

Weekly Update 17th March 2023

Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Final

On Wednesday 15th March we held the final of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). Our S3 year group has been participating in this programme as part of their Citizenship classes. Working in teams, they have researched and engaged with charities who aim to address a range of social issues in our local community.

During the final, seven teams delivered passionate presentations to a panel of judges to make the case that their charity should win a grant of £3,000. The audience was made up of our S2 year group – who will participate in the programme next year – along with representatives from the finalist charities and school staff. We were all incredibly impressed by the quality of the presentations and the young people's engagement with their charities.

After a tough deliberation, our judging panel announced the team representing The Junction as the overall winners. A huge congratulations to Louisa Demissie, Jess Jordan, Leila Koita, Norah Turner, Jessica Young for being our inaugural winners of YPI!

We would like to thank Ruth McKay (Portobello High School Head Teacher); Isaac Munro (S6 Leadership Team); Alasdair Friend (Towerbank Primary School Head Teacher); and Nancy Riach (Parent Council) for taking the time to sit on our judging panel.

We are incredibly proud our young people in S3 who engaged so well with YPI and demonstrated their values of compassion and citizenship. Particular thanks to our finalists for the commitment they put into preparing and rehearsing their presentations for the final. We are proud of all of them.

Our S2 were a fantastic audience and we cannot wait to see how they take the programme forward next year!



Our 2023 YPI Finalists



Our wonderful audience for the YPI Event

National 5 and Higher Music Exams

Our National 5 and Higher musicians have all completed their final performance exams this week, playing a programme of music on two instruments to an external examiner. At National 5 level they performed a programme of 6-6½ minutes of music; while Higher pupils played 10-11 minutes of music, making up 60% of their final award at each level. We are proud of all our musicians performances and dedication in preparation for these exams!



Spring Concert: 7pm, Thursday 30th March

Tickets: £6 adults / £3 concessions, available on ParentPay

Come and join our musicians from S1-S6 as we celebrate the fantastic music-making that has been going on weekly this term. Following the success of the sold out Christmas Concert our young people are excited to be performing again! The evening will feature Jazz Band, Senior Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Portonova, Guitar Ensemble, String Orchestra, Junior Wind Band, Junior Choir & our Senior/Staff Choir. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Council / Spring Concert - Thursday 30 March

The Parent Council will be running a raffle and selling refreshments at the Spring Concert on Thursday 30th March. Half of the proceeds raised will be donated to the Music Department and the remainder will be used to support other projects in the school.

If anyone is able to donate a raffle prize, or help the Parent Council on the night, please could you contact the Parent Council either via their Facebook page or by emailing portyhighparents@gmail.com. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

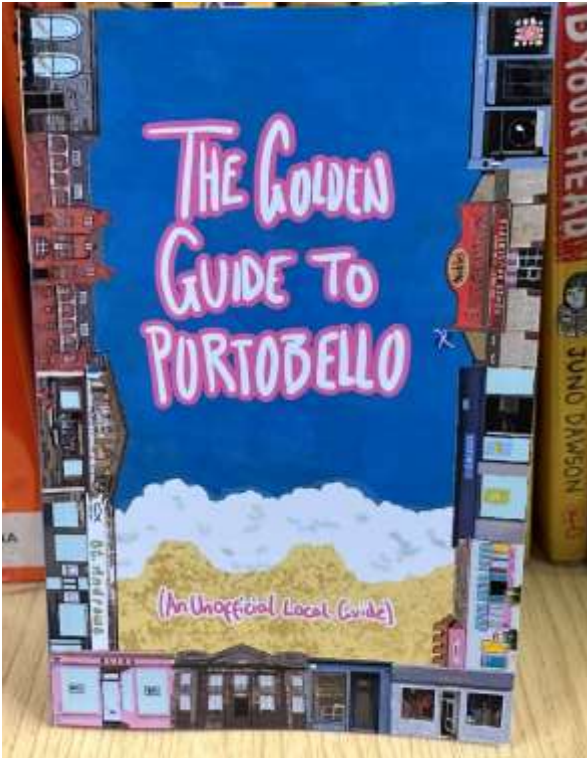
A vibrant yellow poster for the Spring Concert. At the top right is the Portobello High School crest and name. The title 'Spring Concert' is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below the title, the date and time '7pm, Thursday 30th March 2023' and the school name 'Portobello High School' are listed, followed by the ticket prices 'Tickets: £6 / £3 (on ParentPay)'. A section titled 'FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY:' lists the participating groups: Jazz Band, Senior Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Portonova, Guitar Ensemble, String Orchestra, Junior Wind Band, Junior Choir, and Staff/Senior Choir. The poster is decorated with stylized suns, circles, and flowers.

Debating Success

Congratulations to Robert Mylne and Miya Turner (S5) who had a hugely successful day at the Edinburgh University Schools' Debating Competition last Saturday 11th March.

After competing in three rounds, the team reached the final of the competition along with St Leonard's School, Mearns Castle High School and Dollar Academy. The motion for the final was This House Regrets the popularisation of anti-elite satire content and, while the team missed out on the overall win, it was an incredibly close debate.

Overall, Robert was the second-best novice speaker of the day and Miya was the seventh best speaker overall in the competition, which included nearly thirty teams. Congratulations to both on their achievements!



Super Power Agency

This week our latest cohort to work with the fantastic Super Power Agency got the chance to attend their very own book launch of the "Golden Guide to Portobello". Over an 8-week period, our young people learned key interview and report writing skills before deciding on which establishment/retailer within our community they would like to feature in their book.

The Super Power Agency team made every week fun, interesting and challenging and it was fantastic to watch our young people grow in confidence, build previously undiscovered friendships and create something tangible, to be proud of. The guidebook will be available for purchase soon in the Portobello Book Shop and on Amazon!





QuietRoute 61 – Roslin to Portobello

Route improvement and extension launch event

- Date Thursday 29 September 2022
- Time 11am – 2pm
- Place Edinburgh BioQuarter (where [QR61 crosses Little France Drive at Robin Mitchell Way](#))

Come along and find out more about the recent improvements for people walking, wheeling and cycling on [QuietRoute 61](#), which is now signed all the way from Roslin to Portobello.

Talk to the project team, grab some freebies and find out about other future improvements to the network. **Dr Bike** will also be there so bring your bike if you can for some free running repairs and advice!

For more information

Feel free to share this invitation and if you have any questions please contact Brendan Forrester at brendan.forrester@edinburgh.gov.uk

Current Opportunities

Please see your PSL if you are interested in any opportunities below.

Edinburgh Leisure Swim Teacher Trainee Programme:

Applications are now open, 25 hrs per week paid over a 13-week period, no formal qualifications or experience of swimming needed, leading to a qualification as a Swim Teacher. Looking for people 16yrs plus, approachable, positive, and friendly individuals that have:

- A passion for swimming
- Eagerness to teach such an important lifesaving skill
- A warm and welcoming personality

We offer:

- Free membership across all our centres with access to fitness classes, gyms, and swimming pools
- Opportunities for further training, career growth and development
- Generous holiday allowance and cycle-to-work scheme
- Paid sick leave and Company pension
- Access to discounts with a huge number of retailers (saving money in cinemas, restaurants, clothing, and electronics shops, on insurance and healthcare and much more)

Click [here](#), to register your application. Closing date: **Thursday, 23 March 2023**

Assessment date: Monday 27 and Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at Royal Commonwealth Pool

Brodies LLP Law firm:

Looking for determined, hardworking individuals 16yrs plus, who are interested in kickstarting their legal career. This year our PRIME programme will be held on the following dates in 2023:

Monday 26 June 2023 to Friday 30 June (9.15 am – 3.00pm)

If you're interested, please see your PSL about further criteria or workexperience@brodies.com if you have any questions about the programme. The closing date for applications is **Monday 1 May 2023**.

To register for one of our Career Insight Days, please email workexperience@brodies.com for more details.

Women in the British Army:

Inviting you to an events week running from **24th – 28th April 2023** focusing on Females within the British Army, specifically roles within the Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Artillery and Army Intelligence Corps.

During this week we are committed to informing and engaging with potential future female candidates as well as those who may have never considered the armed forces an option. There are a large variety of roles just waiting for enthusiastic, hardworking, and driven females here in the army.

Roles include:

RAMC – Student Nurse, Student Nurse (Mental Health).

RA – Gunner Crew.

Int Corps – Operator Technical Intelligence, Operator Military Intelligence.

And many more.

Edinburgh College: Performing Arts Studio Scotland:

Free taster workshops in Make Up Artistry. A staff team member will come along to your school, provide demonstrations and a chance for pupils to have a go, learn some additional skills and talk about a career as a make-up artist.

These 45-minute workshops are aimed at S4-S6 students and there are three options to choose from: Fashion Make Up, Special effects and Injuries and Fantasy Make Up

See your PSL or email Kathryn.jenner@edinburghchamber.co.uk if interested.

Apprenticeship Opportunities Scotland:

Apply direct on the "Apply Here" link, see your PSL or email kathryn.jenner@edinburghchamber.co.uk.

Deloitte (rolling applications – get your application in ASAP!)

- Tax Consulting BrightStart Apprenticeship (Aberdeen, Edinburgh): [Apply Here!](#)
- Technology BrightStart Apprenticeship (Edinburgh): [Apply Here!](#)
- Human Capital and Actuarial BrightStart Apprenticeship (Edinburgh): [Apply Here!](#)

Lloyd's Banking Group (**closing 10th April 2023**)

- Risk Apprentice (Edinburgh): [Apply Here!](#)

BlackRock:

BlackRock's [Apprenticeship Program](#) provides an opportunity for school leavers to join one of our business areas on an 18-month training contract.

Starting in **September 2023**, the program will begin with an orientation to learn about BlackRock's purpose, principles and soft-skill training. Apprentices will then join their business area and take part in ongoing training and professional development whilst experiencing day-to-day life at BlackRock. On successful completion of the program, Apprentices will have the opportunity to receive an offer to join BlackRock as a full-time employee.

Submit your online application form [here](#) and upload your CV.

1. You will then be invited to submit a Virtual Cover Letter consisting of two video questions.
2. If successful, you will be invited to attend an assessment centre consisting of interviews and a group exercise.

[Apply here](#) before **Thursday 6 April** for roles in:

Analytics & Risk: Data Operations, Risk & Quantitative Analysis (RQA)

Investments – Investments Operations: Accounting Service & Oversight (ASO), Client Experience Operations, Global Investment Operations (GIO)

If you have any questions, please let us know at Apprenticeships@BlackRock.com

DYW Roadshow:

Wednesday 22 March 9.30 am – 1.30 am at the O2 Academy Edinburgh. See your PSL if interested.

JP Morgan Chase:

Modern Apprenticeships available **for those aged between 16-24** and **starting in September** of this year.

Email kathryn.jenner@edinburghchamber.co.uk or see your PSL

Arnold Clark: Apprenticeships available:

- Ratho Bodyshop – Apprentice Panel Beater
- Seafield Motorstore – Apprentice Mechanic (X2)
- Seafield Peugeot Seat – Apprentice Mechanic (X2)
- Sighthill Car and Van Rental – Apprentice Rental Advisor (customer service based apprenticeship)

Any questions around these vacancies please email cassie.kelly@arnoldclark.com . Candidates can register their interest on the [AC website!](#) 😊

BECTU: The Broadcasting, Entertainment, Communications and Theatre Union

🎬 **BECTU Base** ~ Informal lunch time industry drop-in **Tuesday 21 March // 1300-1400 // Online**

🎬 **BAFTA Guru: Glasgow:**

BAFTA's flagship event for emerging talent in film, games and TV returns to Scotland on **Saturday 18th March**. Programme includes inspiration, craft insights and skills sessions. Meet **Krysty Wilson Cairns** and discuss **Working Differently**, an upcoming documentary resource on neuro-diversity in the film industry from Portal Arts and Blazing Griffin. See full programme and get tickets [HERE](#).

🎬 **Glasgow Film Festival: Behind the Scenes with BFI Onsite in Glasgow**

In-person event at **Glasgow Film Festival**, 15 – 25 year olds, Find out more [here](#)

SATURDAY 4 MARCH

- > [In Discussion with Documentary Directors](#) 10:30-11:30
- > [Behind the Scenes: Costume Coming of Age with Casci Richi](#) 11:50-12:50
- > [Demystifying Film Production with Lauren Lamarr](#) 13:50-14:50
- > [Behind the Scenes: Cinematography Workshop](#) 15:10-16:40

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

- > [Behind the Scenes: Exploring Production Design in Film](#) 10:30-11:30
- > [Behind the Scenes: Breaking Into the Industry with GMAC Film](#) 11:50-12:50
- > [Short Circuit - Make your short film a success](#) 13:50-14:50
- > [Behind the Scenes: Poster Design Workshop](#) 15:10-16:40

🎬 **No Drama, Driver & Store Person needed:**

No Drama, a leading independent rental house for professional motion picture Camera, Grip & VT equipment is looking for a Driver/Storeperson in Glasgow. Superb opportunity to start in the film & television industry working as technical crew on commercials, drama and feature films.

Start Date: **Mid-March**, Find out more [here](#).

🎬 **FormatLab:** Training programme in entertainment development are looking for creative people from all different walks of life who have a love of non-scripted television, bags of enthusiasm and lots of ideas
Deadline: **Friday 17 March**, 17:00. Find out more [here](#).

🎬 **NFTS Scotland, Early Entrants Pathways Costume Course** National Film and Television School short course with NFTS Scotland and ScreenSkills designed for new entrants in the costume department. Learn about the function of the department on a production, the day-to-day running of the department, the

roles and responsibilities of entry level positions.

Course date: **Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March**. Find out more and apply [here](#).

IndieLab Games UK Accelerator

Indielab Games has launched a UK wide accelerator to support the growth of 15 exciting and emerging games studios. The programme will take place in London, Cardiff and Glasgow - delivering high-level briefings from top industry leaders. Deadline: **Wednesday 5 April**. Find out more [here](#).

NFTS, Location Marshall for Film & TV Training

Location Marshall Trainees ensure that production can progress and all scenes can be shot without interference from the public. Inviting those with no experience in the film and television industry.

Course Date: **Monday 24 April - Friday 28 April** - with a mandatory online training day on **Friday 14th April**. Find out more [here](#).

Scottish Space School 2023:

Applications are OPEN to all S5 pupils in Scotland, the non-residential programme will be running back on campus from **12-16 June**. Meet NASA astronauts & engineers and learn more about engineering study bit.ly/strathSSS

Stepping Stones:

Stepping Stones provide swimming lessons locally and offer training opportunities and qualifications for starting a coaching career. Looking for pupils aged 15 – 19 years interested in swimming or general coaching and want to work as a qualified swimming instructor, lifeguard or poolside coordinator. They will facilitate shadowing opportunities with paid qualifications following the successful completion of the volunteer hours leading to a paid role at Stepping Stones. If you are interested, fill in this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQWhf_prJuUpLvO5Q6HqOmnEnxweaF9650jKelj0TOa5S6g/viewform for information, contact Abby at swimming@steppingstonesweb.co.uk

The National School and College Leaver Show:

28, 29th March at the Scottish Event Campus, Glasgow

Vacancies, open days, opportunities, showcased via our designated digital hub.

Face-to-face conversations with employers, Further and Higher Education Establishments

See your PSL if interested in attending.

MacTaggart Scott Apprenticeships: <https://www.mactag.com>

Currently recruiting for our August 2023 intake for the 4 year apprenticeship program. Opportunities exist for Apprentice CNC Operators, Fabricators, Assembly Fitters, Electrical, Painters, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers. Applications open until the end of March. Lois.Thorpe@mactag.com

Burness Paull Commercial Lawyers:

In-person work experience programme for S4-S6 students who are interested in a career within Law or Business Services. **Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th of April**. Application deadline is **Wednesday 15th of March**.

It will take place for 4 days during the Easter Holidays in our Edinburgh office (50 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh EH3 9WJ) Apply here:

Law: [PRIME Work Experience Edinburgh Law | Burness Paull | Apply \(candidates.io\)](#)

Business Services: [Work Experience Edinburgh Business Services | Burness Paull | Apply \(candidates.io\)](#)

For any questions, email: GradRecruitment@burnesspaull.com

Accountability Edinburgh:

Based locally, they are interested in taking on an apprentice for roles in accounts and bookkeeping. See your PSL or email kathrynjenner@edinburghchamber.co.uk before 11th March.

SRUC:

Book via www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays Campus-based open day on **31 May**. Online open days in February. Horticulture Taster Day on **30 March** between 2pm and 4pm.

To register visit our website here: <https://www.sruc.ac.uk/news-events/open-days/oatridge-horticulture-taster-day-march/>

Heriot Watt Graduate Apprenticeship Information. See links below:

<https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/business/graduate-apprenticeships.htm>

<https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/business/graduate-apprenticeships/information-for-applicants.htm>

<https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/business/graduate-apprenticeships/programmes.htm>

Ernst and Young, Chartered Banker Institute:

Paid, 8-day programme for S5's interested in banking, finance or accounting. Four days of employability skills, 3 days of work experience plus 10 months of mentoring.

24 July till 4 August

Limited places, see your PSL for more information. Additional info:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoY0cTtnR78>

RUTS:

Anyone aged 16-24.

- CSCS Card - Construction Skills Certification Scheme)
- Health & Safety in a Construction Environment – Level 5
- National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification training.

For information about CSCS, please contact rojank@ruts.org.uk

RBS/Nat West:

CareerSense Exploration Workshop

1-hour long learning resource focused on employability, S3 upwards.

CareerSense Find Your Potential

13–18-year-olds receiving personalised information on future careers, based on your strengths and interests.

CareerSense Dream Bigger

Introducing entrepreneurship for young people aged 16-18; boost your confidence and broaden your horizons. 1-hour workshop and 3x20-minute 'Plug and Play' sessions which may be used independently. Workshops can be arranged, please see your PSL or contact kathryn.jenner@edinburghchamber.co.uk

CCG Apprenticeships: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/suppliers-contractors>

Four year apprenticeships in joinery, plumbing and bricklaying: Start date **August 2023**, now accepting applications for their 2023 Apprentice Intake. For an application form please email Teresa Curran tcurran@c-c-g.co.uk Closing Date – Friday 24th February 2023

North Edinburgh Childcare: www.northedinburghchildcare.co.uk

16 – 25 yr olds, modern apprenticeship at various nurseries recruiting on an **ongoing basis** throughout the year. No experience necessary but you will need to be friendly, caring and enthusiastic. They offer support with CV's and to help to complete your SVQ Level 3 Social Services Children and Young People at SCQF Level 7. See your PSL for application form or email Rebecca.radin@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk

Chef Modern Apprenticeship: University of Edinburgh:

The University's Accommodation, Catering and Events department is recruiting **now** for a Chef Modern Apprentice. Find more information about the role below:

https://elxw.fa.em3.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1001/job/6260/?utm_medium=jobshare

Entrepreneurship - Business Gateway:

Bryce Freer Bryce.Freer@edinburgh.gov.uk from the Business Gateway is ready and able to provide pupils with advice on their employability or starting a business. Topics include managing finances, getting started & writing business plans.

Low Carbon Learning: Next Gen - Construction Skills

Built Environment – Smart Transformation (BE-ST) are an Innovation Centre, administered by Edinburgh Napier University, focussed on driving the built environment transition to zero carbon and will cover retrofit, Passivhaus and digital construction.

Expression of Interest Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/T1jAqX1Wju>

Webinar: <https://youtu.be/MPxk06V0Y3g>

Transport Scotland: www.bearscot.com

Face to Face visit at South Queensferry: Up until Friday 30 June 2023

On-line visit: Bridges and structures and Engineering Skills

Visits relating to trunk roads, climate change, structures, Net zero challenges and solutions

Please email schoolstem@bearscotland.co.uk to register.

Heehaw:

Work experience, **April 3-6**, pupils aged 16-18yrs, Animation/motion design, production, video editing.

Three chosen students will be given a “client brief” to pour over together. Then, throughout the week, they will work as a team in an intensive process to deliver a finished project by Thursday. Email JD Stewart if interested jd@heehaw.co.uk [Applications close on](#) February 28th, 2023.

SKANZA:

Facilities Management Modern Apprenticeships open for applications. Find out more or apply [here](#).



Kathryn is the DYW school coordinator for Portobello and works alongside Stuart and Kate from SDS in the library. Her role is to introduce pupils to a diverse range of career pathways through inviting employers into the school to speak to a class, attend a careers event or for pupils to visit a workplace. You can contact her on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the school library or by

email at kathryn.jenner@edinburghchamber.co.uk