



**PORT GLASGOW  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SUCCESS FOR ALL

# PGHS Weekly News

Friday 01 November 2024



## This week at Port Glasgow High School



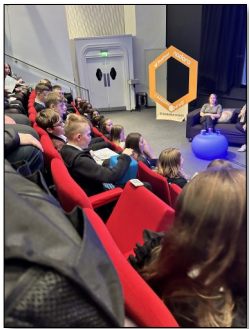
### Heard in the Library

Our PGHS pupils were involved in the launch of the graphic novel *Voices of Change*, which they had a hand in creating through collaboration with Magic Torch Comix and the Afrowegian. The project looked at Inverclyde's historic links to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and at how today's young people can be allies, standing against racism.



### STEM Careers Hive Event

S2 pupils embraced the opportunity to attend the STEM Careers Hive event at the National Museum in Edinburgh on Tuesday. Keen to show what it means to be a proud member of the Port Glasgow High School community, everyone got stuck in and enjoyed meeting industry professionals and scientists from many fields! Here are just a few pictures of their brilliant experiences from the event - well done S2, you made us all so proud!



## Parent Council Update

The Parent Council has had a great start to the year with a healthy committee, although there is always room for more! We have contributed to the School Values refresh and also been involved in giving feedback on the Pupil School Improvement Plan. This version of the Improvement Plan was presented to us at the last meeting by the Pupil School Improvement Group themselves and is designed to get rid of all the jargon that runs through the School Improvement Plan so that everyone understands the aims of the school without having to check Google every two minutes to find out what SIP and SPLT mean! Look out for the new version coming your way, your Young People have worked hard on this.

As well as having our voice heard the Parent Council have also supported the school with a Departmental Bid system. Departments can bid for up to £400 to support a project that they think will benefit our young people. So far this year we have approved the following:

£300 for an After School Cookery Club

£100 for a Craft Club

£384.45 for Spanish Dictionaries

£363.32 for Key Boards

As you can see the bids are varied and your young person may well benefit from more than one of these. We can only do this with your help and with this in mind I would like to invite you to support us in any way you can at our next fund-raising event, The Port Glasgow High School Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 26th November at 7pm-9pm.

How can you support?

Donate to the adult & kids tombola - bottles, non-alcoholic gifts and toys are all welcome. Please donate by 25th November.

Come along, even to buy a cup of tea and have a chat at our cafe area.

Book a stall . Price £10 plus an item for the tombola.

Email - [pghsparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:pghsparentcouncil@outlook.com)

Keep an eye out for our flier with details of the type of stalls to expect, there will be lots of great gift ideas.

Follow us on face book @PGHS Parent Council

The Christmas Fayre is about raising money to support our Young People but also about building community so please pop in and say hello, entry is free.

Thank you for your support,

The Port High School Parent Council

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**Sports Council**

Introducing our Sports Council! This group will work together throughout the year to bring about a change in PE. They will attend meetings to share pupil voice from their year group, any suggestions or opinions and to organise and arrange events throughout the year. Pupils should speak to a member of the team if they have anything they would like discussed at meetings and then any solutions will be shared. This group will work closely with the whole school pupil council to improve learning experiences for the wider school community.

The team for year 24/25 is:

Aidan G - S6	Aimee H - S6	Aimee Louise M - S6	Stacy R - S6	Ben H - S5
Holly T - S5	Anna M - S4	Millie M - S4	Jake R - S4	Ben R - S4
Eve S - S3	Karsyn D - S3	Hamish WF - S3		

**Christmas Craft Club**

Craft club continues on Wednesday lunchtime in S039, Mrs Barclay's room.

From Wednesday 6th of November we will be focusing on a Winter/Christmas embroidery where you will receive your own kit to work on. This will make a perfect festive gift for a loved one!

**DYW**

Parent Information session with Skills Development Scotland, Tuesday 12 November and it is open to all parents!

This session will cover opportunities, careers and future steps - a valuable event for all parents/carers of children in all year groups!

Booking is essential but really simple to do, just follow the link below - please note the start time of 7pm.

Open to all, partner session

Connect partner session with Skills Development Scotland: Helping Young People with Career Decisions and Next Steps

12 November 2024, 7-8pm  
(PLEASE note amended time)

Places are free, booking is essential.

<https://bit.ly/3ZBYKIONov24>

Join this live online Information Session with Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to find out more about the different opportunities for young people as they make option choices in school, think about their careers and plan their next steps. Find out about SDS careers services support, including the My World of Work website and its resources for young people and parents. Get information about apprenticeships and more.



**DYW****LEAVING SCHOOL?****WANT TO WORK FOR INVERCLYDE COUNCIL?  
GREAT OPPORTUNITIES BELOW**

Please see below information regarding Inverclyde Council's Modern Apprenticeship Programme job adverts which are now on:

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/inverclyde-council/jobs>

and

[Apprenticeships | Apprenticeships.scot: Work, Learn & Earn](#)

As part of Inverclyde Council's 'Inverclyde Works' recruitment and training drive, we are now inviting applications for our Modern Apprentice Programme for the following areas:

- Business & Admin x 4 posts
- Life Science x 1 post
- Horticulture x 4 posts
- Roadworker x 2 posts
- Warehouse/Stores x 1 post

**Minimum entry qualifications for each post are detailed in the relevant job advert.**

To be eligible to apply, applicants **must** live in Inverclyde, be aged between 16 – 24 years (or up to 29 years for those with a disability or are care experienced).

Application forms are available on the myjobscotland website and you can find details on how to request a word version of the application form on the Employability & Skills page of the Council's website:

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/business-and-trade/employability-skills/modern-apprenticeships> .

The closing date for these posts is **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**.

**Please see Mr Rhodes, Mr Hart or Ms Welsh to apply for any of these Apprenticeship jobs.**



**Subject Departments Updates this week**

**PE**

Some pupils will be going out to represent Port Glasgow High School in the Cross-Country Event being held at Parklea next Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. Numerous S1/S2 pupils are attending and will be representing the school.



**Music**

Cameron S performed a selection of songs at Greenock Town Hall on Saturday for the Greenock Burns Club coffee morning.



Port Glasgow High School			
MUSIC DEPARTMENT			
	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL	
EXTRA CURRICULAR	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	

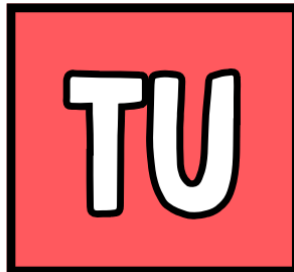


**Supported study - Week 2: 4 November - 8 November 2024**

Day	STUDY WEEK 2- Please note days allocated to specific year groups in each subject		
Monday	<b>S5/6</b> ENGLISH	<b>S4</b> HUMANITIES	
Tuesday			
Wednesday	<b>S4</b> TECHNOLOGIES	<b>S5/6</b> PE	<b>S4</b> BUSINESS ED & COMPUTING
Thursday	<b>S5/6</b> MATHS	<b>S4</b> SCIENCES	<b>S5/6</b> MUSIC
Friday	ART <b>All levels</b>	<b>S4</b> DRAMA	

**Lunchtime and After School Clubs**

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



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



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



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

August 2024						
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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

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### Senior Leadership Team

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