



PORT GLASGOW  
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# PGHS Weekly News

Friday 30 August 2024



## This week at Port Glasgow High School



### Welcome Evening

We would like to invite the parents of our new S1 pupils to an Information session on Thursday 5th September 2024(7-8pm).

During this evening we will deliver a carousel of workshops highlighting PGHS practices in:

- Attendance & Support
- Learning in PGHS
- Tracking & Reporting

A text will be sent shortly inviting you. Please reply to this indicating if you are able/intending to attend this information session.

### Learner Post Results Support

Please encourage your young person to seek support in school should they need it and create a positive start to the new school year in 2024-2025.

**Guidance teachers** can talk through results with pupils and provide support and reassurance.

**Subject teachers** are able to provide advice for next steps in their subject and feedback on study techniques and subject performance.

**Year Heads** can support pupils in working out their subject choices and ensuring that each pupil is aiming to fulfil their potential in school and maximise the qualifications they achieve before leaving us.

**Mr Rhodes** - our Careers Officer - can provide up to date advice and guidance on college courses, University entry, and a wide range of other career options.

Further information on Learner Support can also be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/84153.html](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/84153.html) where a wide range of information is available:

- Certificate Information
- Wellbeing Support
- Past Exam papers for study purposes
- Information on courses
- Parent Information blog including resources to help your child be successful



## Subject Departments Updates this week

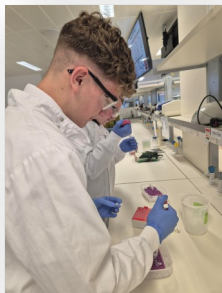
### Modern Languages

Learning languages through games is an excellent way to remember vocabulary. We have been using Linguascope, playing Bingo, "Push Yer Pal" and "Last Man Standing". Pupils have really enjoyed the competition!



### Science

The Higher Human Biology class recently visited Strathclyde University to take part in a PCR workshop. The PCR process amplifies DNA samples then electrophoresis is used to compare the results. Pupils analysed the samples of DNA to identify the presence of rhesus antibodies.



S2 science pupils are learning about static electricity. Pupils have had fun with charging objects and seeing that we can use electrostatics to make objects move. Pupils had a race in class to see who could get their empty can to roll across the classroom using a charged rod to attract the can.



### Maths



23 September - 29 September 2024

At the end of September, we see the return of Maths Week Scotland. Watch out for lots of fun activities happening within PGHS and the Maths department. You have the opportunity to get involved at home, please use the link below to access activities with your child such as Maths related arts and crafts, puzzles, games, baking and more:



<https://shorturl.at/EYpOm>



## Subject Departments Updates this week

### Music

Four of our singing pupils were presented with their Music Leaders Awards at the RCS on Friday 30th. August.

Caden A was invited to sing and passed the Gold Award worth 30 Credits at SCQF Level 7, Lana H and Logan V were awarded the Silver Award worth 24 Credits at SCQF Level 6 and Emily R the Bronze Award SQA 24 Credits, SCQF Level 5. The pupils worked very hard to achieve their awards and we are exceptionally proud of them all.

Two of our ex-pupils have finished a very successful run at the Edinburgh Festival playing in the show "Outwith Words" with the Tinderbox Orchestra and Loud Poets at the Central Library which was rated 4 stars by The Scotsman and described as "Thrilling". Connor has recently graduated from the RCS with a B.Mus.Honours in Composition and is frequently seen playing in our shows on a variety of instruments. Rosie is entering her 4th. Year studying music at Edinburgh Napier University. Well done to both and what an amazing achievement.



### Duke of Edinburgh(S4-S6)

Lunchtime drop-in is moving to a Thursday in the library (starting 29/8).

This applies to any pupils who:

- Completed expeditions and need to finish their Award
- Wish to move up from Bronze to Silver, or Silver to Gold
- Will be taking part in expeditions September/October
- Wish to go straight into Silver or Gold Awards (without having done Bronze)

If you have any questions, speak to Mr Cultrera for further details.







# Senior Pupil Leadership Team

## 2024-2025

### School Captains



Anna D



Aimee H



Stacy R



Jack K

### House Captains

#### KINGSTON

Emma B & Lana H

#### LITHGOW

Emily H & Emma W

#### GLEN

Emma McL & Connie M

#### FERGUSON

Ava O & James K



### S6 Ambassadors

#### Mental Health

Devon W

#### Health & Wellbeing

Cara McM



### S6 Lead Prefects

Sam McG

Logan V



# 2024-2025 School Calendar

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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
- School Open



## Contact Details

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