

## **Weekly Update – 15<sup>th</sup> November**

### **S3 Fashion and Textile Technology**

Miss Hulson's S3 Fashion and Textile Technology class have been designing and creating bespoke Poppies for Remembrance Day. This has allowed for some thoughtful discussions about why we should remember those who have fought in conflicts around the world. Lest We Forget.



### **S4 History Exam Preparation Sessions**

The History Department are holding two sessions to help S4 students get to grips with the style of SQA exam papers. These sessions will explore a range of exam techniques and will help young people develop structured responses to the questions set by examiners. The sessions will take place at the following times and all S4 History students are invited to take part. Hope to see you there!

Session 1: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 ... 4pm-5pm

Session 2: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 ... 4pm-5pm

### **Karate**

Huge congratulations to Niamh McGregor (3C10) and Daniel Lyons (3D07) who have been selected to be part of the National Team to represent Scotland at the forthcoming 2020 Junior European Karate Championships in Hungary in February. This is a massive achievement and a huge honour for both as the selection process is extremely challenging and competitive and to be chosen to represent Scotland at age 14 is a fantastic accomplishment!

### **Basketball**

Schools Scottish Cup Competition results for this week are as follows, great to see the S1 Girls begin their campaign and finish with 7 scorers on the scoresheet and with Fleur Gamal top scoring with 16 points!

### **S1 Girls**

Portobello HS 32 - Dunbar Grammar 19

**U15 Girls (S2 -East 3)**

Portobello HS 24 - North Berwick HS 33

**U15 Boys**

James Gillespie's HS 34 - Portobello HS 68

**Open Boys**

Portobello HS 29 - North Berwick HS 99

This week we presented our first ever School of Basketball pupils with their Graduation T-shirts and basketballs which were kindly donated by The City of Edinburgh Basketball Club. The next stage for our current S3 pupils will be to progress their basketball development by participating in Basketball Scotland's "Make it Happen" course. This course will aim to give our pupils the skills needed to facilitate fun and engaging basketball sessions. It is designed to teach young people how to develop physical movement skills, technical skills and build basic tactical understanding by using a games based coaching approach. The intention being that once our pupils complete the course they will assist coaches in both our secondary and cluster primary extra curricular basketball programmes.

Our School of Basketball pupils are as follows:

Rachel Fleming Alice Rennie Lily Mayers Lily Middleton. Heather Taylor  
Esme Slifer Sabrina Marouf Tagwa Babiker  
Euan Cann Gregor McKenzie Mohammad Atif David Tubb Alex Vipond  
Shayne Wilson Nathan Koffi Mario Rand

Unfortunately missing from the picture were:

Rowan MacArthur Katherine Quin-Morris David Tubb

Pictured with our pupils is their School of Basketball Coach, Craig Nicol. Craig is currently Head Coach for a number of teams within the City of Edinburgh Basketball Club and was Assistant Coach to the Men's team who competed at the Commonwealth Games in 2018 in the Gold Coast.

Well done to all pupils involved in this presentation.





### **Gym Hall - Update**

As parents will know, our school gymnasium has been out of use since the summer following damage to the floor caused by a leak in the roof. We are pleased to report that a temporary repair to the floor is to be carried out to allow the area to be used again. A longer-term plan to repair the roof and replace the floor is being developed. Thanks to our PE staff, young people and wider community for their patience - we look forward to seeing the facility brought back into use very soon.

### **Winter Vomiting Bug**

A reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, the advice given is to stay off school until the symptoms have stopped for 2 days.