

Weekly Update – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### **S2 Parents' Evening**

Our S2 Parents' Evening is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 4.30-7.00pm. Once again, we will be using our online booking system. The system will be live for parents from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. A letter regarding the evening and booking instructions will be emailed to S2 parents.

### **Rights Respecting School**

This week we began our journey towards the UNICEF Rights Respecting School (RRS) Bronze Award. Over the coming months all our pupils and staff will be involved in looking at the principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. RRS seeks to put the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of the school's ethos and culture to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

We have invited all learners to put their names forward to be part of a pupil voice group and the first meeting of the group will take place next Thursday. Learners should note interest by giving their names to their Key Adult by the close of school on Monday. We look forward to having representation from different year groups and cultures.

At our recent house assemblies we raised awareness about LGBT work in the school and indeed this week have celebrated Purple Friday through wearing purple, sporting EveryDay hero badges and running a bake sale. Our work through LGBT is not only part of the RRS Award but is also a topic which many learners identified as being something they were keen to know more about.



More news on RRS will follow as we progress through the programme.

### **PHS Careers Convention 2018**

On Thursday, we welcomed 44 different contributors to our Career Convention. All S2, S4, S5 and S6 learners had the opportunity to visit the many stands and find out more about what was on offer as a future pathway in education or the workplace. There were contributors from all areas of employment and education and further details on this can be found in the careers brochure on the website. It was a delight to have positive feedback from visitors who have found our pupils to be knowledgeable, polite and keen to find out more about career opportunities or to discuss their future plans



### **Blood Donation February 2018**

S6 pupils and staff recently volunteered to give blood at the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service visit. 38 volunteered with 30 donations being accepted. 20 of these came from new donors. Well done and thank you to all involved.

### **Portobello High School Spring Concert – Save the date!**

Our annual Spring Concert will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm. Further information regarding tickets will be sent out in due course.

### **S3 Hospitality**

Our S3 National 4 Hospitality have been studying and using different ingredients. Today's lesson was to prepare Thai Salmon Fish Cakes, they were very successful and much enjoyed. FTT



### **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support**

Parent and Carer Support and Information Sessions on Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Issues. Please find attached information about the next Information and Support Sessions for Parents and Carers who are concerned about their pre-teen or teenager's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health.

### **Discretionary Housing Payment**

Please find attached fact sheet from City of Edinburgh Council, regarding Discretionary Housing Payment, for those households that are on Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Costs.