S1 Parent/Carer Open Day

Thursday 3rd November 2022

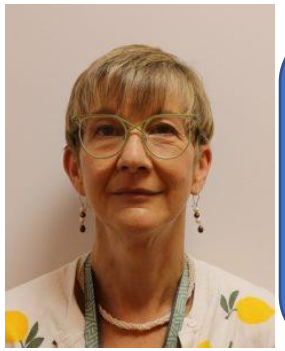
Portlethen Academy

Learn and Improve. Get Involved. Think of the Consequences. Respect All.

Senior Leadership Team

Mr Barry Drennan
Head Teacher

Mrs Lauren Miller
Depute Head Teacher (0.6)
Self-evaluation / Leadership
(Mon am, Tues, Thurs am, Fri)
S1 and S5 Year Head



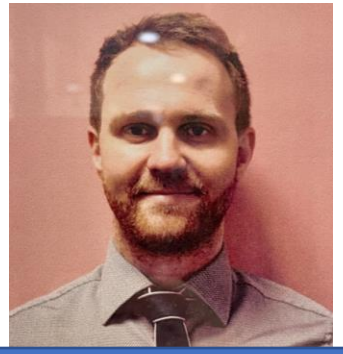
Mrs Rhona MacKenzie
Depute Head Teacher (0.4)
Self-evaluation / Family Learning
(Wed/Thurs)
PT Support for Learning (ASL)
(Mon, Tues, Fri)
S1 and S5 Year Head

Mrs Jenny Law
Depute Head Teacher
Pupil Support / P7 Transitions
S2 Year Head

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Kirsty Campbell-Robertson
Depute Head Teacher
Learning Teaching and Assessment,
SQA and DYW
S3 and S6 Year Head

Mr Craig Cowie
Depute Head Teacher (0.4)
Curriculum and Timetable
(Thursday / Friday)
DYW Education Support Officer
(Tues – Thurs)
S4 Year Head next session



Mr Euan Lawson
Depute Head Teacher (0.6)
Raising Attainment and Achievement
(Monday - Wednesday)
S4 Year Head next session

Where do our pupils come from?

*plus a significant number of 'Out of Zone' pupils, not from our Cluster Primaries.

185 pupils in S1 at present.

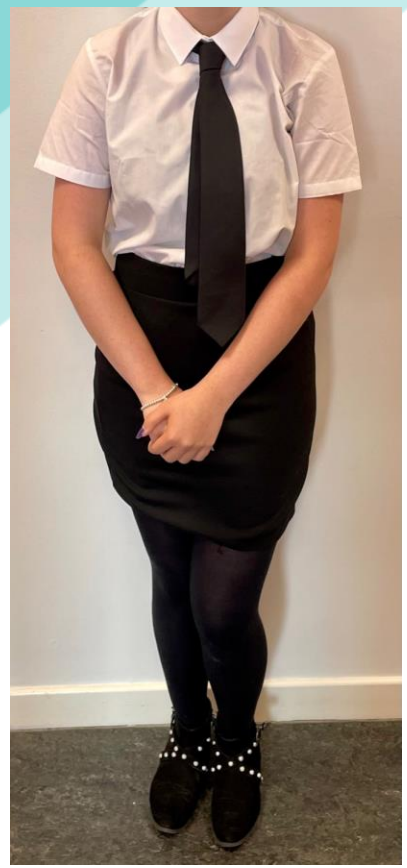
School Roll of approximately **930**.
*This is increasing and on-going discussions re: capacity.

School Building

- Robertson / PPP School (2006)
- Spacious and well-maintained
- Specialist Teaching areas
- Theatre, Library, Sports Facilities
- All Weather Pitch
- Large and popular Canteen
- Social Areas
- Lockers
- Increased ICT Facilities
- Community Campus
- Social Work / Family Centre

School Uniform

Re-instated from August 2022, and the majority are looking smart!



Expectations of All
• **Tie –** Junior (S1-3) – School Colours Senior (S4-6) – Black *Available from School Office for £4.20 • **White collar** – shirt/polo shirt Plain black jumper, v-neck, cardigan if extra layer needed • **Black trousers, skirt, jeans** • **Black/dark trainers or shoes**

Not Accepted
• **Leggings / Sports Wear** (pupils will change in PE Changing Rooms for PE. AFC can wear Sports Wear on Thursdays only when you have the full day) • **Jackets and hats/hoods** (to be removed in school/workplace) • **Bright / coloured trainers or shoes.**

Any issues or queries, please speak to your young person's Guidance Teacher.

ASN/Sensory needs understood.

School Clothing Grants: [School clothing grants - Aberdeenshire Council]

Our Vision, Motto and Values

At Portlethen Academy, our vision and motto is
'to be the best we can be'.

This is underpinned by our four values (***Respect All, Learn and Improve, Get Involved and Think of the Consequences***), which helps to generate engaged, knowledgeable, and motivated young people who are equipped with qualifications and skills for life, learning and work beyond school.

**We will begin reviewing these throughout this session, and will be asking for your input as well as all pupils, staff and partners.*

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Strategic Vision / Priorities

- Positive Relationships for All.
- Supporting Wellbeing of All.
- Maximising Qualifications and Achievements for each individual.
- Maximising Skills for life, learning and work beyond school.
- Broad Curricular Offer – enhancing learning opportunities in a real-life context.

Vision

#ProudOfPorty

Where Next...?

2022-2025

#CommunityChampions

Values

Portlethen Academy – Expectations of All

In Portlethen Academy to *'be the best we can be'* we:

- Are respectful to everyone in words/actions. **(Respect All)**
- Allow everyone to learn.
- Arrive on time for all lessons, are prepared and work hard. **(Learn and Improve)**
- Learn new skills and make the most of opportunities. **(Get Involved)**
- Take pride in our school and local community.
- Appropriately use mobile devices.
- Are dressed appropriately.

(Think of the Consequences)

Class Level	Verbal Reminder Change of Seat / Time Out etc. Restorative Conversation
Faculty Level	Referral to Faculty PT Faculty Lunchtime Reflection / Restorative Conversation with Faculty PT + Class Teacher
	Faculty PT to send letter home Faculty Monitoring Log PT Guidance involved as required
SLT Level	Referral from PT to Year Head Year Head to arrange meeting PT Guidance involved SLT Monitoring Log
	Year Head and Parents/Carers to meet with Head Teacher for next steps.

Significant concerns can be escalated

Order of the Session

Welcome: Mr Drennan

Guidance and House System: Guidance Team

Universal Pupil Support: Mrs MacKenzie

Tour and Lesson Observations: Prefect Team

Clan: Mrs Hogg

Lines of Communication: Mrs Miller / Mrs MacKenzie

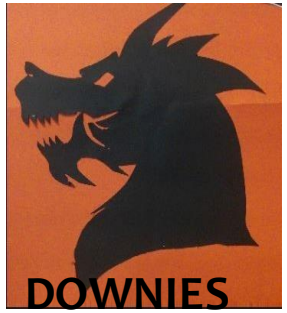
Guidance Role/House System

Who are we?

Mr Reid

Mrs MacLeod
Mrs Johnston

Miss Jones



Mrs Leslie

Mr McKinnie

- **Pastoral/Personal**
- **Curricular**
- **Vocational/Career**
- **House Events**

Safe
Healthy
Achieving
Nurtured
Active
Respected
Responsible
Included

Universal Support/ASL

How does it differ from Primary? What to expect?

- Class Teacher
  - Knowledge of pupil
  - Quality Learning and Teaching
  - Assessing/Feedback/target setting
- Confidential File
- ASL Faculty
  - Consultation
  - Collaboration
  - Targeted Interventions
    - ASL Teachers
    - PSAs

Lesson Visits / Observations

Clan

Relationships **Safeguarding**

Pupil Voice **Responsibility**

Developing and Sustaining a Positive Culture through Clan

CLAN SCHEDULE

Monday

Weekend catch-up

Setting an individual goal for the week

Setting a Clan goal for the week

Planning for the week, Homework Schedule, PE kits, Home Economics sundries etc.

Tuesday

Planning peer led presentations

Newsround

Discussion & Debate

Reading

Wednesday

Any activity that supports health and well-being for all

Litter picking schedule, every Clan has been assigned a day for litter picking please check when yours is – collect resources from B. Drennan

Thursday

Reflections on academic progress

School vision and values

Targeting expectations

Assembling and organising Passage portfolios

School Leaver Profile conversation

Time to develop skills, and understand what they need in real life now and in the future

Friday

Appreciations, stands, apologies, and pledges

Completing activities that have not been completed through the week

Inter Clan/House Quizzes

Activities and challenges for House points

Norms and Protocols

Hand up for Silence

When Staff raise their hand pupils raise their hand also and settle down ready for instruction

Circle Up

Staff and pupils form a circle getting ready for group discussion

Fist To Five

Pupils use hands from fist (zero) to five fingers to respond to Staff

Entry and Exit Tickets

Pupils are posed a question which they must answer as do now or at the end of a lesson

Cold Call

All pupils are posed a question and required to think of an answer in case they are selected to answer

Leave No Trace

Pupils and Staff ensure that they tidy/reorganise classrooms at the end of a lesson

Popcorn

Pupils 'pop' with their ideas or thoughts ensuring they are respectful and not talking over others

Whip around

Each pupil will give their opinion/answer

Think, Pair, Share

1. Pupils think freely to process understanding
2. Pupils share their ideas with a partner
3. Staff lead a whole class sharing of thoughts

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School Website / Social Media

https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/

Continually updated and under review.
'One-Stop' location for all information e.g. Important Dates, Faculty information, Copies of Letters sent/e-mailed home, Social Media feed and more…

*Curriculum Map soon to be published showing what each year group and subject are learning and when, and resources to support/help at home. Info to follow!

Twitter
Whole-School:
@PortyAcad

Rest of the School – Faculties etc

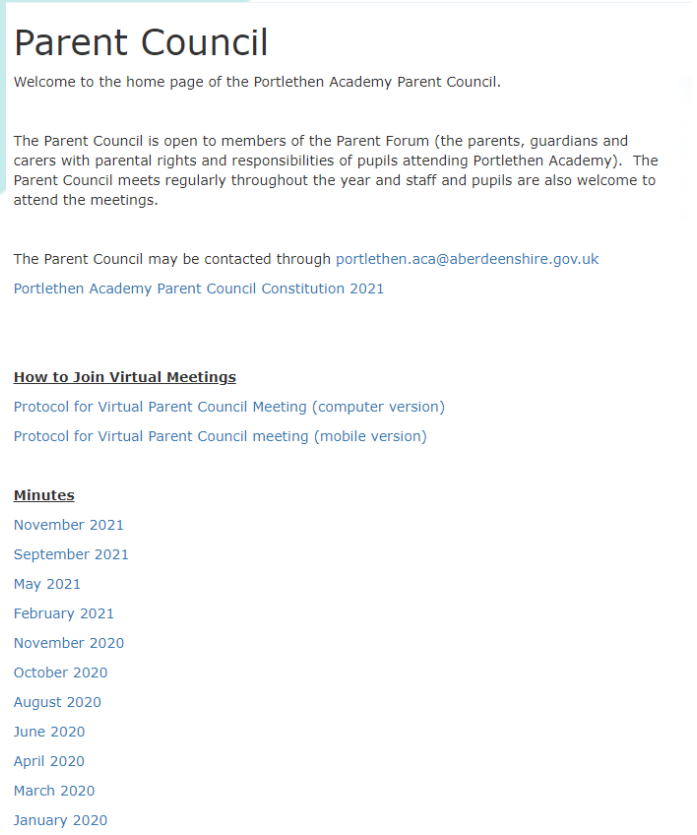
Expressive Arts	
Music	@PortyMusic1
Drama	@DramaPorty
Art	@PortyArt
Humanities	
History	@HistoryAtPorty
Modern Studies	@ModPorty
RMPS	@PortyRMPS
Maths	
	@PortyMaths
English	
	@Porty_English
Design & Technology	
	@PortyTechy
Health Promotions	
PE	@PortyPE
HE	@PortyHE

Guidance	
	@PortyGuidance
Auchlee	@AuchleePorty
Bourtree	@BourtreePorty
Cookston	@CookstonPorty
Downies	@DowniesPorty
Elsick	@ElsickP
ICT	
	@PortyICT
Modern Languages	
	@PortyMFL
Science	
	@PortyScience
Whole School	
DYW	@PortyDYW
Clan	@PortyClans

Partnership with Parents/Carers – Parent Council

https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-council/

E-mail – PortlethenAcademyPC@outlook.com



Parent Council

Welcome to the home page of the Portlethen Academy Parent Council.

The Parent Council is open to members of the Parent Forum (the parents, guardians and carers with parental rights and responsibilities of pupils attending Portlethen Academy). The Parent Council meets regularly throughout the year and staff and pupils are also welcome to attend the meetings.

The Parent Council may be contacted through portlethen.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Portlethen Academy Parent Council Constitution 2021

How to Join Virtual Meetings

Protocol for Virtual Parent Council Meeting (computer version)

Protocol for Virtual Parent Council meeting (mobile version)

Minutes

November 2021

September 2021

May 2021

February 2021

November 2020

October 2020

August 2020

June 2020

April 2020

March 2020

January 2020

Meetings in the Academy at least once a term.

#GetInvolved
Help move the school forwards and work in partnership.

Minutes published on the website.

Chair: Viv McNeil
Vice Chair: Alison Harris
Treasurer: Kerry Kidd
Secretary: Tracey Robinson

All Parents/Carers received a copy of this during Term 1 for reference.

On our website too under 'Contact Us' – https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/our-school/contact-us/

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Portlethen Academy Parent/Carer Guide to Engagement/Communication

September 2022

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E-mail: portlethen.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01224 087880
Twitter @PortyAcad

Progress in my child's learning

- **Tracking Reports**
- **Full Reports**

Issued via pupils as per the school calendar.

- **Parents' Evenings**

1 per year in person, as per the school calendar

Important School Term Dates:
https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/important-dates

- **Guidance Teacher**

Keeping up-to-date with school events

- **Group Call**

Automatic e-mail will be sent to main parent/carer e-mail address with letters and key updates.

- **Academy Website**
https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/
- **Twitter** @PortyAcad
- **Newsletters/Updates**

Queries/issues/ concerns

- **School Office**
Telephone: 01224 087880
E-mail:
portlethen.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

- **Guidance Teacher**

Identified from the **House System:**
Auchlee – Scott Reid
Bourtree – Anne-Lynne MacLeod (Mon/Tues/Fri) / Fiona Johnston (Wed/Thurs)
Cookston – Hayley Jones
Downies – Ellen Leslie
Elsick – Michael McKinnie

Depute Head Teacher / Year Heads / Head Teacher for any significant issues or concerns.

Sharing your thoughts/opinions /getting involved

- **Portlethen Academy Parent Council**

Parent/Carer section of school website:
https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-area/parent-council/

E-mail:
PortlethenAcademyPC@outlook.com

Annual Parent/Carer Survey
(May/June each year)

Telephone/E-mail

Feedback

Please could you take a moment to give us some Feedback.

https://forms.office.com/r/Yc6Y6LrLjY