

Weekly Update – 3rd May

S3 Parents' Evening

A reminder that our online booking system for our S3 parents' evening is open for making appointments. The system will close on Wednesday, 8th May, at 12.30pm. No further appointments can be made after this time.

Parent Council Meeting

The final Parent Council meeting for this session will take place on Monday 14 May at 7pm. All are welcome!

iPad Returns

Please can we remind all S6 pupils and any S4/5 leavers to return their iPads to school on the day of their last exam or before. These should be handed in person to Ms Ross (Technician) in the Technologies Base, at the end of the Business and Computing corridor or to Mr Cotter or Mr McKee. The school cannot accept responsibility for iPads not returned in this way.

Activities week for S1/2/3: Week beginning Monday 27 May 2019

During the last week of this current timetable there will be an alternative approach to learning for all our S1-S3 pupils. It is hoped to offer a range of different activities to each year group and opportunity to meet and work with some staff members who may not normally teach your child.

Further information will follow regarding out of school activities but for the meantime, the calendar for the week will be as follows:

Monday 27 May	Normal timetable
Tuesday 28 th May	Sports Day. Each year group will be involved in our Sports Day for 2 periods within the day. When not participating or supporting the event, normal timetabled classes will run.
Wednesday 29 th May	<p>All S1 will be taken to Glasgow to visit the Science Museum. Letters will be issued with further information. Should there be a reason your child cannot attend then please let us know as quickly as possible.</p> <p>All S2 will have half a day working with Fife College (in school) covering Science and Technology activities where team building, leadership and "hands on" experiences will be offered. These lessons are taken in normal class sets.</p> <p>The other half of the day is likely to be a set of different challenges, set by Maths and worked through on a rota basis over the session.</p> <p>There will be a slight change to the school day times for S2 with break being 30 minutes and lunch 1200-1240. School finishes as normal at 3.00pm</p> <p>All S3 and our Meaningful May Pupils will be involved in a Health Day where a range of health and wellbeing options are timetabled.</p>
Thursday 30 th May	All pupils in school will be offered the opportunity to participate in out of school excursions. The cost of these can differ and more information will come out regarding this shortly. We do operate an Inclusion Fund to support those who unable to contribute. Please see the

option sheet for more details. Those choosing not to venture out of school or participate in chosen in-school activities will be timetabled into set groups on a planned activity day

Friday 31st May

All pupils will be involved in a House Points Day which will involve a mixture of sporting, thinking, creative and active challenges.

RUTS COURSE SUCCESS

The Rural and Urban Training Scheme mobile unit was in school recently delivering a course on motor bike mechanics to a small group of S3s and S4s. Five of them completed the course: Codi Smith, Ally Beveridge, Ben Albeson, Thomas Robertson and Cameron Allen

For 5 days the group learned about how motor bikes work, and they got to take bikes apart and put them back together again. They also achieved an SQA award in the Use and Care of Hand Tools at SCQF Level 4 as well as learning about the health and safety issues in a workshop environment and when riding a motorbike. On the 6th day the boys were taken out to the RUTS base at Newtongrange where they have an off-road bike track, and they spent the day riding the motorbikes. The cold and wet weather that day was no barrier to the enjoyment they had, and they came back having had a fantastic time, muddy and happy! The RUTS staff praised them for being a great group – good humoured and enthusiastic – and said they were one of the best school groups they have had. They were a credit to themselves and Portobello High School. Well done boys!

J Webster



Eco Club

The Eco club here at Portobello High School, led by Miss Tugman and Ms Crawford in FTT, have been working hard every Monday lunchtime to make Portobello High School a more Eco friendly place. From partnerships with The Edinburgh Tool Library to re-use and recycle old materials, to attending the Global Citizenship Conference at Edinburgh Zoo as well as projects in the garden and trialling food waste bins in FTT, we are committed to going green! So much so we have achieved our Eco Schools Scotland Green Flag award for another two years.





Portobello Golf Course

The Golf Course would like the opinion of the local community. Please see Information the following link to complete their survey:

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/bi/edinburgh-leisure-survey-portobello-golf-course/consultation/intro/>