

Weekly Update – 20th September

P7 Open Evening

While we may have only recently started the school year, the process of thinking about next session has already begun! Last night we welcomed several hundred P7 young people and their families to our annual Open Evening to begin the process of transition from primary to secondary school. We had a huge turnout for this event, which reflects the rising roll in the school. Feedback was very positive and we would like to say a special thank you to our staff and the many young people who volunteered to act as tour guides or help in departments on the night – as always, our fantastic young people are our best advert!

Parents who wish to apply for a place out with their designated catchment area are reminded that applications must be made to City of Edinburgh Council by Christmas. Further information can be found on the council's website at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolplaces>

Jeans for Genes

A big thank you to everyone who supported our annual Jeans for Genes charity appeal today and well done to our Charity Ambassadors for successfully organising their first event!



Equalities : Amazon's LGBT+ Reading Roadshow

On Thursday 12th September, Portobello High School had the pleasure of welcoming speakers from *Amazon, Just Like Us* (LGBT+ children's charity) and members of the Scottish Government, notably Christina McKelvie—Minister for Older People & Equalities, as part of Amazon's LGBT+ Reading Roadshow. During the workshop, the value of diversity and inclusivity was discussed as was the importance of challenging any form of discriminatory bullying. Staff from Amazon told some of their own stories and hopefully helped all the young people at the workshop realise how important it is to allow people to be comfortable in themselves, not only in school but also in their future careers.

All of our visitors were very impressed at the way in which our young people engaged in the workshop and the respectful way they behaved and interacted with our guests.

An extra part of the workshop means that a carefully curated selection of LGBT+ focused books aimed at 11-14 year olds and catering for a mix of reading abilities has been donated to our school library. Here are a few titles:

1. Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan
2. Every Day by David Levithan
3. Annie on my Mind by Nancy Garden
4. The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson
5. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
6. Maurice by E.M. Forster
7. Oranges are Not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson
8. Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli
9. Leah on the Offbeat by Becky Albertalli
10. Trans Mission: My Quest to a Beard by Alex Bertie
11. From Prejudice to Pride: A History of LGBTQ+ Movement by Amy Lame
12. The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
13. Proud by Juno Dawson
14. The Love and Lives of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan



Engineering Apprenticeship Opportunities at Leonardo

Leonardo are now actively recruiting for their future talent and have vacancies available across eight different Apprenticeship routes.

These fantastic opportunities offer qualifications from National Certificates to honours degrees.

Leonardo's web site has an [Explore Your Future](#) section where you can ask work through a series of questions to help you think about whether or not you would be a good match for them.

Applications can be made directly through the [UK Careers](#) page on the Leonardo Company website.

S4 Hospitality

S4 Hospitality have begun a project with Edinburgh Food Social to learn about local and seasonal produce. Over the next month they will be working together with this fantastic organisation's chef to create a seasonal street food menu: more updates to follow

Tandoori chicken flat breads with halloumi and seasonal squash slaw.



Crepes with late summer berries and ice cream

