

Weekly Update 11 June 2021



Goodbye to the Class of 2021!

We said a fond farewell to our S6 Leavers today. Covid mitigations meant that there were some alterations but our traditional shirt-signing, leavers' hoodies and yearbook all featured, alongside an outdoor social with music, in-house caricature artist and fabulous eats from Bross Bagels.

We wish the Class of 2021 every success in their next steps!

New Timetable

Our new timetable begins on Monday 14 June. Young people moving in to S2, 3 and 4 received their new timetable today in Key Adult Time and young people in S5 and S6 will receive theirs on Monday in Key Adult Time.

As part of our ongoing mitigation for Covid19, we will be retaining as many double periods as possible, though the new timetable operates over one week, rather than the two-week model we had to implement this year which will make life rather less complicated!

SQA Assessments

We would like to congratulate all of our young people who are taking courses at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level on the completion of their assessments. We are incredibly proud of the way in which they have approached this process. We would also like to say a huge thanks to our teaching staff who continue to work incredibly hard under difficult circumstances to do their best for our young people.



Attention all music lovers!

In case you missed our last update, Portobello High School is hosting its first ever **Virtual Summer Concert!** The concert will be broadcast over a YouTube live-stream on **Thursday 17th June 2021**. The stream will commence at **18:30** with the musical performances starting at **19:00**.

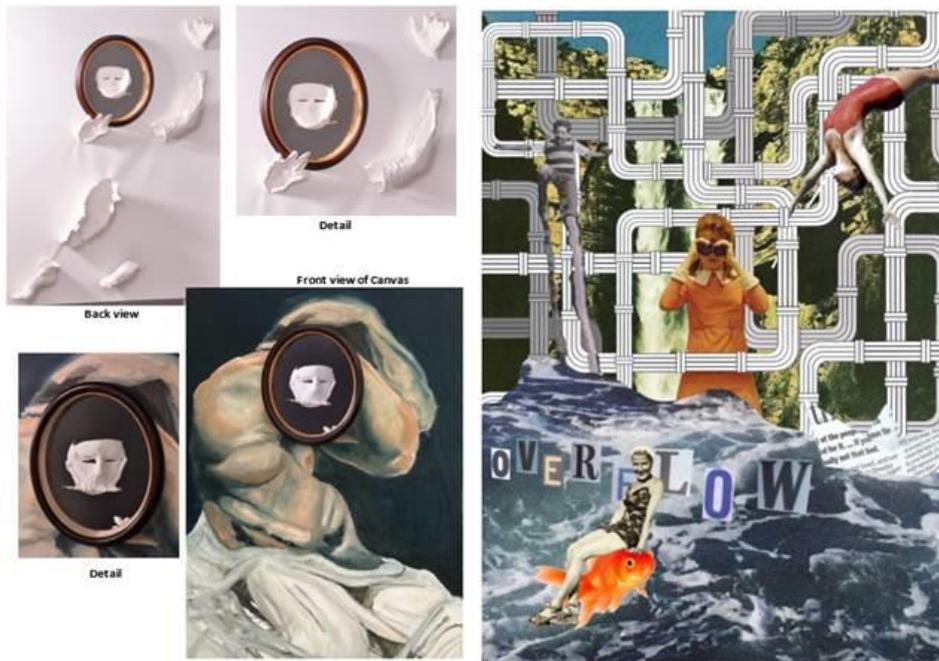
A link to the concert will be sent to all parents and can also be found below.

We are doing things slightly differently this year regarding tickets. Considering what a difficult year this has been for everyone, we are asking that you make a donation via ParentPay, of what you can afford. Concert tickets are usually £5.00 as a guide, but we are asking everyone to pay what they can (less or maybe more?!) with half of the proceeds going to Children 1st, Scotland's National Children's Charity. ParentPay has been set up with the usual ticket price of £5.00 which can be changed if desired. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family and we are looking forward to sharing some wonderful music performances with you!

Concert link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFyhxpTCMFY>

Paolozzi Prize for Art Winners

Each year all Edinburgh schools are invited to enter art works to the Paolozzi prize for Art, organised by the City of Edinburgh Council and the National Galleries of Scotland. There are 5 categories: Talent and Creativity, New Directions, The Spirit of Paolozzi, Overcoming Barriers and a Group Collaboration award. This year Miss Gallagher entered Artemis van Panting Dorssen (S6) for New Directions, Holly Ugolini (S6) for Talent and Creativity and Maisie Muir (S6) for The Spirit of Paolozzi. Both Artemis and Holly won Highly commended for their category and Maisie Muir was the overall winner of the award. We are delighted to have their work recognised in this way, such super news as we come to the end of a difficult year for everyone. The young people involved have worked so hard on their Advanced Higher Art folios this year and have really gone above and beyond gaining this level of recognition. Well done to you all and best of luck as you head off to Art college next year!



Artemis's fabulous figurative work about the state of sleep and dreaming.

Maisie's super photomontage for an album cover.

Holly's sensitive and beautiful fractured portrait.

The moment Miss Gallagher heard Maisie had won the Paolozzi Prize!



Yes, Sir, We Can Boogie!

We know that excitement is building ahead of the Scotland men's football team making their debut in the Euro's on Monday afternoon after too long an absence from the international stage. Staff and young people will be able to watch the match in classes on Monday afternoon and an alternative activity will be provided for any young people who do not wish to watch.



Porty's Own Greatest Showman

This week Hugh Jackman made a special appearance at Portobello High School - The Greatest Showman was spreading joy to our pupils and staff.