



Friday 17 January 2025



## This week at Port Glasgow High School



### University Applicants

There will be a live funding talk on Tuesday, 11th February at 6pm, from SAAS for pupils who are applying to University. This is a very useful source of information to help with application for University fees and funding. An email with the link will be sent to parents of pupils who are applying to University. If you need to update your email address, please contact the school office.

### Right of the Month for January

#### INTRODUCING ARTICLE 42 - Everyone Must Know Children's Rights

- Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention on the Right's of the Child.
- The Scottish Parliament has recently incorporated the UNCRC (Children's Right's) into Scots Law. This means, decision-makers MUST take rights into account and children are able to challenge decisions in court, if they feel their rights are denied. The Bill is a milestone on Scotland's journey towards making rights real for every child.
- Rights are for every child – so every child and young person should know that they have them.
- Rights are there to protect and safeguard children.
- Children are empowered. Their views and voices should be listened to and respected.



## Stunning piece of artwork

Our S6 pupil Rhianna produced this stunning piece of artwork using mixed media, acrylic paint and plaster. Her canvas is an abstract of a sunset over Toward.

Well done Rhianna!



## Warm Spaces Available for Families in Inverclyde

This winter, families in Inverclyde can access a range of warm spaces across the community. These welcoming locations provide a comfortable environment to stay warm, enjoy a hot drink, and connect with others. Local community centres, libraries, and churches are participating in the initiative, ensuring support is available for those who need it most during the colder months.

For more information about locations and opening hours, please visit:

[Inverclyde's Warm Hand of Friendship - Inverclyde Council](#)

## Former Pupils Shine with Ed Sheeran

We are proud to share some fantastic news about two of our ex-pupils, Connor B and Rosie I. Last Friday, they were featured on national news performing with global superstar Ed Sheeran as part of the Tinderbox Orchestra collective. Ed Sheeran joined Tinderbox to promote music education in Edinburgh.



<https://www.scotsman.com/arts-and-culture/ed-sheeran-makes-surprise-appearance-at-scottish-library-to-launch-new-music-education-campaign-4939028>



## Curricular Choices for Session 2025/26



On Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding year group assemblies for S2 through to S5 to consult with pupils regarding their curricular choices for next session.

At these assemblies your child will be asked to list the subjects that they would like to study the following year. Please note they are not making their final curricular choices at these assemblies, just providing us with a guide to support forward planning.

The information they provide will be analysed to inform how the curricular option forms are constructed. We will then host a **Parents' Curricular Information Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, to share with you the curricular options and pathways planned for PGHS pupils.

Alongside this we will have further pupil assemblies, report cards and Parents' nights, before each pupil has a Curricular Choice Interview with their guidance teacher, to make their choices for next year.

As a parent you are invited to join your child's Curricular Choice Interview, the dates of which are highlighted below so you can add this to your diary.

**S3: Tues 11<sup>th</sup> & Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March (9-6pm)**

**S2: Tues 18<sup>th</sup> & Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March (9-6pm)**

**S4/5: Tues 1<sup>st</sup> & Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April (9-6pm)**



## Subject Departments Updates this week

### Music

Well done to Cameron S who has been chosen to go through to the second round of auditions for the prestigious Emil Dale Academy musical theatre school in Letchworth. Several of their former pupils have gone on to successful careers in film, tv and the theatre.

Good luck Cameron!



### English

Next week National 5 and Higher pupils will write the first drafts of their folio pieces in class (Week beginning 20th January).

Guidance on this assessment has been issued to parents and pupils. Pupils should make sure they bring notes and planning materials to class during this week to help them with this assessment.

Pupils should see their English teacher with any questions or parents can contact Mrs Barclay (PT English).



### PE

On Monday the 20th of January PE is relaunching its extra-curricular clubs. At lunchtime from 12:50pm all sports leaders will be hosting a sign-up event in the games to promote and gain numbers for all after school clubs.

Our S1 football team are also travelling to Gleniffer High School on Wednesday 22nd of January to play in our league fixture. This marks the return of school football this week and a run of 4 weeks in a row with various home and away games.



## Lunchtime and After School Clubs

**M**

Lunchtime - Games Club with Mr O'Donnell S040

Lunchtime - ICT Club with Miss Hooper F087

After school - 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

**F**

Lunchtime - Diamond Painting Club

with Miss Hussain F094



Confidence

Equity

Respect

Learning

Ambition



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## Senior Pupil Leadership Team

2024-2025

### School Captains



Anna D



Aimee H



Stacy R



Jack K



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### 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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