

Weekly Update 14th August 2020

Welcome to the New Normal!

It was fantastic to see our young people again after so long! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for doing such a great job of adjusting to all the changes that we have had to make in school. We are all in this together and we need to work together to find solutions and, most of all, to keep each other safe. We would like to be clear that any young person who wishes to wear a face covering in school should do so and will be fully supported by the school in their decision.

Staff Update

As always at the start of term, we are joined by a number of new colleagues. We wish them a warm welcome to Team Party!

Mr Stewart Nicolson – Teacher of Science (temporary)
Ms Sarah Foster – Teacher of Modern Studies (temporary)
Ms Megan Davies – Teacher of Modern Languages
Ms Kirsten Brown – NQT Art and Design
Ms Morven Pack – NQT Biology
Ms Morag Easson – NQT Chemistry
Ms Jade McNulty – NQT English
Mr Ross Cameron – NQT PE
Ms Gillian Cowe – School Support Assistant
Ms Parastu Khosrowpour – Teacher of Business Education

Skills Development Scotland



The Careers Team of Martin, Cara and Megan are not back in Portobello High School yet. We hope to be back in school as soon as possible. However, we are still available to help and support you and if you would like to contact us. You can reach us by phone or email on the following details:

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SQA

Following the Deputy First Minister's statement to the Scottish Parliament, we await further guidance and definitive timescales for SQA to reissue results to some young people. We thought it might be reassuring for you to see what grades will be shown on the final certificates. Early next week we will send out the following information for your young person in an email:

- National Qualification Course
- Original SQA result
- Revised result (the better of the two as per DFM's statement)

We do not have information from the SQA as to when new certificates will be issued, but they will only be sent where there is a change in grade.

For further information from the SQA on the 2020 National Qualifications please see the SQA website – link below:

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/94798.html?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWVdReE16QmlOamd3WW1NMiIsInQiOiIiOilzeXRudnBlemJW SXUxMGE1aXVabFwwQWtcL3hlMWFrTUoyR2lENEx2XC9wSVVDeHY3XC94eTd2OUJuQzIiOiIiU01WjdvOXZhY3hrSFVxMzFEVWRncVFqKzZ3dUo0clwvb3J3aDNjZkdSNGVWUzIiOiIiCOHJMYXRqemo5a3N5eFhvNDRVZHQyY2xsIn0%3D



Young Scot Awards

Congratulations to Cody McManus in S1, who was the winner of the Unsung Hero Award in this year's Young Scot Awards. This award was given in recognition of Cody's fantastic fundraising efforts, where he raised £12,000 to buy toys for 550 Edinburgh children at Christmas. An incredible effort!

Well done also to Darcey Whalen, S6, who was a finalist in the Excellence in Education Awards. Darcey refused to let her health challenges get in the way of her studies and has just been awarded straight As in her five Higher courses!

Fashion and Textile Technology News

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to FTT. Unfortunately, we are patiently waiting for guidance from Education Scotland that will allow us to cook and prepare food and hope it arrives soon. Meanwhile we are not able to carry out any cookery lessons.



BUT there are some things you can be doing to prepare for when we can get onto cookery.

- Collect some reusable plastic containers with tight fitting lids to bring to school to take your food away in.



- Chocolate boxes can be perfect for cakes
- Organise a reusable fork and spoon to bring to school to eat your cookery if you want to. It can be in a small bag, pencil case or cutlery roll.



- Organise an apron to bring if you can. You could borrow one from home or even make one for yourself. Just remember it needs to be appropriate for school.