



PGHS Update



News from Port Glasgow High School, November 2017

New Support for Wellbeing at PGHS

Space2B Nurture Base Launched

The emotional wellbeing of young people is an area of increasing national concern, and we are determined to ensure every learner at Port Glasgow High School receives the support they need. We are therefore delighted to officially launch our new Nurture Base — Space2B at assemblies this week.

Space2B is fully staffed to deliver 1-1 and small group work support to any young person. Space2B staff will also be leading whole school activities to promote emotional wellbeing and positive mental health. In addition to the informal support available within the Base, Space2B will lead:

- * Social Time activities & Breakfast Club
- * 'Senior Support' Anti-bullying lunchtime drop in each day in our new Space4U Wellbeing Hub
- * 1-1 & Group sessions of our new Living Life to the Full Programme
- * Outdoor & Active Learning Activity



From the HT's Office

"It has been a busy term so far!

August to the October break really flew by for staff and pupils, but as well as being a busy time, it was also a very positive start to the new session.

Coming back to improved exam results helps to put an extra spring in everyone's step! As highlighted in this newsletter, we achieved some significant improvements in results, and this is down to the hard work of our pupils and teachers, in partnership with our parents.

We look forward to building on this improvement this session and we are determined to realise our mission of improving outcomes for every learner at Port Glasgow High School.

If there are any aspects of the school which you feel are in need of improvement — and you would like to discuss your views — please be aware that I offer a Head Teacher drop in session each week as advertised in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support."

Mr. S. Clark
Head Teacher

New Supported Study Timetable

All S4-5 pupils have been provided with a Supported Study planner. The following sessions are generally running every week until 8th December but pupils should also check their own planner.

Monday — N5 Biology, Drama, Health & Food, Modern Studies, English. Higher—English & French.

Tuesday — Higher Modern Studies

Wednesday — N5 Admin, Art, Business, Graphics, N4/5 Maths, Music, PE, Spanish. Higher—Admin, Art, Business, Music, PE, Spanish.

Thursday — N5—Art, Chemistry, Computing, Design, French, Geography, History, Physics. Higher—Art, Design, Drama, Geography, History, Biology, Maths.

Friday — N5/Higher Art, N5 Business.

Learning

Confidence

Equity

Ambition

Exam Result Success for PGHS Pupils

2016-17 saw some positive improvements in our exam results following a year of hard work from pupils and teachers to fully prepare for the exams pupils sat in May/June.

S4

We achieved a 10% increase in the number of S4 pupils who achieved at least five National 5 Qualifications. This equalled the school's best ever performance in this key benchmark and gives an indication of all the hard work which our S4 pupils invested.

S5

This year our pupils achieved a record number of Higher Grade passes. We built on last year's positive S5 results, to also achieve a further increase in the % of pupils achieving at least 3 Highers.

S6

Our S6 pupils achieved an increase in the % of pupils achieving at least one Advanced Higher. This was a positive achievement and an area we wish to build upon.

Prizegiving Recognises Positive Pupil Achievement



We are delighted to recognise the many outstanding academic achievements of our pupils. The annual Prizegiving is therefore an important event in the life of the school. In addition to this, we were delighted to award Dux to Lucy Pollock and Depute Dux to Courtney Bowie who have both achieved 5 fantastic Higher Grade awards.



A few recent pupil successes...

Pupils in Port Glasgow High School achieve highly in a wide range of activities, below is a small sample of achievements since only August:

Enterprising Maths Success!

Pupils in S3&4 competed against teams from across Inverclyde in the Enterprising Maths challenge recently and we were delighted that our own team came 2nd out of the whole authority. This means that our school team will proceed to the Regional Finals! Well done to Erin, Sarah, Emily & Karla and good luck in the Regional Finals!



Mentors in Violence Prevention successfully lead junior pupil sessions



Our MVP (Mentors in Violence Prevention) pupils are a real credit to Port Glasgow High School. The initiative is going from strength to strength and we now have over 70 trained MVP mentors amongst our senior pupils. This is a photograph of our MVP Mentors in August. They are leading sessions with younger pupils on a whole range of areas and are very positive role models. Thank you to all—and well done on your recent sessions with the junior pupils.

Solo Brass Success for Mark

Well done to S3 pupil Mark who won 1st place in the Solo section of the highly competitive West of Scotland Brass association competition. Mark now qualifies for the Beson Scottish Solo Finals in February 2018, to be held in Livingston.



Football Success for Lucy

We were delighted to tune in to a recent BBC documentary focusing on the women's national football team at the Euros to see our own S1 pupil Lucy being interviewed about her own footballing experience as a promising young player. Lucy was interviewed by the BBC and also spoke at a high profile media launch.

School—Parent Partnership Works!

We are very lucky at Port Glasgow High School to have a positive and productive Parent Council which is a great support to the school. Partnership with all parents can make a real difference to your child's education. Please continue to support us in working to deliver the very best education for your child.

Help Your Child to Pass Night

Building on the success of last year's Help Your Child to Pass night for S4-6 parent/carers, we again organised an informal evening for parents to gain some hints and tips on the specific subjects being undertaken by their child. Every parent was given their own timetable for the evening, visiting their child's own subjects. There was also an input on wellbeing, exam stress and study skills. The feedback on the night was very positive.



Keep Your Child Safe Online



Positive Futures Project



IT Skills not required



PARENTS/CARERS SESSION
PORT GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL
Wednesday, 29 November
7.00pm to 9.00pm

COST: FREE – Funded by The Big Lottery Fund
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE (First come first served)
Advance Booking Required For Childcare
Telephone: 744404 to book or
Email: positivefutures@enterprisechildcare.co.uk






REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC209900

Following our previous parent/carer survey, we identified many of parents want extra info and support to help them keep their child safe online. We are delighted to offer this free session in partnership with Enterprise Childcare. Please call the school office on 01475 744404 to book a space.

Parent Council Quiz Night — a great night was had by all!

Coming along to our Parent Council fundraisers is a great way to enjoy a relaxed evening out, whilst raising some funds for the school and meeting other parents. Our Parent Council's recent Quiz Night was a relaxed and enjoyable night which raised hundreds of pounds for the school. Thank you to the organisers and everyone who came along and supported this event.



Come along and support our Parent Council Christmas Fayre—5th Dec 5-8pm

Learning

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Gallery - August—October '17

Respect

Ambition

There were so many fantastic activities between August to December. Below are just a few of the activities as they





#CASHBACKSELFIE

Senior Leadership Team



Mr Clark
Head Teacher



Mrs Craig



Ms Welsh



Mrs Barclay (Acting)

Depute Head Teachers

Dates for your diary

November to January

S2 Parents' Evening: Tues. 14th Nov 2017

S4 Parents' Evening: Tues. 28th Nov 2017

S5/6 Parents' Evening: Tues. 5th Dec. 2017

Christmas Fayre: Tues. 5th Dec 2017 5-8pm

S1 Parents' Evening: Tues. 23rd January

Info Evening for S3: Tues. 23rd January

S4-6 Prelims Begin: Mon. 29th January

S3 Parents' Evening: Tues 30th January

Info Evening

Head Teacher Drop In

Every Monday 4pm-5pm

Mr Clark is available for parent/carers who wish to discuss any aspect of Port Glasgow High School. Please feel free to come along and meet privately with Mr Clark with no appointment necessary any Monday between 4pm-5pm.

6 Ways to Communicate!

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