

Weekly Update 27th October 2023

Staff Update

Next week marks the final working week in Portobello High School for Ms Alison Fotheringham, Depute Head Teacher for Brunstane House, who retires (a little early!) on Friday 3 November after nearly 17 years in her role. Having previously been a Guidance Teacher in the school, Ms Fotheringham is well known to generations of #TeamPorty and we thank her for all she has done for the school over many years of service.

As families are already aware, Mrs McKay is moving on and City of Edinburgh Council are making arrangements for the recruitment of a new Head Teacher. Mrs McKay's last day in Portobello High School will be Friday 22 December.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of two former members of staff recently. Mrs Marion Todd taught Drama in the school before her retirement and was a well-known supply teacher until quite recently. Mrs Anne Mason was a long-serving member of staff in our school office and will be remembered by many. Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

Parent Council

Volunteers needed (contact details below)

The Parent Council are looking for volunteers to help with their tea and coffee stall at the upcoming parents' evenings. If you can offer any help between 4.45pm and 6.15 pm on the following dates that would be appreciated. S1 – Tuesday 7 November, S2 – Tuesday 12 December, S3 – Tuesday 23 January.

Cabaret Evening – Friday 10 November, Christmas concert - Tuesday 19 December. The Parent Council will be running a raffle and refreshments stall at both of these events. Exact times are still to be confirmed, but volunteers are normally needed between 6.30 pm and 9.00pm.

Request for donations

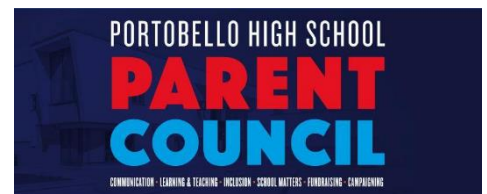
Christmas raffle - if anyone is able to help with the donation of a raffle prize for the school events or the Christmas raffle, that would be very much appreciated. Please drop us a note and we can arrange drop-off or collection.

Date for the diary – next Parent Council / Parent Forum - Tuesday 21 November

The next Parent Council / Parent Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November, 7.00 – 8.30 pm. This will be an online meeting. Papers and a link to the meeting will be issued nearer the date.

Contact us

To contact the Parent Council, please either drop us a note on our Facebook page (Portobello High School – Parent Council and look for the logo above) or via email at portyhighparents@gmail.com.



Parent Evenings

Our consultation on Parent Evenings ahead of the holidays drew a large response with over 600 people getting in touch to express their view. 75% of respondents expressed a preference for in person parent evenings, so this will be the model for remaining parent evenings this session. Many thanks to all those who took part!

Families in S1 have already been advised that we have moved their Parent Evening to Tuesday 7 November due to the industrial action by Unison, which is scheduled for Wednesday 8 November.

Please note that we encourage young people to accompany their parents to these evenings!

1. In general, I would prefer Parent Evenings to be

[More Details](#)

● in person	500
● online	171



3 Peaks Challenge for Mental Health Charity

During the October holidays Finlay Wallace (S6) completed the 3 Peaks Challenge in under 24 hours, which is quite an achievement.

The 3 Peaks Challenge involves climbing the highest mountains in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon).

Finlay took part in the challenge alongside 16 teammates from his part-time job at Beyond Blue, raising money for mental health charity, Mind. So far, they've raised around £16k.

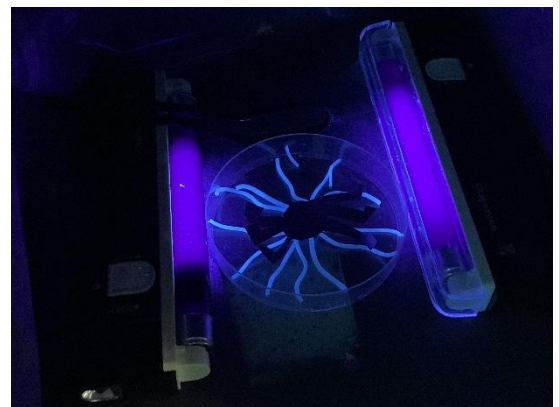
The JustGiving page remains active until 4 November.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/beyond-blue-ltd-1681726675160>



S2 Science

Pupils in S2 Science enjoyed making fluorescent spider webs for Halloween.





PORTOBELLO
HIGH SCHOOL

PHS MUSIC DEPT PRESENTS:

CABARET CONCERT

FEATURING POP, ROCK,
MUSICAL THEATRE & MORE!

7PM
FRIDAY
10 NOVEMBER
2023

TICKETS £6/£3
(AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY)
Refreshments available courtesy of
the Parent Council

Cabaret Concert: 7pm, Friday 10th November

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

The Porty Cabaret Concert, featuring our S4-S6 pupils has moved to an earlier slot in the calendar this year! Solos, duos and bands; rock 'n' roll, pop and musical theatre – there's something for everyone. Tickets available on ParentPay from Monday, 30th October.

FTT



happy halloween
POP UP CLUB

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN CUPCAKE

- POP UP CLASS in FTT

on

- **WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER**
3pm-4.30pm (ish)
All year groups welcome **

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F1 in Schools Competition

Portobello High has a number of teams entering an F1 in Schools competition where teams from across England, Scotland and Wales will showcase their work in designing, manufacturing and branding mini F1 cars as well as racing them. One of our teams are raising funds to cover costs for their project by having a stall at the Previously Worn but not Torn market on Sunday at Portobello Town Hall from 2pm to 4 pm. There will be lots of stalls so support them if you can and bag yourself a bargain! S5 team working on Sunday will be Erin Edwards, Joe Mooney, Anna Richards, Molly Roberts and Max Ogg.



Historic Environmental Scotland Outline Strategic Plan for Holyrood Park

A consultation is currently running on the future use and development of Holyrood Park and closes on the 19th December. The Community Council encourages all residents to read the plan and respond to the consultation which can be found at:

<http://www.historicenvironment.scot/about-us/what-we-do/managing-the-estate/strategic-plan-for-holyrood-park/>

DYW Update

Find the latest opportunities here!

<https://sway.office.com/b20R6li87Uyx3bqg?ref=Link>



DYW Weekly Opportunities and Update 25/10/2023

DYW Weekly Opportunities Listing

[Go to this
Sway](#)

I work part time: Mon – 8.30am to 4pm, Tues - 8.30am to 3.45pm, Wed - 9am to 1.45pm.

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