



**PORT GLASGOW
HIGH SCHOOL**
SUCCESS FOR ALL

PGHS Weekly News

Friday 11 October 2024



This week at Port Glasgow High School



Prizegiving Ceremony

Last Thursday, Port Glasgow High School held its annual prizegiving ceremony, bringing together families and friends to honour the remarkable achievements of its pupils. The evening was filled with pride and celebration as students were recognized for their hard work and dedication across various fields. Congratulations to all award winners!

Former PGHS Head girl, Claire Steele (centre) was our guest speaker for the evening. Claire passed on words of wisdom based on her experience from PGHS and her pathway to becoming a trainee solicitor. Motivating us all to have a go at everything, take up every opportunity & give it your best! Also in the photo are Cllr McCabe, Ruth Binks, our HT, and the senior pupil hosts.



Senior pupil hosts for the evening
(Stacy, Aimee, Anna & Jack)



Mrs Carroll with our Dux, Molly & her proud parents



Rights Respecting Schools

October is Black History month and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.



Last week we asked 'Why do you think celebrating Black History Month is important?'

Did you think of these:

- ◆ To recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history.
- ◆ To ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past.
- ◆ To celebrate people's heritage and cultures.
- ◆ Because all communities, including schools, should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- ◆ To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.
- ◆ To learn how to challenge negative stereotypes.
- ◆ To ensure that there is time and space for people to discuss more recent events and issues such as Black Lives Matter, the treatment of the Windrush generation and the death of George Floyd.
- ◆ Because no one should be treated differently because of who they are.
- ◆ To learn about racism and its effects.
- ◆ To support people to recognise and challenge discrimination.

Reflection:

Think about what you could do if you ever hear or see racism at school or in your community. How can you challenge this and be an ally to others?



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/>

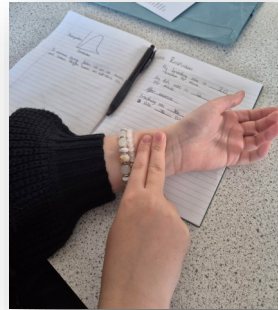


Subject Departments Updates this week

Science

S4 biology pupils have been investigating the effect of exercise on their pulse rate and breathing rate. Pupils took measurements before and after taking part in some just dance videos.

Pupils have also been revising key concepts and showing their competitive spirit through some booklet quizzes.

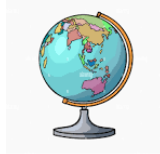


Maths



On Thursday 10th of October, four of our pupils took part in the Inverclyde Enterprising Maths competition held at Inverclyde Academy. Well done to Sophie McC(S3), Lyra M(S3), Millie McL(S4) and Rob McN(S4). The competition involved a number of problem-solving challenges. We were up against other Secondary schools in the Authority and placed second overall. A fantastic achievement. We will now

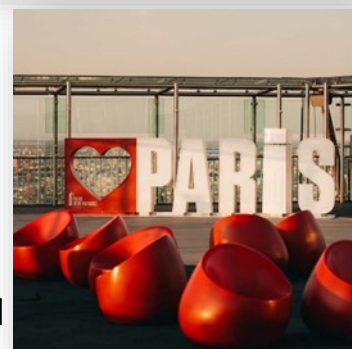
attend the National Enterprising Maths competition held in November.



Modern Language


During term one our young people have been engaged in many activities to improve their reading, listening, talking and writing skills in French and Spanish. Pupils have enjoyed vocabulary games to consolidate their learning, with the "Memory Game" on Linguascope and Blookets being the biggest hits. The main highlight of the first term for Modern Languages was the massive success of the S3 trip to Paris. We are all still talking and reminiscing about our time there.

The following pupils have been voted Linguist of the month with a particular focus on "Communication" - N.McLaughlin (S1), R.Gillan (S2), L.MacKean (S3) and B.Barron (S4).



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Music



Port Glasgow High School
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

EXTRA CURRICULAR

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Advanced Higher Supported Study Music Theory	Wind Band
TUESDAY	BGE & SQA Performing Support	Inverclyde Strings Inverclyde Wind Orchestra
WEDNESDAY	VOISS Strings Group	School Show Jazz Band
THURSDAY	Folk Band Percussion Ensemble BGE & SQA Performing Support	Junior Orchestra Percussion Ensemble
FRIDAY	Soul Band SQA Composition Support	



Lunchtime and After School Clubs

M

Lunchtime - Games Club with Mr O'Donnell S040
 After school - Dance, Futsal club, basketball

TU

Lunchtime - SI Coding Club with Dr Chen F086
 Lunchtime - Games Club with Mr O'Donnell S040
 After school - Fitness, Girls football

W

Lunchtime - Craft club with Mrs Barclay S039
 Lunchtime - Games Club with Mr O'Donnell S040
 After school- Football, Badminton

TH

Lunchtime - S2 Coding Club with Dr Chen F086
 Lunchtime - Games Club with Mr O'Donnell S040
 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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July 2025						
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-  School Closed/ Holidays
-  Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
-  School Open



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