stay out too late.
- Music and chants during the game added to the experience.
- Merchandise prices were felt to be good value.

Overall Summary

All Young Inspectors who attended had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The visit was positive, welcoming, and inclusive, and everyone felt safe and valued.

Dynamite and MAKE would both like to attend another Portsmouth Force game in the future.

The group said they would like:

- Opportunities to play basketball
- A regular group to play with
- To attend more games in the future and become regular supporters

