



PORT GLASGOW
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PGHS Weekly News

Thursday 26 September 2024



This week at Port Glasgow High School



S3 Paris Trip

On 16th September 40 S3 pupils and 5 teachers embarked on a fantastic 4 day trip to sunny Paris. On arrival we went 210 metres up to the top of La Tour Montparnasse where we saw the breathtaking panoramic night view of the beautiful capital.

We felt very lucky to see La Tour Eiffel sparkle at 10pm! We spent our first full day at Disneyland where we went on numerous entertaining rides such as Hyperspace Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain, Crush's Coaster and Tower of Terror. The following day we navigated through the city by Métro catching the sights of Place de la Bastille, l'Arc de Triomphe, le Sacré-Coeur, Montmartre and le Quartier Latin to name a few.

We even got to see the famous Mona Lisa in le Musée du Louvre! Our final day was spent on the River Seine where we travelled by boat passing La Tour Eiffel and la Cathédrale Notre-Dame. It was so special to still see the Olympic Rings on La Tour Eiffel! This was a trip to remember!

It was an absolute privilege taking such a great group of pupils abroad to experience the French culture and language. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Super! Bravo! Fantastique! Barcelona 2025, here we come!

More pictures can be seen on X @PortGlasgowHS or @portmodlangs



SQA

SQA have published the Exam Timetable for 2025. In order to allow young people and parents to better understand how the exam timetable is created, SQA have produced a short video which you can find at the link <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/1439.html>. Exam timetables will be available for pupils S4-6 in school after the October break.

SQA also offer useful apps for young people to help them organise their study time in preparation for prelims and exams. These apps are free and can be downloaded from Google Play or The App Store for Apple:



MyExams app

Create a personal timetable, view your exam schedule, add notes, and add to other calendars.

MyStudyPlan app

Organise your revision by creating your own study plan.

MySQA

The MySQA App is also available - this will allow exam candidates to have their own exam timetable in their device and also to receive their exam results electronically on Results Day.



To sign up to MySQA - please visit the following site https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my_homepage.jsp

You will need your email address and Scottish Candidate Number to sign up.

SQA main site also offers a huge range of support for learners undertaking study towards exams this year.

Past exam papers and marking instructions for every subject at every level can be found by searching subjects at the link below:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>

The link below will also provide access to SQA's Parent blog where you can find lots of information and support for parents of young people studying for national qualifications.

<https://blogs.sqa.org.uk/nationalqualifications/>



Subject Departments Updates this week

Music

On Friday seven of our pupils took part in the Christopher Bell workshop at Port Glasgow Town Hall. Christopher Bell is the Artistic Director of NYCOS and Chorus Director of the Grant Park Music Festival, Chicago and this was a fantastic opportunity for our singing pupils to work with such an experienced musician.

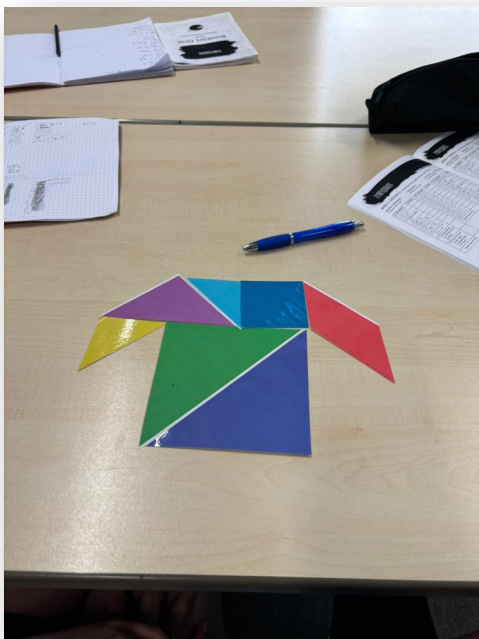
On Thursday lunchtime we are running a competition for our grade 7/8 instrumental pupils. The winner will get the chance to compete in the Rotary Young Musician of the Year in November.

The PGHS Junior Orchestra will start this Thursday from 3.15-4.15p.m. in Miss Ballantyne's room. The orchestra involves pupils from our S1-3 and also from Kilmacolm and Newark primary and Craigmarloch schools. All pupils are welcome.



Maths

This week we had lots of exciting activities happening within the Maths department and in the Daily notices for Maths week. Pictured below are some of the puzzles completed by S1 in their escape room challenge.



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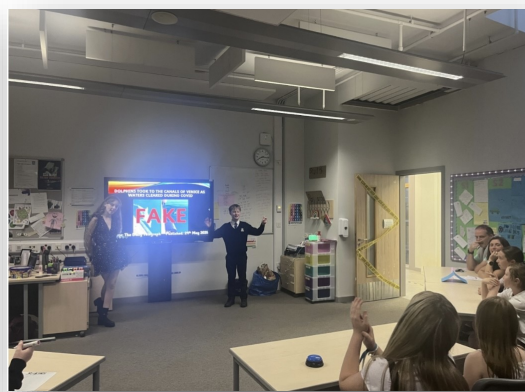
Science

Miss Robinson's S4 physics class successfully planned and carried out an experiment to measure Newtons' second Law of motion.



Humanities

Mr Kretowicz and Miss Sanderson (with the help of S2 pupils) hosted a successful showcase for the Humanities subjects. This included historical reenactments and quizzes.



Mr Cultrera supported S3 pupils on their trip to Paris with the Modern Languages Department. He had a great time using map skills to navigate the metro and explore the city/disneyland!



Lunchtime and After School Clubs**M**

After school - Dance, Futsal club, basketball

TU

Lunchtime - S1 Coding Club with Dr Chen F086

After school - Fitness, Girls football

W

Lunchtime - Craft club with Mrs Barclay S039

After school- Football, Badminton

TH

Lunchtime - S2 Coding Club with Dr Chen F086

After school - Netball

The PGHS Junior Orchestra with Miss Ballantyne





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



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