
Weekly Update 11th February 2022

Half Term Holiday

The school closes today for the February half term break and we hope all our families enjoy the week. We look forward to seeing all our young people again on Monday 21 February at 8.30am.

School College Partnership

We are really pleased with the level of initial interest in the School College Partnership programme which allows young people in the



Senior School to spend a portion of their school week at Edinburgh College accessing a range of exciting courses. In response to requests for more information, Our Developing the Young Workforce Officer, Emma Duncan, has produced a short informative film to give more support and information. Whether the school college partnership courses are something you have considered before or not, we encourage all families to have a look at this and find out more. The film can be found on the school website at the following link: [Pathways S4/5 | Portobello High School](#)

Live 'n' Learn Workshops

A reminder that all young people in S4-6 will have the opportunity to take part in a workshops to support their study skills and mindset ahead of upcoming exams and assessments. These will be delivered by our partners, Live 'n' Learn and will run from Wednesday 23 February through to Wednesday 8 March. We'd also like to remind parents and carers that



there will be evening workshops on Wednesday 1 March for S4 and Wednesday 8 March for S5/6. Both the parent workshops will begin at 6.30pm and will focus on how to support your young person as they prepare for assessments. These will be available on our school website afterwards for anyone who is unable to attend on the night.

Staff Update

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Banks of our Modern Studies team, who leaves us to take up a promoted post after the break. After 11 years in #TeamPorty, a few tears were shed but we wish her every success in her new role and thank her for all she has done for us.

We also said goodbye to Ms Nazia Akther who has been in our Maths team on a temporary basis and wish her well in her move south.

We welcomed Ms Anna Kirkwood back to our English department this week following her maternity leave.

Ms Laura Bulloch is acting DHT in Mr Cotter's absence and will be looking after Abercorn House, with Mr David McCreath stepping into the role of acting Curriculum Leader for Social Subjects.



DofE Kit Store Amnesty

Calling all previous DofE participants!

Our wonderful parent volunteers have been doing an inventory of the kit store and it appears that we are missing some essential items! If you think you have one of these hiding in your house somewhere, please could you hand it in to either the school office or G40 (Ms Taylor's room).

In addition, we are always happy to take donations of outdoor kit that is going unused or no longer fits.

1 HiGear Nepal rucksack (blue)



2 Medium and 1 small Peter Storm black waterproof over trouser



We also seem to be short of a Trangia stoves and compasses



Social Subjects

Whilst Social Subjects have been enjoying the iPad roll-out and update: it's not the only focus we have had this term!



S3 Investigation of Ape & Human Primate Behaviours



Looking at how George McGavin started out ...

George McGavin studied BSc Zoology at the University of Edinburgh from 1971 to 1975. He went on to study MSc Zoology at Imperial College, London, and to teach and research at The University of Oxford, before becoming a writer and public speaker on Zoology and public engagement with science. We caught up with George about his early years.

Course: BSc Zoology
 Institution: The University of Edinburgh
 Year: 1971-1975

Did you choose to study Zoology at The University of Edinburgh?

Yes, I found my time at Edinburgh hugely influential and satisfying. The whole atmosphere at Edinburgh was so well and comfortable.

It isn't so much of a choice as it was just what you did then. You went to the University in your local town in those days. Or perhaps I would like to have gone away to university, but as it was I don't think my parents would have let me get away with that.

I've always been a huge enthusiast of the great outdoors and all kinds of animal life and biology, so studying biology seemed like the natural choice to me.

I went to school at David Stewart's College and biology was always the subject I was most interested in then, so there was no question about what I was going to do. Having said that, I found my time at Edinburgh hugely influential and satisfying. The whole atmosphere at Edinburgh was so well and comfortable.

Do you have any memories from your time at Edinburgh?

Yes, but one day in my honour's year I found £20 in an envelope on my desk. This money!

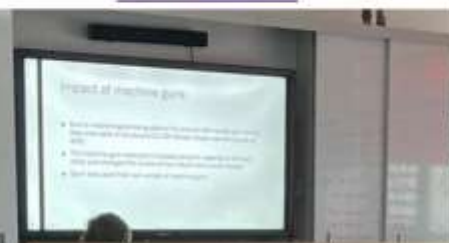


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S3 Group Presentations and Lectures



In charge of the tech as well as the lecture!



Reviewing other people's professional presentations

Truly top-quality and professional presentations



Water Polo



Congratulations to Frankton Bell S3, Lorca McNally S3 and Joe Mathieson S3 who have been selected for the U16 Scotland Team. The boys are looking forward to attending training camps in preparation for games against England and Ireland. Well done!

Congratulations to Will Hurd S4 and Alex DeGaetano S5 who have been selected for the Scotland U19 Water Polo Squad. Well done boys!



Netball



Well done to Idun Curran S4 who has been selected for the Edinburgh U15 Select team who are currently competing in an Inter District Competition. Idun plays for the school Open Girls team and our thriving pathway club, Portobello Panthers. Well done, Idun!

Good luck to Eva Beveridge S4 and Idun Curran S4 who have been successful in securing a place on the Netball Leaders Netball Coaching Course. The course takes place on Friday 11 February 2022 and we look forward to hearing how the girls get on.

Fencing - Congratulations to Ellen Buckley S6 and Nye Ulferts Kilpatrick S5



Ellen has been selected and is currently training with the Scotland Junior and the U20 National teams who are working towards competing in the U20 Commonwealth Games. Ellen was our Junior Sports Personality of the Year and continues to work hard both in training and competitions to maintain those elite performance level. Well done, Ellen.

Nye has been selected for the Great Britain Cadet Squad and the U17 & U20 Scottish Cadet and Junior squad, both squads are preparing for the U20 Commonwealth Games. In addition, Nye is also preparing for the U17 European Championships. Well done, Nye, some fantastic achievements!

Rugby

Huge congratulations to **Rio Volpe S5** and **Aiden Barry S6** who have both been selected for the **Edinburgh U17** regional squad. The boys have been selected to play against the Borders & East Lothian this Sunday, good luck boys!

Basketball Scottish Schools Cup Competition:

The Basketball Schools Cup Competition results are as follows, great to have this competition back up and running again!

Results to date are as follows:

S1 Girls - Portobello HS 30 George Heriots 26

James Gillespie HS v Portobello HS to be played 11.02.22

Open Girls - Portobello HS 100 Dunbar Grammar 13

The Mary Erskine School 15 Portobello HS 29

S1 Boys - Portobello HS 24 George Heriots 25

Holy Rood HS v Portobello HS to be played 11.02.22

Open Boys - Merchiston Castle School 22 Portobello HS 68

Portobello HS 64 St Augustine's HS 42

Trinity Academy v Portobello HS to be played on 23.02.22

Senior Music Recital – Wednesday 23 February, 4:15pm, Drama Studio

Our National 5 and Higher Music pupils have the opportunity to perform a piece from their SQA programme to each other ahead of their final exams, coming up in March. Performances such as this are an important part in developing musicianship, performing skills and confidence, as well as

being excellent exam prep. It's also good to be able to share the fruits of their hard work in a concert performance, as well as an exam!

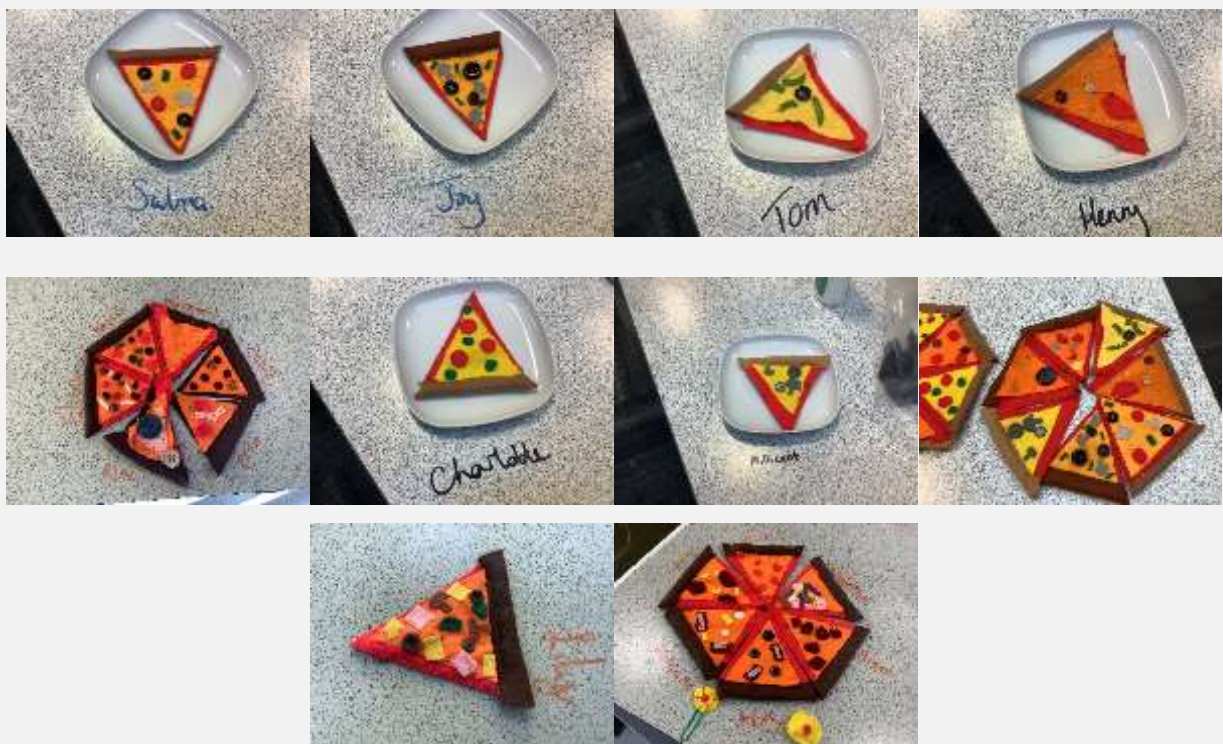
The Music Department are looking forward to seeing everyone perform. If pupils haven't signed up yet it's not too late! Click on the Forms link in your Music class Teams to let us know what you would like to play.

FTT

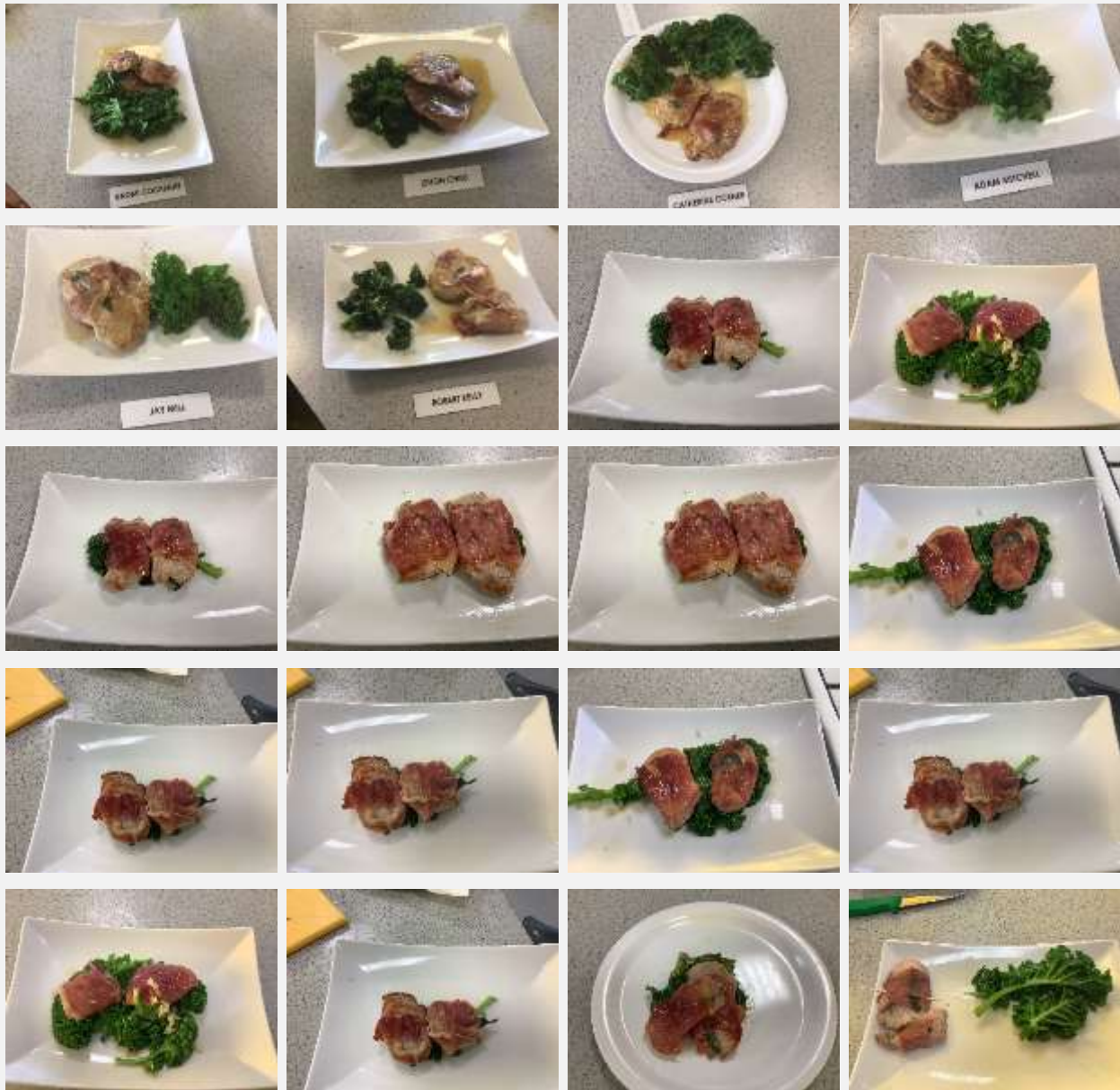
To celebrate Chinese New Year students wrapped and cooked dumplings at FTT pop up club



S1 have been working hard on their fabric pizza slices. They have demonstrated great sewing skills and creativity in their designs.



This week S3 worked with Pork tenderloin courtesy of Quality Meat Scotland to create a Pork Saltimbocca with prosciutto and sage





Purple Friday Pop Up Baking

- Wed 23rd February 3.10pm FTT
- Come along and sign up to create some cup cakes in support of Purple Friday.
- There is no charge, but a donation of some change would go to the equalities fund in school
- Sign up at FTT Base

FTT N5/H Supported
Study Wednesday
lunchtime 12.45 G08 –
Mrs. Bradley



- Dates and topics
- 23rd February – properties of textiles
- 2nd March – evaluate and analyse questions on properties
- 9th March – pattern markings/ care labels and explain questions
- 16th March – principles of design and factors to consider in manufacture
- 23rd March – Higher question 1 design practice
- 30th March – mass manufacturing and bespoke
- 6th April – Construction technique

HFT N5 and H Supported Study Thursday Lunchtimes 12.45 G02 – Mrs. Sladen

- Dates and topics
- 24th Feb - Command words - Evaluations
- 3rd March – Command words - Explain
- 10th March -Nutrition
- 17th March – DRV'S
- 25th March –Food Product Development stages
- 31st March – CFI – Organics, Fairtrade
- 7th April – Functions of ingredients



**Remember to:
Bring your own lunch and
any clothes you would like to
repair, reuse or repurpose!**



SEWING CLUB

JOIN OUR FREE SEWING CLUB

Come to repair and adjust your own clothes

Learn simple sewing techniques

Socialise

PORTY SEWING BEE LUNCH CLUB

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES IN G08
FROM 23RD FEBRUARY ONWARDS.
COME AND JOIN MS HULSON AND
MRS BARR

Porty School Show update -

some more photos ...



**The Odyssey rehearsals continue with
Odysseus and his (sometimes!) trusty Crew and
Zeus not liking being told what to do by the other Gods!**



