

Weekly Update

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to our Bronze cohort who were all presented with their certificates this week. It is great to see our Duke of Edinburgh programme going from strength to strength with the support of staff, partners and parent volunteers!



SQA

Appeals

Information for learners on the appeals service has been published on the SQA website, please see the link below. A hard copy of this information will be sent directly to learners at the end of July.



[SQA Appeals 2022 - what you need to know for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher](#)

Candidate Addresses

It is important we hold the correct home address for your child to ensure that certificates are delivered successfully on the 9th of August. If you have recently moved or are intending to move in the summer, please contact the school office to inform them of your new address, if you have not already done so.



Warm Weather

Parts of our school building get very warm during summer weather. We are in discussion with council colleagues to see what improvements can be made to temperatures in school. In the meantime, please ensure your young person comes to school in light clothing, or with a lighter layer underneath, so that they will be comfortable during lessons.

Staff Update

As we move towards the end of the school session we are getting ready to say goodbye to a number of staff in school who will not be with us next session.

Retiring this summer are Ms Kirsten Boyd, our Business Manager, Mrs Susan Robertson, of our school office team and Mrs Liz Murray, Pupil Support Assistant. We thank them for many years of service to the young people, staff and families of Portobello High School and wish them long, happy and healthy retirements!

The following staff are moving on to pastures new;

Mr Campbell – Modern Studies and Geography

Mr Castle – English

Ms Ferguson – Clerical Assistant

Ms Harker – Maths

Ms Lawson – Craft, Design & Technology

Ms Khosrowpour – Business Education

Ms McDonald – Biology

Mr Norval – Pupil Support Assistant

Ms Randall - English

Ms Stein – Maths

Ms Vennelle Bell – Food and Textiles Technology

We wish them all the very best in their next steps and thank them for all they have done for #TeamPorty.

As you can imagine, we have been busy with recruitment and we look forward to introducing our new staff in August.

Congratulations to the following Newly Qualified Teachers who have successfully completed their probation year. We are delighted that they have all secured permanent employment in Portobello HS, with the exception of Ms McIntosh who moves to a post elsewhere in the city.

Mr Corsar - Maths

M. Lecomte – French

Ms McIntosh – Business Education

Dr Mitchell – Biology and Chemistry

Ms Naumova – Music

We will also be saying farewell to Mr John Ziltener, DHT and House Head for Duddingston House, who will be undertaking a career break. Mr David Dalgleish will join us from August as Acting DHT and House Head for Duddingston House and Ms Laura Bulloch will continue as Acting DHT and House Head for Abercorn House. Ms Zelda Breingan, PSL for Abercorn, will be undertaking a secondment and recruitment is underway for an Acting PSL for Abercorn House.

Karate

Good luck to Daniel Lyons S6 will be representing Scotland at the WKF Youth League in Croatia next week, this event is the highest level in the world for Youth Karate and it's a great achievement for Daniel to be selected. The event will be attended by over 2000 competitors from all over the world - and Daniel's category (Junior Male -61kg) has 80 athletes entered. Well done Daniel!

Water Polo

Well done to our Open Water Polo team who participated in the Open Water Polo Championships last week. It was great to have this competition back on our calendar, the team reached the semi-final stage of the competition where they unfortunately lost to Stirling HS. A huge thanks to the coach and parents who stepped in at the last minute when the bus company let us down, your assistance was greatly appreciated.



Rowing

Congratulations to Jèsi MacAninch S4 who will be rowing for the Eastern Rowing club who are representing Scotland in the Skiffie World Championships in The Netherlands next week. Jèsi is thrilled to have this opportunity, well done Jèsi.