
Weekly Update 17th June 2022

Primary 7 Visit

After the restrictions of the pandemic, we were thrilled to be able to welcome our Primary 7 visitors this week. They made a very positive impression on us over their time here and we really look forward to welcoming them back when they officially become part of #TeamPorty as our new S1 on 17 August 2022. As the photo below shows, they were in fine form at the end of their three days! A big thank you to our fantastic S6 helpers who were invaluable in helping our visitors find their way around, answering lots of questions and being great role models.



Prize Giving

We were delighted to be able to hold our Prize Giving Ceremony for the first time since 2019 on the evening of Monday 13 June. A slightly amended format allowed us to recognise an even wider range of achievements and it was just wonderful to see the hall filled with proud families and young people.

We were so happy that Margaret Williamson, who retired from her DHT post at the end of the first lockdown, and Maureen Child, who recently stepped down as a local councillor after 27 years' service to the community, were able to join us to present the prizes, which were in the form of vouchers for local business, The Portobello Bookshop. Thanks to them both and to our Parent Council for providing refreshments and running a raffle which raised more than £500 to support the school.

A full list of prize winners is included at the end of this update. Many congratulations to all those recognised for their achievements!

Star Linguists

The Modern Languages Department are continuing to recognise and celebrate outstanding effort and achievement in languages among S1-S3 pupils through our Star Linguist awards. Here are our 'Star Linguist' winners from May - the last from our 2021-22 classes - all of whom have impressed their class teacher through working extremely hard in French or Spanish. Well done to you all! Look out for our next winners at the end of June, who will be selected from our new Modern Languages classes.

Star Linguists

May 2022

Lowri Fisher 2CD3 (French)

"Lowri, it has been a real pleasure to be teaching you for two years. You always came well-prepared to class and worked to the best of your ability in every lesson. I wish you all the best in your new S3 class. Keep up the hard work! Excellent travail!"

- Ms Jouve

Ellie Crisp 3CD1 (French)

"Ellie made a really detailed leaflet on Cameroon during her last lesson of S3 French - well done Ellie! I particularly enjoyed your fun facts about the waterfalls & the animals 😊"

- Mrs Purkiss

Archie Titterington 3AB1 (French)

"Archie made outstanding progress in French in S3 so May was really just one of many months where he could have been my star linguist. Archie was always fully prepared for his talking and writing assessments and he consistently participated fully in lessons. A superb year from Archie and I know he will go on to excel at N5 level next year, too."

- Mr McCulloch

Skye McLaren 3CD4 (Spanish)

"Skye did a fabulous job on her final Talking and Writing Task. She showed real resilience and the end product was fantástico! ¡Buen trabajo Skye!"

- Ms Taylor

Findlay Welsh 1i (French)

"Well done Findlay! You have done an amazing job in 1st year French! From start to finish, you have worked hard, put in your best effort and progressed so much in your language learning! You should be very proud of yourself. I'm sure you'll keep this up as you move forward into S2."

- Miss Brown

Will Rawlinson 3AB1 (Spanish)

"Will, you have been an extremely hardworking and enthusiastic learner from start to finish this year. I have been impressed every week with your retention of vocabulary, your pronunciation and your detailed work. I look forward to hearing about all your amazing achievements in S4 and beyond!"

- Miss Davies

Millie Grassick 1C (French)

"Millie, you have been a real Star Linguist not just in the past month but throughout your 1st year. Your wonderful attitude and resilience have made a real difference during our lessons, and you have made incredible progress in French. Your S2 teacher is going to be very lucky to have you. À bientôt Millie 😊"

- Mr Lecomte

Sonny Heron 1B (French)

"Sonny you are so enthusiastic in every lesson and you put your hand up for every question! You have really grown in confidence throughout the year, particularly in speaking French. You are never afraid to try something new and you ask very intelligent questions - keep up the good work Sonny and good luck in S2!"

- Miss Howie

Well done to all our superstars!

Duke of Edinburgh

Our Duke of Edinburgh silver group setting out for their expedition on Sunday.



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Portobello High School

who spent

1339 hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement
of young people making an impact in their community

The social value of these hours is

£6186.18

RUTH MARVEL CEO

June 2022



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JUNE 2022
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- 🕒 Tune into the Main Stage show, to watch Live from the RAF Panel, where they will be chatting about life in the RAF, how to apply and what's next for you
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- 🕒 Speak to an RAF recruiter. Our experts in the field will be there to answer all your burning questions about life in the RAF and how to apply
- 🕒 And lots more!

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Portobello High School

**Annual Award Ceremony and
Prize Giving**

Monday 13th June 2022

Programme

Musical Performance by Jack Gardner and Mhairi Klein

Headteacher's Welcome

S6 Leadership Team's School Review

Address by Maureen Child

Musical Performance by Sasha Hamilton

Presentation of Prizes

S6 Leadership Team's Vote of Thanks

Headteacher's Closing Remarks

'Holding Out for a Hero' from Odyssey performed by Max Fawcett, Jack Gardner, Ethan Hoskin, Rory Kennedy and Olly Pope

S1 - S4 Merit Awards

CDT and FTT

Samuel Robinson, S1
Khadija Atif, S1
Eva Murie, S2
Daisy Eldrett, S2
Rocco Pittman, S3
Vincenzo Arcari, S3
Gemma Stevenson, S4
Ellen Durie, S4

English

Sean-Michael O'Riordan, S1
Joy Grisewood, S1
Sara Chand, S2
Eilidh Tedesco, S2
Bailey Ewing Burnett, S3
Maisie Drybrough, S3
Gavin Dick, S4
Lewis Mackay, S4

Drama

Abed Alkhouli, S1
Brindle Browse, S2
Fraser Cochran, S3
Frankie Fawcett, S4

Music and Music Technology

Ava Simkin, S1
Lowri Fisher, S2
Jayden Clee, S3
Ishbel MacDonald, S4

Art & Design and Photography

Emma Foster, S1
Elena Munoz, S2
Jesi MacAninch, S3
Samiha Islam, S4

Mathematics

Abed Alkhouli, S1
Holly Little, S1
James Thomson, S2
Sara Chand, S2
Thomas Craik, S3
Jake McConnell, S3
Zoe Innes, S4
Adam Jedrzejczak, S4

Modern Languages

Elsa Bigham, S1
Samuel Robinson, S1
Harry Blake, S2
Anna Melvin, S2
Elsa McGregor, S3
Lily Macdonald, S3
Leila Jones, S4
Jamie Smith, S4

Physical Education

Ellis Haldane Ross, S1
Salma Bickley, S1
Anna Thomson, S2
Emily Johnstone, S2
Zoe Walker, S3
Omar Bajo, S3
Chloe Sinclair, S4
Idun Curran, S4

Science

Leo Forno, S1
Mya McNaughton, S1
Matthew Murray-Smith, S2
Heather Callaghan, S2
Rocco Giordano, S3

Science (continued)

Kizhi Bickley, S3
Rosie McIntosh, S4
Alasdair Troup, S4

Social Subjects

Eliza Ingrey-Counter, S1
Eilidh Tedesco, S2
Noah Tully, S3
Samuel Fenwick, S4

RMPS

Ava Simkin, S1
Anna Thomson, S2
Cora McNulty, S3
Caitlin Mackenzie, S4

Support for Learning

Martin Forbes, S1
Muhammad Alnafea, S1
Amelia Jackman, S2
Darcy Holme, S2
Katie Brechin, S3
Bob Kelly, S3
Chloe Smith, S4
Daisy Roddin, S4

Technologies

Lily Rogers, S1
Leo Forno, S1
Max Ogg, S3
Lawrie Banks, S3
Samuel Fenwick, S4
Ella Nicholson, S4

Wellbeing Hub

Amy Blakey, S1
Alfie Reid, S1
Jack Dalziel, S2

Wellbeing Hub (continued)

Beaux Waugh, S2

Teigan Lamont, S3

Lewis Blakey, S3

Dylan Keenan, S4

Cai Milligan, S4

S1 - S4 Personal Achievement Merit Awards

Abercorn House

Elisa Cassar Jones, S1

Johnny Reid, S1

Zunayrah Aslam, S1

Lenny Heggie, S2

Victoria Hadzinska, S2

Ruby Skilling, S3

Alistair Graham, S3

Lola Sclater, S3

Ella Scott-Watson, S4

Adam-James Wilson, S4

Brunstane House

Millie Grassick, S1

Abed Alkhouli, S1

Wilma Adamu, S2

Irene Smiles, S2

Elena Munoz, S2

David Morton, S3

Fraser Cochran, S3

Ailsa Macallan, S4

Fatoumata Kebbeh-Sillah, S4

Crichton House

Amy Jones-Valente, S1

Ava Ellis, S1

Findlay Welsh, S1

Mark Cunningham, S2

Connie Rutherford, S2

Alice Birkett, S3
Euan Perry, S3
Caitlin MacKenzie, S4
Jay Spiers, S4
Kyle Walker, S4

Duddingston House

Eliza Ingrey Counter, S1
Joy Grisewood, S1
Hadiya Naeem, S2
Lowri Fisher, S2
Jess Jordan, S2
Jasmine Neilson, S3
Kizhi Bickley, S3
Lucy McFadyen, S3
Brandon Smith, S4
Chloe Smith, S4
Iker Esnal-Douglas, S4

International Sports Awards

Basketball

Fleur Gamal
Selected for the U14 National Basketball Squad
Represented Scotland in the U14 National Tri-Nations Tournament in May 2022
Selected to represent Scotland at the Junior NBA Europe and Middle East Selection Camp for the Global Junior NBA Championships in May 2022
Selected for the U16 Regional Academy Programme
Selected for the U16 National Academy Erasmus Programme

Zoe Sharpe
Represented Scotland at U16 Women's Basketball

Aoife Loftus
Represented Scotland at U18 Women's Basketball

Cross Country

Elsa McGregor
Selected to represent Scotland in the SIAB Cross Country International Event 2022

Dance

Christina Carlin Captain of Team Scotland at 2020/21 Dance World Cup

Fencing

Nye Ulferts Kilpatrick Team European Silver Medallist in the U17 European Fencing Championships
Scotland U17 and U20 Individual and Team Medal winner
GB ranking 4th at U17 Age Group
Alpharetta Ranking 28th in Europe
Current member of the Scottish Commonwealth Games Training Squad

Football

Lily Graham Represents Spartans and Member of Scotland Women's U17 Football Team
Brodie Watt Represents Hibs at U18 level and selected for Scottish Schools U18 Football Team

Gaelic Football

Darcy Robertson Selected for the Scotland U14 Gaelic Football Team

Gymnastics

Holly Girvan Selected for Scotland at National 1 level to compete in the British Gymnastics Finals
Grace Hanlon Represents Scotland in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team

Karate

Daniel Lyons Selected to represent Scotland at the Junior European Championships in 2021
Selected to represent Scotland in the WKF Youth League in Croatia in July 2022 and the Banzai International Cup in Germany in September 2022

Water Polo

Frankton Bell Selected for Scotland U16 Men's Water Polo Team
Will Hurd Selected for Scotland U16 Men's Water Polo Team
Joe Mathieson Selected for Scotland U16 Men's Water Polo Team
Lorcan McNally Selected for Scotland U16 Men's Water Polo Team

Esther Robinson	Selected for Scotland U16 Women's Water Polo Team
Alex De Gaetano	Selected for Scotland U18 Men's Water Polo Team
Sam Molloy	Selected for Scotland U19 Men's Water Polo Team

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Bronze Award

Ella Nicholson, S4
 Natasha Bell, S5
 Hari Bhandari, S5
 Alana Crawford, S5
 Sam Lewis, S5
 Ava Russell, S5
 Anna Gosling, S6
 Eilidh Smith, S6

Silver Award

Freya French, S6
 Leila Gamal, S6
 Lewis Gardiner, S6

Music Awards

Aimili Troup	Grade 8 Viola (Distinction)
Jack Gardner	Portobello School Award for Services to the Music Department

S5 Higher Prize Winners 2022

Administration	David Miller
Biology	Rolf Treshansky
Business	Jack O'Malley
Computing	Alice Rennie
Design and Manufacture	Euan Cann
Engineering	Matthew Robertson
Fashion and Textile Technology	Roisin Simpson
French	Charlie Wood
Geography	Rhona Wilson

Graphic Communication	Cem Alagoz
Health and Food Technology	Sylvie Torrie
History	Isaac Wood
Mathematics	Alisha Shaban
Media	Tommy Hurrell
Music	Rolf Treshansky
Physical Education	Daniel Lyons
Psychology	Salena Shaban
Religious Education	Reece Davies
Spanish	Sam Webster

School Award for Academic Achievement 2022

1st in Drama, 2nd in Health and Food Technology and 2nd in Modern Studies
Lily Mayers

School Award for Academic Achievement 2022

1st in Art and Design, 1st in Photography and 3rd in Health and Food Technology
Helena Nawrocka

The Proxime Accessit Award 2022

1st in Chemistry, 1st in Physics, 3rd in Human Biology and 3rd in Mathematics
Zoe Sharpe

The Dux Medal Prize 2022

1st in English, 1st in Human Biology, 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Modern Studies
Erinn McNally

S5 Higher Prize Winners 2021

The Proxime Accessit Award 2021

Chemistry, English, Human Biology, Mathematics and Modern Studies
Tahmina Aziz

The Proxime Accessit Award 2021

Art and Design, Business Management, Computing Science, English and Mathematics
Amelia Donaldson

The Proxime Accessit Award 2021

Art and Design, English, French, Mathematics and Spanish
Aoife Loftus

The Proxime Accessit Award 2021
Chemistry, Engineering Science, English, Mathematics and Physics
David Hardie

The Proxime Accessit Award 2021
Chemistry, English, Geography, Human Biology and Mathematics
Flora Henry

The Dux Medal Prize 2021
Chemistry, English, French, Human Biology, Mathematics and Physics
Aimili Troup

S6 Advanced Higher Prize Winners 2022

Art and Design	Ruth Taylor
Biology	Kiku Konishi Gaffney
Design and Manufacture	Daniel Fennell
Drama	Katie Butt
French	Lucy Brand
Graphic Communication	Aaron Lochiel
Modern Studies	Carla Lisi
Music	Sasha Hamilton
Physical Education	Eilidh Smith
RME	Elena Nieva
Spanish	Orla Moffat
Chemistry	Aimili Troup
English	Aimili Troup
Professor Balfour Prize for Mathematics	Aimili Troup
Physics	Aimili Troup

MacIntyre Award for Service to the Community of Portobello High School
Maureen Child

Many congratulations to all our prize winners