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**PORT GLASGOW
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Dear Parent

Senior School Inductions 2022

Each year we look forward to welcoming our pupils into their new year groups when the school timetable changes in June and this year, we have a programme of activities for all new S4,5 & 6 pupils which marks the occasion of them progressing into and through Senior School. A summary of activities is enclosed with this letter, and I would ask you to read through carefully with your young person to ensure they are aware of the events they are involved in. In summary:

Monday 6th June – New S4 pupils. Pupils must attend school in full uniform, including school blazer if they have one. Pupils will have a 2 period Assembly on Monday with a pupil voice activity.

Tuesday 7th June New S4 Pupils will then have an afternoon with Live-n-Learn tutors who will take them through a range of information and techniques linked to study and success in their subjects in the year ahead.

Tuesday 7th June – New S5 Pupils. Pupils must attend in full school uniform including blazer if they have one. Pupils require to bring a change of clothing with them and to bring outdoor/leisure clothing and a waterproof jacket. They will have an Assembly P1&2 and a session with Live-n-Learn Periods 3 & 4. Pupils will then change clothing and head for Finlaystone Estate for the afternoon to take part in team building and outdoor activities.

Wednesday 8th June – New S6 Pupils. Pupils should attend in uniform including school blazer but should bring a PE kit with them. P1-4 pupils will engage in a session with Live-n-Learn and a session in PE on team building and leadership which is activity based. Following lunch, pupils will enjoy an Assembly activity focusing on S6 specific events and issues such as Prefect and Head Pupil elections.

Following a disrupted period in schools, we are keen to support a return to our ambitious standards at Port Glasgow High School and so are reminding pupils of our expectations in terms of uniform, conduct, attendance, timekeeping, and motivation during our Assembly events.

Uniform plays a significant role in the ethos of every school and having updated our uniform policy pre-Covid based on the opinions of our pupils, we are committed to ensuring that all of our young people represent themselves, and our school, positively through their adherence to school uniform requirements. We know that parents will be investing in their child's uniform through the summer holiday months and so have provided a reminder of our uniform code with this letter. We would ask that you purchase appropriate uniform items – including footwear – as shown here to ensure that your child's new uniform is in keeping with the school policy. Please also see the school website for full uniform details: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/portglasgowhs/school-uniform/>

Uniform is monitored daily in school and pupils will be asked to see their Year Head to collect a red slip if they are not suitably dressed. After 2 instances, contact home will be made to offer support with school uniform. We are keen that young people are focused on their learning in school instead of any queries regarding uniform so we would ask that parents ensure the correct uniform is available and worn each day.

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Attendance and timekeeping are both important aspects of school life and can have an impact on our young people's progress in school – positively or negatively. We will be reinforcing the importance of good attendance and timekeeping throughout our Induction events and reminding pupils that these areas of their school performance will be supportively monitored. The Local Authority expectation for school attendance is 95% and above and at Port High, we expect each pupil to actively aim for this level of attendance in the year ahead. Please support your young person to maintain good attendance and ensure they arrive at school on time each day (850am).

Conduct. We expect the absolute best of all of our pupils at Port Glasgow High School and so will be providing a reminder during Induction of the expectations placed upon them as Senior pupils. We are also always keen to gather the views of our pupils and so all Senior pupils will take part in Pupil Voice activities during their Induction giving them the opportunity to feedback to us on how they see our school developing, improving, and growing in the months ahead.

Motivation. As Senior School pupils, our young people will be actively engaged in working towards their future pathways continuing the journey begun in S1 – 3. Our partners, Live-n-Learn will be providing inputs throughout our 3 Induction days to all new Senior year groups on Study techniques, growth mind set approaches and how they can work to maximise their success in the months ahead.

More information on Live-n-Learn can be found at <https://live-n-learn.co.uk/>



And finally...

ALL pupils will have an extended Registration time on Monday 6th June to receive their new timetables. Please ensure your child attends on time to Registration to avoid missing this important activity.

S5/6 Option queries can be raised with me directly by pupils on Thursday 9 June from registration time to Period 2 end. Pupils must register with their class teacher before proceeding to the Social Area if they wish to query or adjust subject Option choices. Review of Option choices will also take place following SQA Results Day on Tuesday 9 August 2022 where pupils will be advised of time in school before the start of the new academic year to visit and re-negotiate subject choices based on their examination results.

Smiths of Greenock will be provided with our new Blazer order before the end of the June term and following all our pupils being fitted for and ordering their school blazer. New blazers will be available for collection in school before the start of the new academic year in August and pupils should collect these to ensure they are in full Senior School uniform at the start of the year.

I hope you find the enclosed information useful and of interest. Please do not hesitate to contact school with any enquiries regarding the above or any aspect of your young person's education at Port Glasgow High School.

Yours faithfully

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