



PORT GLASGOW  
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# PGHS Weekly News

Friday 04 October 2024



## This week at Port Glasgow High School



### Rights Respecting Schools

Having successfully achieved our Bronze Award in the academic year 2023/2024, Port Glasgow High School is now on their Silver accreditation journey.

Last weeks sponsored walk was a great way for us to take a moment and remind ourselves of Article 24 which states ' that healthcare for children and young people should be as good as possible, and also goes further than this by saying children and young people have the right to be both physically and mentally fulfilled.' Having the opportunity to take time and focus on our physical health promotes positive health and wellbeing for our young people.



October is Black History Month and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Why do you think celebrating Black History Month is important?

Have a think and keep an eye on the newsletter next week to find out more!




## Supported Study


Following the October break, S4-6 pupils will have the opportunity to access additional Study across many of their subjects. This will help to:

- ◇ Reinforce their learning to date
- ◇ Prepare for class assessments
- ◇ Prepare for prelim examinations
- ◇ Develop good study habits to continue throughout this academic year

We encourage all of our pupils to attend Supported Study. Please help us to do this by supporting your child's attendance. We are confident that attendance at Supported Study can significantly improve overall performance and success in subjects studied. Some curricular subjects offer lunchtime study sessions and these are also a key factor in improving progress and performance. A Supported Study timetable will be provided to all S4-6 pupils and to parents following the break. After school sessions run for an hour on all school days excluding Tuesdays.

## Help Your Child to Pass Event

 Thursday, 10 October

 6:00 PM

Our annual Help Your Child to Pass Event takes place next Thursday in the school social area from 6pm. All parents should have received the letter given to pupils and giving information on this event. Please return your slip to let us know that you are attending. At HYCTP, all subjects will be represented and will be providing excellent hints and tips on how to get the most out of study and revision and where to focus efforts to best prepare for the challenges and examinations ahead.

In addition, Ms Welsh will be providing a 15-minute workshop at 645pm and 7pm on How to Study; Digital Revision Resources; and Study Planning.

Mr Rhodes - our Careers Advisor - will also offer workshops at 645pm and 7pm on Career Management; career planning related to attainment, and be on hand to answer any questions from parents relating to post-school careers/further and higher education.

Please join us from 6pm on Thursday 10th October.



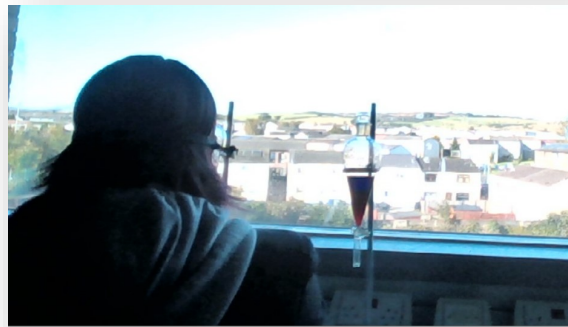
## Subject Departments Updates this week

### Science

Nat 5 Chemists this week were busy making copper sulfate crystals via neutralisation reactions.



Advanced Higher Chemists were calculating the partition coefficient of iodine between water and cyclohexane.



### Music

Emre G has been accepted into the jazz course at the RCS Junior Department. Well done Emre! Emily H won the competition to represent the school at the forthcoming Gourock Rotary Young Musician of the Year in November along with Lana H. Good luck to both of them.



Cameron S took part in a "Shrek" workshop at the RCS with musical theatre star Christina Modestou who is famous for playing "Anne Boleyn" in the concept album for the musical "Six" and also for playing the dragon on the UK tour of "Shrek the Musical". This was a fantastic opportunity to work with a west end musical theatre star.



### PE

The PE department is hosting Active Girls day next Thursday the 10th of October. All girls within S1 and S2 should come down to the PE department in their PE kit and bring water for a fun and exciting day of sport celebrating women and girls in sport.



We also have our S1/2 and S3/4 Girl's football teams taking part in the annual Inverclyde Girls school 7-aside football tournament. This will be after school and anyone who wants to take part should come see Miss Bissett.



## 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





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# 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

| August 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su          | M  | Tu | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 11          | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18          | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25          | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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| September 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| October 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| November 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| February 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| June 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| July 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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-  School Closed/ Holidays
-  Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
-  School Open



## Contact Details

| Name | Details | E-mail |
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### Senior Leadership Team

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### Pastoral Team

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### Careers Team

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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