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Weekly Update – 31<sup>st</sup> May

### **Start of New Timetable for Session 2019/20**

We start our new timetable for session 2019/20 on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June**. Pupils currently in S1 – S3 should attend Key Adult as usual at 8.30am, where they will be issued with their timetables. Pupils currently in S4 and S5 should arrive in school at the following times:

Current S4 pupils (new S5) – start at 8.50am and should make their way straight to the assembly hall.

Current S5 pupils (new S6) – start at 9.40am and should make their way straight to the assembly hall.

### **Book and iPad Return**

Every year we issue books to students to support them with their studies. It is very important that the books are returned to us to allow the next cohort to benefit being able to take them home to help with their preparations for exams. Pupils who have been on exam leave should make sure they bring all their text books in with them on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of June to return to the appropriate departments.

Pupils who have left or are intending leaving should make sure they have returned all their text books and iPad by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. You should return your iPad to one of the following people: ICT technician, Mr McKee or Mr Cotter, please make sure you collect a receipt.

### **Modern Languages – Parent Volunteering Opportunity 2019-20**

¡Hola los hispanohablantes! Salut les francophones!

The Modern Languages department is looking for parents or carers who are native speakers of either French or Spanish to help out in a volunteering capacity next session with our Higher and Advanced Higher Talking classes. In recent years, we have seen a huge rise in the numbers taking French or Spanish at Higher or Advanced Higher level at Portobello High School and we are keen to provide our students with additional opportunities to practise their speaking skills with native speakers. If you have some time to spare and would be interested in working regularly with a small group on their Talking skills on the topics covered in the Higher/Advanced Higher courses, please get in touch with the Curriculum Leader for Modern Languages, Mr McCulloch, via [admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk). The school would meet the cost of the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) application process in order for you to work with our young people.

Mr McCulloch  
Curriculum Leader of Modern Languages

### **Super Power Agency**

We are embarking on an exciting 10-week project in September to give young people the opportunity to produce a book together. The project is being delivered by Super Power Agency who will work with students to explore different themes for their writing and develop young people's writing skills. To support the successful implementation of the project we are looking for volunteers from our community who are authors, have a

connection with writing or a passion for literacy, to work with students. If you are interested in taking part or would like further information please contact Mrs Hand at [admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk).

## Activities

Young people in S1-3 have enjoyed a varied week of trips and in school activities, which was only slightly dampened by some less than summery weather. More details will be shared in our update next week. Special mention to our S1-3 Paris Trip for over and above resilience in the face of a flight cancellation on their return leg!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> year Hospitality

Some photos of Ms Crawford and Mrs Sladen's 3rd Year Hospitality groups making fresh pasta from scratch to produce fresh Spaghetti Carbonara and handmade Sunblush Tomato Tortellini - they were very impressive!

