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August 2014

Dear Parent / Carer

**SPORTS CLUBS - DANCE / JUDO / RUGBY / BASKETBALL / FOOTBALL /
KARATE & POOL ACTIVITIES**

CLUBS START WEEK BEGINNING - MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER 2014

At Portobello High School we are pleased to be able to run a wide range of extra curricular sports clubs. The system for running the clubs has developed over the years. We have set up a robust system because we recognise how important it is to nurture sporting talent and our pupils have enjoyed great success across a range of sports.

I would like to take the time to explain the system behind the **annual charge of £45**. Portobello High School runs its programme on a 'not for profit' basis, beyond the monies gathered through subscription, the school pays for time for an Active School's co-ordinator, PE teachers co-ordinating activities and for secretarial help to support the clubs. Further school monies are used for transport, sports equipment and strips, as is Parent Council money. The monies collected from youngsters is used primarily to pay for referees, payment of coaching staff, transport, laundry, kit, equipment, costs for affiliation to professional bodies and entrance fees to competitions. Youngsters in receipt of free school meals do not pay the annual charge.

A huge amount of time and effort is needed for the successful running of every team so your support and help would be gratefully appreciated. This may involve adult supervision of players at games (no coaching would be necessary) or transport on occasion to, and from, matches.

Please find attached a membership form and an EE2 form to complete and return with membership payment to the P.E. Department by **Friday, 5th September 2014**.

If the medical or contact details change then it is the responsibility of the parent / carer to notify the change to their coaches and the school office.

If you have any questions about these clubs, please contact Mrs Inkster during school hours.

Yours faithfully

**Peigi Macarthur
Head Teacher**