

## Weekly Update 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Fancy Face Coverings



There have been some fantastic face coverings on display this week as we all get used to our new routines. We are very pleased that our young people have embraced this further adaptation to our processes for keeping everyone safe. While face coverings offer a further level of protection, we do all need to remember our other routines, especially around hand hygiene, and physical and social distancing. As we have seen in recent news stories about a rise in the number of cases in Scotland, informal social gatherings indoors are best avoided! We would like to reiterate our thanks to our young people for working with us to keep Porty High as safe as possible!



### School Calendar

The school calendar will be shared with parents and carers as soon as it is available. The pandemic continues to have a significant effect on normal operations and we are working with council colleagues to seek solutions for events such as parent consultation evenings which cannot go ahead in their normal format for the time being. In addition, schools await clarification of how the SQA will adapt their examination procedures and associated assessments for this session.

### SQA Certificates

Following the Depute First Minister's announcement that SQA grades would revert to teacher estimates for the 2020 diet, young people who have had a grade changed should look out for their new SQA certificate in the post on Tuesday 8 September. As an indication of the impact this will have, around 450 young people in Portobello will be receiving an amended certificate next week. Congratulations to them all!





The NPA bakery class have been looking at the use of raising agents in baking. Mrs Sladen demonstrated a range of scones using various amounts of raising agents and then the learners dissembled them to rate the colour, rise and texture.



S2 are working on their fabric skills just now. They are designing earphone holders and then making them out of felt.

