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Portobello High School

Snippets



PHS Christmas Appeal 2024

Portobello HS will be participating in foodbank collections for the Trussell Trust this Christmas. Each of our Key Adult classes have been issued with information on how they can get involved and help to contribute to this very worthwhile cause, which has been coordinated by Miss Scott, Miss Richards and our pupil leadership team members: Jasmin and Bailey. Dry and tinned food, pastas, rice, cereals and hygiene products are among the items that are all very welcome. Or a small donation can also be made via parent pay if this is easier. These will be collected starting from Monday the 2nd of December. Please support us if you can. Use the QR code to donate money. Thank you



Dates for the diary

December

3rd - Study Late session
4th - BGE S1-3 reports issued
5th - S5/6 parents' evening
6th - S1 Fun day - half year group
6th - S4 prelims begin
13th - S1 Fun day - half year group
17th - Christmas concert
18th - S6 Winter Ball
19th - S4 Winter Ball
20th - All finish (dress down day)

January

7th - Pupils return
23rd - S5 Winter Ball

THE WEEK

- 1 School uniform is available to purchase online or via the school office. Embroidered school badges now available. <https://portobellohighschool.imagescotland.com/>
- 2 The S1-3 reports were released to parents/carers on the 4th December. If you have not received your child's report then please contact the school office
- 3 Christmas dinner is available in the canteen this week.
- 4 Our Christmas Appeal has now launched. If you would like to donate any items for the foodbank then please bring them along and drop them in the in the large Christmas boxes in the foyer. All donations welcome and you can drop them off anytime during the school day. If you're coming along to the Christmas concert then feel free to bring along any donations.

Developing the Young Workforce latest news

Latest DYW information available here <https://bit.ly/3VT66VV>

Parent Council Raffle

Thanks to Howies, RAWA coffee, Lovella Beauty and Tropic Skincare, we now have 32 prizes up for grabs worth over £1300 in total. If you want to get your hands on a meal for two, a relaxing facial, a delicious selection of freshly roasted coffee beans, Skincare set, then all you have to do is click the link below and decide how many tickets you want to buy.

Other prizes include 4 return rail tickets to anywhere in Scotland, a 60 minute sports massage, haircuts, and vouchers from many of the businesses on Portobello High Street.

Entering is easy and only £1 per ticket. Just go to

<https://bit.ly/3ZowCYa>

You can use your existing account if you entered last year. Watch out for early bird incentives of free tickets when you buy a bundle.

Raffle closes at 3pm on Friday 20th December. Results will be published here.

And remember, you have to be in it to win it!!

PHS Christmas Tree

Thanks to Leadburn Community Woodland for supplying our Christmas Trees this year.



Geography update

National 5 geography were doing some epic revision this week at our pre-assessment afternoon tea! Each of our six stations had retrieval activities and an accompanying snack including a Biscoff and choc chip Christmas tree! 🎄 there were excellent efforts from everyone to cover every topic in the course so far fuelled by festive treats and tunes!



Rugby update

On Sunday, 15th December 2024 the Boroughmuir RF. Under 16 Boys Rugby Team is playing in the National Youth Cup Final at the Hive Stadium against Currie Chieftans. The U16 team features 3 Portobello High School S4 students. Come support the team! Tickets are FREE and Kick Off is at 1pm. It is just a matter of showing up. Should be a great match!

Construction programme - Wood stores

Our young people have been designing and building wood stores as part of our new construction programme. Units are 600mm deep, 1400mm tall and 1420mm wide. Cost £150 and we have 3 available. Buyer would need to arrange collection.

If you are interested in purchasing one of the wood stores then please contact the school office. All money will go back into funding the construction programme.



S5/6 Prelim timetable

Please find below the timetable for s5/6 prelims

- Young people should attend school throughout the prelim diet but don't need to attend in the morning if their prelim is in the afternoon.
- S5/6 pupils who are due to receive additional assessment arrangements have been interviewed by Mrs Jeans and parents/carers will receive an email confirming the arrangements.
- Individual prelim timetables for all young people will be issued next week with exact prelim times and further info.

Date	Time	SQA Exam
08/01/2025	AM & PM	PE Practical Assessments
09/01/2025	AM	Higher English Advanced Higher English Advanced Higher Health & Food Technology Advanced Higher Mechanics
09/01/2025	PM	Higher Photography Advanced Higher Music
10/01/2025	AM	Higher Applications of Mathematics National 5 Applications of Mathematics Higher Media Advanced Higher Chemistry Higher Chemistry
13/01/2025	AM	Advanced Higher Mathematics Higher Mathematics National 5 Mathematics Higher Philosophy Higher Politics
13/01/2025	PM	Cake Craft
14/01/2025	AM	Higher Drama Advanced Higher Computing Higher Computing Higher Business Management Advanced Higher Engineering Science Higher Engineering Science
14/01/2025	PM	Higher Music N5 Hospitality
15/01/2025	AM	Higher Psychology Advanced Higher Physics Higher Physics N5 Practical Woodwork
15/01/2025	PM	Higher Fashion and Textile Technology
16/01/2025	AM	Higher Administration Advanced Higher Graphic Communication Higher Graphic Communication Advanced Higher French Reading Higher French Reading
16/01/2025	PM	Advanced Higher French Listening Higher French Listening Higher Art & Design

S5/6 Prelim timetable (cont)

17/01/2025	AM	Advanced Higher Geography Higher Geography Advanced Higher Modern Studies Higher Modern Studies Higher PE
20/01/2025	AM	Advanced Higher Biology Higher Biology National 5 Biology Higher Health & Food Technology Higher Design & Manufacture
21/01/2025	AM	Advanced Higher History Higher History Advanced Higher Spanish Reading Higher Spanish Reading
21/01/2025	PM	Advanced Higher Spanish Listening Higher Spanish Listening
22/01/2025	AM	Advanced Higher RMPS Higher RMPS Advanced Higher German Reading Higher German Reading Higher Italian Reading
22/01/2025	PM	Advanced Higher German Listening Higher German Listening Higher Italian Listening

Key dates 2024/25

Event	Day/Date
Maths Week Scotland	Mon 23rd Sep
S1 Parent/Carer evening	Tue 24th Sep
DYW Roadshow for S4-6 - Apprenticeships, Employers etc...	Wed 2nd Oct
S2 Sustainability Event	Mon 7th Oct
All Finish	Fri 11th Oct
Pupils Resume	Tue 22nd Oct
Senior Phase Report 1	Wed 30th Oct
S4 Parent/Carer evening	Wed 6th Nov
Cabaret Concert 7pm	Fri 8th Nov
S4-6 Prelim Navigator programme launch	Mon 18th Nov
S4-6 Music Practical Prelims	w/b 25th Nov
S1-3 Report 1	Wed 4th Dec
S5/6 Parent/Carer evening	Thu 5th Dec
S4 Prelims	6-18th Dec
All Finish	Friday 20th Dec
Pupils resume	Tue 7th Jan
S5/6 Prelims	7th-21st Jan
Senior Phase Report 2(S4)	Fri 10th Jan

Event	Day/Date
Senior Phase Report 2(S5/6) Parent Council Forum	Wed 29th Jan
All Finish	Fri 7th Feb
All Resume	Mon 17th Feb
S4-6 Exam Navigator programme launch	Mon 17th Feb
S3 Parent/Carer evening	Wed 26th Feb
S2 Parent/Carer evening	Thu 6th March
Senior Phase Report 3	Wed 26th March
Parent Council Forum	Thu 27th March
All Finish	Fri 4th April
All Resume	Tue 22nd April
Holiday	Mon 5th May
Pupils resume	Tue 7th May
S1-3 Report 2	Fri 9th May
New Timetable (S1-3)	Mon 26th May
Parent Council Forum (AGM)	Tue 27th May
New Timetable (S4-6)	Mon 2nd June
P7 Transition	17-19th June
Activities Week	23-26th June
All Finish	26th June