

## Weekly Update 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Star Linguists

Each month, The Modern Languages Department 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 January, all of whom have impressed their class teacher through working extremely hard in French or Spanish. Well done to everyone for making an exceptional start to 2023!



*Star Linguists*  
January 2022

**Lucas Ryan 2AB1 (French)**  
"Lucas, I am so impressed by how hard you have worked so far this year in French. You never fail to participate in class and always show the greatest enthusiasm when approaching tasks we do in class. You have made enormous progress in the subject this year. Keep up the hard. Excellent travail!"  
- Ms Jouve

**Max Mill 1C (French)**  
"Max has had a brilliant year so far in S1 French. He works to his 100% in every lesson, always has his hand up to answer questions and his pronunciation is fantastique! Keep up the great work, Max - bravo!"  
- Mrs Purkiss

**Olivia Heron 3CD1 (French)**  
Olivia has had an excellent year in French and her January has been of a typically high standard. Olivia always comes to class motivated and ready to learn. She has demonstrated a really good understanding of the perfect tense in recent lessons and participates fully in lessons. I am delighted with her continued effort and progress and for that reason she is my star linguist for January 2023 - well done, Olivia!"  
- Mr McCulloch

**Matthew Rennie 1B (French)**  
"Matthew you are my Star Linguist this month because you always go above and beyond in French! You go the extra mile with all of your work in class and at home. Your pronunciation is fabulous too! Bon travail!"  
- Ms Taylor

**Abeeha Kamran 1E (French)**  
"You have been working excellently this term in French! You come in prepared to learn and you always work away at activities during our lessons. I have been very impressed with your positive attitude and your work ethic so far!  
Keep up the good work!"  
- Miss Brown

**Abdullah Alkhouli 2AB4 (French)**  
"Abdullah, you are a fantastic linguist! You are always very organised and focused in lessons and I am so impressed with your enthusiasm! You put your hand up for every answer and work brilliantly with others to discuss your ideas. I love that you notice connections between French and Arabic, too - this is expert language learning. Bravo, Abdullah!"  
- Miss Davies

**Sandy Wood 1A (French)**  
"Sandy, you are a real Star Linguist: you are constantly participating and are always the first to finish all activities AND extensions! You have impressed me so much with your wonderful pronunciation and superb classwork, and you should be proud of yourself. Bravo, Champion!"  
- Mr Lecomte

**Salma Bickley 2CD3 (French)**  
"Salma you are my star linguist this month as I have been so impressed with the answers you give in class. Your hand is always up and you are so focused! Your pronunciation is beautiful and your vocabulary has continued to grow and grow this year. Well done for demonstrating such enthusiasm in every lesson, keep up the good work!"  
- Mrs Machicol

*Well done to all our superstars!*

## SQA Prelims

Well done to all our young people in S5 and 6 who completed their prelims earlier this week. We are grateful to our team of invigilators, who were very complementary about the mature way that our young people approached this process. Thanks to all staff involved, especially



- Ms Fotheringham, DHT, for her leadership and oversight of what is a very complex process
- Ms Stafford, SfL Leader, and her team for ensuring all our young people are well supported
- Mr Ferrier, CL Technologies, and Ms Ross, ICT Technician, for their assistance with IT
- Ms Livingston, CL Maths, and Ms Russell, Admin Officer, for their attention to detail in the considerable administration involved.

## S6 Pathways Evening

A reminder that our Pathways information evening will be held on Monday 30 January in Assembly Hall at 6.30pm for the parents of young people currently in S5.

## Art

This week in art the S1's have been completing some beautiful bird illustrations with a focus on building their skills in handling different materials and exploring the visual element of texture.



## PHS Young Musician Competition 2023

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a school Young Musician Competition on **Monday, 27th February!**

This provides an opportunity to develop skills, get performance experience and grow in confidence. There will be a prize for the winner who will then have the opportunity to represent Portobello in the Edinburgh-wide Young Musician of the Year, competing against pupils from other schools. The winner of that will then go on to a National Final held at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow.

### Entry requirements:

- Open to all instruments and voice (classical/orchestral and rock/pop)
- Open to all styles of music
- Open to all year groups, S1-S6
- Minimum level of ABRSM/Trinity Grade 5 (you don't need to have sat an exam, this is just a reference point for level)

Entrants will perform one piece of music of their choice to a panel of adjudicators. The winner will be announced and awarded on the same evening, following the performances and adjudicators deliberation.

We would encourage all young people who meet the Grade 5 minimum criteria to enter. If you have any questions, please ask Ms Beynon or any of the Music teachers.

To register your interest:

Please complete the form at the link / QR code below.

Good luck!

**PHS Young Musician of the Year 2023:** <https://forms.office.com/e/ntkLA0KGSb>



## RMPS

On Tuesday N5 RMPS students had a visit from an Imam who works with Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association. They had the opportunity to gain an understanding of the experience and influence of Islam from the perspective of a religious convert who works as a chaplain within universities and prisons. The class asked many thought-provoking questions on the impact of belief which will undoubtedly help them develop their analysis and evaluation skills in preparation for the upcoming exam.



**NEW  
HAILES<sup>2</sup>  
SQUARED**

**ART EXHIBITION**  
28th Jan to 12th Feb  
11am - 3pm  
Stables Courtyard

An exhibition of mixed media pieces created by the Newhailes community, giving their interpretation of the estate and house. The brief was simple, create a piece of art 10 x 10 inches in any medium of your choice.

NATIONAL TRUST SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH COLLEGE

### Newhailes Squared Art Exhibition

Opening Saturday 28th @ 12pm - 3pm

Until 12th February 11am - 3pm daily

Stables Courtyard

## Boxing

Congratulations to Jack Heggie S4 who was competing in the East District Championships last weekend and won Gold in the 2007(59kg) category – well done Jack!



## Karate

Good luck to **Daniel Lyons 6D07** who has been selected to represent Scotland at the European Karate Championships in Cyprus next month. Daniel will be travelling with the Scottish National Karate Team from Tuesday 31st January - Monday 6th February 2023 and will compete in the Junior -61kg category against the best fighters in Europe.

## Water Polo

Congratulations and good luck to **Joe Mathieson S3**, **Lorcan McNally S4** and **Will Hurd S5** who have been selected to represent the U18 Boys National Development Squad in the upcoming Inter Regionals tournament, Blackpool January 28th/29<sup>th</sup> 2023. Well done Boys!

## Cricket – CEC Sports Academy – Cricket Trials

Can advise that if anyone is interested, they can get further information from the PE Department and advise that the closing date for applications is **Wednesday 1 February 2023**.

**EDINBURGH SCHOOLS SPORTS ACADEMY**

The City of Edinburgh Schools Sports Academy is a training and support programme designed to assist pupils to reach their sporting potential.

UKCC Level 3 Head Coach Joe Kinghorn Gray will lead the programme supported by qualified assistant cricket coaches.

Joe is currently Head Coach of the Eastern Knights U17 squad as well as Heriots CC and Edinburgh University.

**CRICKET TRIALS**

Applications are welcomed from S1 - S6 pupils who meet the selection criteria.

VENUE:	DATE:	TIME:
TRINITY ACADEMY SPORTS CAMPUS 23 Craighall Gardens <u>EH6 4RJ</u>	FRIDAY 3rd FEB 2023	DEVELOPMENT SQUAD TRIAL 2pm - 4pm
	FRIDAY 10th FEB 2023	PERFORMANCE SQUAD TRIAL 2pm - 4pm

**DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Playing competitive club cricket.
- S1 - S3.
- Aspirations of breaking into regional squads in the next two years.
- Desire to commit to a training programme to improve cricketing skills.

**PERFORMANCE SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Playing competitive club cricket (preferably at senior level).
- S4 - S6.
- Previous experience in regional or national squads or desire to get there in the next year
- Desire to commit to a training programme to improve cricketing skills

[CLICK TO APPLY](#)

The cost per term is £70. Pupils who qualify for Free School Meals will have the fee waived.

Logos at the bottom include: City of Edinburgh Learning Unit, Cricket Scotland, Edinburgh Academy, Edinburgh School of Music, Edinburgh City Council, Edinburgh University, and Edinburgh City of Edinburgh Council.

## FTT

The S2 have been looking at factors affecting choice of food including cultural events. This week we are making Haggis Neeps and tatties as a focus for Burns Night.

