

## Weekly Update 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Hallowe'en Disco



Our S1 and S2 young people had a fantastic morning dancing to their own selection of music at our Hallowe'en disco. It was really lovely to see them all enjoying themselves together and there were some great costumes as well. All proceeds will go to the school's Inclusion Fund. Special thanks go to DJ Jayden Clee of S4 who did a brilliant job and made sure the dance floor was full at all times!



### National Discussion on Education

You will have seen from a recent email from the school that the Scottish Government are undertaking a national discussion on the future of education in Scotland. They are keen to gather as many views as possible from parents / carers to help shape future policy.

The Parent Council are keen to support this discussion and to hear your views. They will be holding a discussion event at the school on the evening of 22 November, from 6.30 - 8.00pm, so do please come along and let us know what you think. If you are unable to attend in person, they will also be providing the opportunity to submit your views on-line. Please look out for an email from the school next week which will provide further information on the discussion and how to get involved.

## Parent Council / Parent Forum

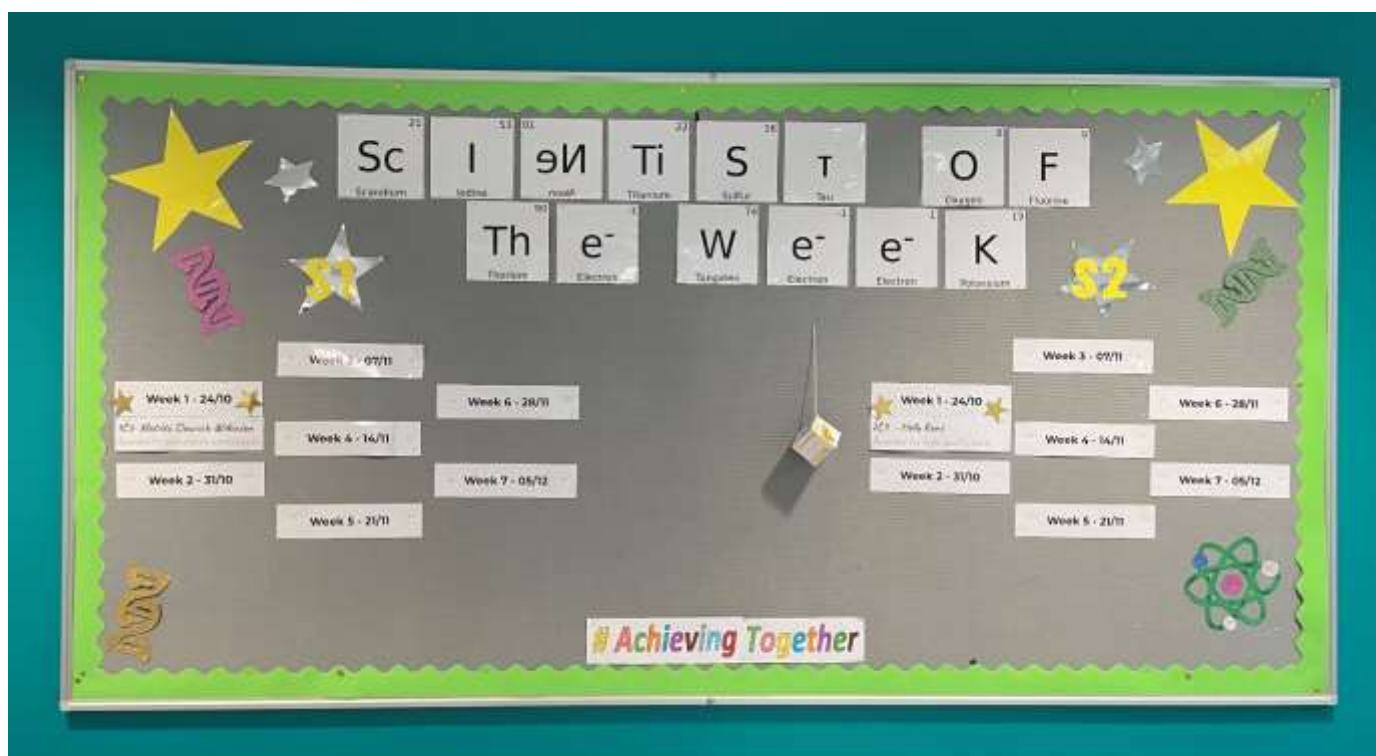
The next Parent Council / Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday 16th November (please note this is a change of date from the previously published date). It will be held on-line from 7.00 - 8.15pm. The school will issue a Teams link in due course.



If you have any questions you would like the Parent Council to raise with the school, please let us know by either posting them on our Facebook page or by emailing the Parent Council at [portyhighparents@gmail.com](mailto:portyhighparents@gmail.com).

## Scientist of the Week

Our scientist of the Week board is up and ready for the rest of the term! (Find it outside F26)



## Modern Languages – S2 Spanish taster block



For the next 6 weeks, all S2 Modern Languages classes will study Spanish alongside French. The time for this will come from classes' existing time for French. This will give pupils an opportunity to experience studying two languages concurrently ahead of course choice options for 2023/24, something which has been increasingly popular in S3 and beyond for the past few years at Portobello. This year, for example, there are over 30 students in S5/6 studying both French and Spanish having initially chosen to do so in S3.

In 2023/24 we will also introduce Italian as an additional language for S3 students.

If any parents/carers have any questions regarding this, please get in touch with the Curriculum Leader for Modern Languages, Mr McCulloch, at [andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk).

## Social Subject Ambassadors



The **Social Subjects & RMPS** faculty are looking for S5 and S6 pupils to join our Social Subjects Ambassadors programme. **Social Subjects Ambassadors** are passionate about our subjects: enthusiastic about learning new things and solving problems. Demonstrating an eagerness to share their understanding with others and enjoying rising to new challenges. Social Subject Ambassadors are students who show a flair for our subjects and are most likely to find opportunities to learn about elements of our subjects independently. **Do you want to become part of an experienced and inspirational group of people who have impact?**

### Why become a Social Subjects Ambassador?

- Develop confidence and leadership skills
- Work in a team to promote global citizenship
- Understand how our faculty works
- Be a role model to our younger pupils

### Social Subjects Ambassador

As a Social Subject Ambassador, the student will:

- Support subjects during school events such as Option Evenings, Open Evenings
- Represent and present the faculty to external groups
- Supporting learning through class interaction, lunchtime clubs & revision sessions
- Working with small groups of school students
- Involved in pupil voice and department feedback
- Can feedback ideas from the class to the class teacher
- Participate in creating digital content
- Contribute to building department library resources
- Maintain and grow faculty's classroom resources
- Perform with the faculty's Achieving Together policy

What qualities are needed in you, the student?

- Passionate about subject area
- Has maintained at least 90% attendance in lessons
- On track to achieving target grade during assessments
- Awareness of the course & exam requirements
- Responsible
- Good role model
- Strong organisational skills
- Confidence and sensitivity to interact with a wide range of individuals
- Ability to work on own initiative
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work in a professional and mature manner
- Ability to relate to fellow students effectively
- Ability to deliver presentations to various audiences in a confident manner



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What Social Subjects have you studied and at what level:

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What is your most successful style of study:

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What aspect of Social Subjects interests you most:

Society Responses	People's Experiences	Human Values
Differing Perspectives	Impact of Events	Statistics
Written Records	Photo/Film Sources	Visiting Sites
Reasons for Crisis	Choices Available	Other: please complete below ...

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What skill in particular would you bring to this ambassador role:

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Find and complete your note of interest at one of the following addresses:

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## Freya Olsson - S1

Freya travelled with Edinburgh Diving Club to Leeds to compete in the White Rose Cup last weekend. She came 2nd in the girl's platform event bringing home a silver medal. Well done Freya - what a great achievement.



## School Football

Last weekend saw the first game for our U14 football team. Having not had a team in S1, the team started with a Scottish Shield tie against Boroughmuir. The boys performed well having never played together before and with the scores level at 4-4 with twenty minutes to go, Boroughmuir took over and eventually won the game 8-4. Porty goals came from Cayden Shek x2, Taym Masri and Calum Hope.

Our U13s continued their impressive start to the season, drawing 2-2 away to Broughton. Another excellent performance from the S1 team with goals from Blaine Turnbull and Blair Myles.

## New Dance Club



### **New Dance Club – Monday Lunchtime in the Dance Studio**

We are launching our new Dance club in the Dance studio starting on Monday lunchtime. We are working towards a Christmas Dance Show but pupils are free to just attend the club and not be part of the show.

It will be open to all age groups and our instructor Carrie will be able to work with those who want to work on group performances as well as duets or solo's.