



**PORT GLASGOW  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SUCCESS FOR ALL

# Weekly Update from PGHS

*5<sup>th</sup> March 2018*



## Highlights from Last Week

### EQUITY Explored at Chaplaincy Team Workshops

Thank you to our School Chaplains, Mr Bryden and Mrs Craig for organising a series of workshops on our newly added school value of EQUITY. The team were really pleased with the focus and engagement of the pupils in exploring this important topic.



### Big Thanks to Parent Council for another fun Quiz Night!

Thank you to our Parent Council for organising another successful Quiz Night. Our Parent Council are volunteers who represent the voice of parents and carers in the workings of the



school. They do a fantastic job raising funds for the school, and they were joined by pupils, parents and staff at yet another event. Thank you to the organisers, former HT Mr Dick (Quizmaster) and everyone who came along to support the event.

### More pupils move onto Positive Destinations after PGHS

Figures published last week show last session's leavers were very successful in achieving their next step after school. More pupils than ever moved from PGHS and onto a positive destination (94.7%). Furthermore, there was a 14% increase in the number of pupils going onto Higher Education. Thank you to Ms Welsh, Ms Harper, our Guidance and Pupil Support Team and Mr Mooney (Careers Advisor) for all the on-going support provided to pupils in accessing their next step after school.

## Coming up this week...



**National Careers Week** – Mrs Harper has organised workshops for Senior Pupils as part of national Careers Week. These will take place at points throughout the week.

**Wednesday** – P7 Transition Activity Day (& Thursday) **Thursday** – Family Cinema Evening: New Port Theatre Company & Friends of PGHS are organising their second family cinema night. Spiderman Homecoming, 7pm, £2 donation for entry. **Friday** – Staff to submit 3<sup>rd</sup> Merit Awards to the School Office, S3 Digital Detective project continues. S3 Legacy Leaders PE Event (12 S3 pupils involved, Mr Kelly). Deadline for completion of S2 Tracking Reports.

# Coming up next week...

**Through the week** – S3 Tracking Reports being completed by class teachers (deadline Friday)  
**Monday** – School Council Meeting (P5). **Wednesday** – Scottish Parliament Outreach Officer visiting Modern Studies classes. **Thursday** – BBC School News Report Day (Drama activities)  
**Friday** – S3 Digital Detective project continues (Mrs Fraser).

## Head Teacher's Update



**Weather Disruption** - What a week! There are some things that cannot be planned for, and I have certainly never witnessed the extent of heavy snowfall we have seen over the last week. Closing schools is far from ideal - it has far reaching impacts - but pupil and staff safety must come first. I hope that you and your family managed to brave the weather and associated difficulties. I am grateful to colleagues in various council departments for working so hard to get us all back in business.

**Positive Destinations** - One of the most important aims for any school must be that learners are ready to take their place in the wider world in completion of their school studies. I was delighted to note the school's best ever positive destinations figures, and a record breaking % of our pupils going to university. Whatever your preferred next step, with hard work and ambition you can have a bright future ahead with all of the support available at PGHS.

**Latecoming** - Improving attendance and reducing latecoming has been one of my aims since starting as Head Teacher last session. We have recently launched new Attendance Procedures and we are now turning our attention to the need to reduce latecoming. A positive, structured start to the day is an important part of preparing for an effective day of learning. We will be grateful for the support of pupils, parents and colleagues as we develop new plans to reduce latecoming.

**HT Diary : Week Beginning: 5/3/18**

**Mr Clark's Plans for the week include:**

Period Day	Before School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	After school
<b>Mon</b>	Morning briefing	L2L Class	S4 Modern Studies	SLT	Space2B Development Session		S5/6 Modern Studies	S1 Modern Studies	Parent Drop In (4-5pm)
<b>Tues</b>	Available	S5/6 Modern Studies	S5/6 Modern Studies	S4 Pupil Focus Group	Mentoring	Staff Discussion	S1 Modern Studies	Meeting J.M.	Available
<b>Wed</b>	Available	Inverclyde Child Protection Conference							
<b>Thurs</b>	Available	SLT		S5/6 Modern Studies	Class Drop Ins/ Available	Class Drop Ins/ Available	S1 Modern Studies		Meeting Smiths
<b>Fri</b>	Available	Meeting Volunteer	S1 Modern Studies	Available	Space2B Development Session				Available