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Striving for Excellence  
READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT

We have now been back for almost a month and our students have settled well into their learning this term, despite the ongoing issues with regards to COVID 19.

This term we welcome a number of new members of staff to our team. Miss Conneely will be teaching music this session and Miss Fay has joined our Science Faculty as probationary teacher in Chemistry. Mrs Toner is working part-time as Teacher of Art and Mrs Hodgetts has joined the office team.

As I indicated in a previous letter, Miss MacNab has been appointed acting Depute Head Teacher and this permanent position should be advertised next month. In the meantime, PT Pupil Support for Glamaig House will be shared between Miss MacPhee (S1-3) and Mr Coles (S4-6). I also want to congratulate Mrs Tait, who is moving to the full-time Teacher of History post.

In my new position, I am keen to ensure that we continue to embed our 4Rs of PHS - Ready, Responsible, Respectful and Resilient - in all aspects of school life. I believe that one of the key ways to 'strive for excellence' is through ensuring that the school and parents work in partnership to support our young people in their learning, through regular updates by letter and in Skyelines, and by ensuring a two-way channel of communication. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or your child's Pupil Support teacher.

**Mr T Breen, Head Teacher**

### Skye Marathon Competition



### Outward Bound Local Trips



### Science Skills Academy



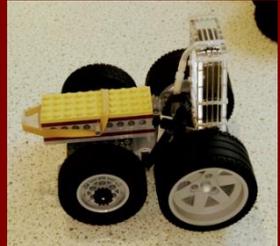
### School Uniform Policy



### Meet our Senior Prefects



### COP-26 Challenge



#### HOUSE

##### Glamaig:

#### PUPIL SUPPORT

Miss K MacPhee (S1-3)  
Mr T Coles (S4-6)

##### Marsco:

Mr N Burrows

##### Tianavaig:

Mrs D MacLeod

#### E-MAIL ADDRESS

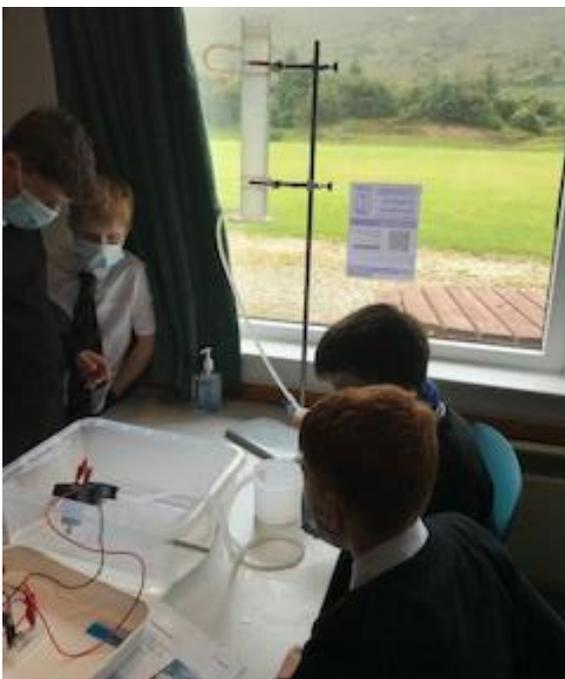
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## SCIENCE SKILLS ACADEMY for S1



Our S1 had a great start to their careers in PHS by spending a day with Scott from the Science Skills Academy, who provided a 'Newton Room' experience for all pupils. The focus of the day was ENERGY, where we looked at transfer of energy through a range of active problem-solving activities, such as designing a track and car, hydroelectric dams and use of wind turbines.





## Skye Half Marathon Medal Competition

Our senior pupils in the Technology Department have been involved in designing a medal for the Isle of Skye Half Marathon.

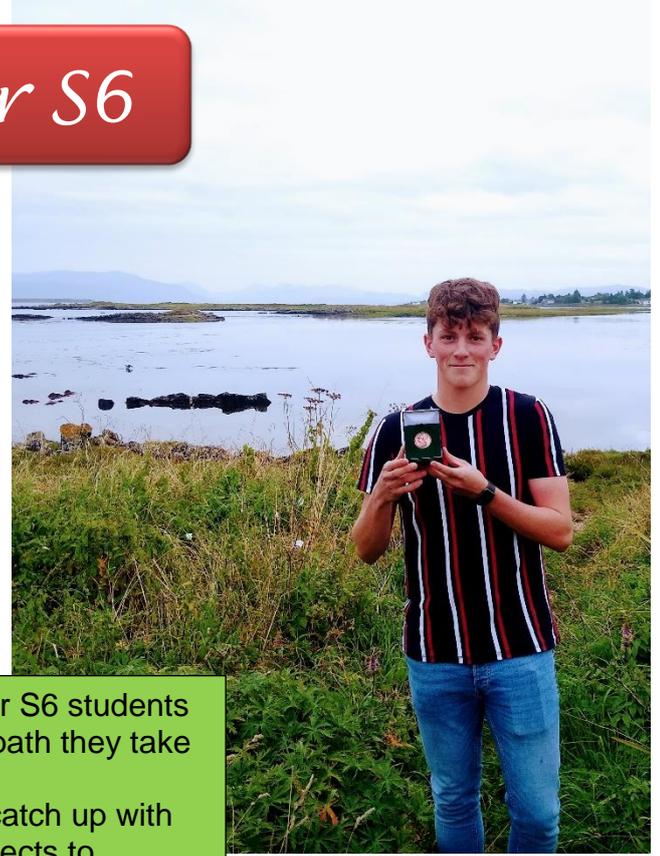
The Scottish Salmon Company's medal competition has been a really valuable experience for pupils to develop their skills in a real-life context.

The production of the medals showed pupils how the design, prototyping and mass manufacture of a product can happen within a small timeframe.

Our winning design was created by Angelo Arwen (S5) and his design was used to manufacture medals for all this year's competitors, using the department's laser cutter. We would like to thank the Scottish Salmon Company for supporting the Technology Department with this project and providing resources for our students to use throughout the year in the department.



## Former S6



We wish all our former S6 students success in whatever path they take for their futures.

We had a chance to catch up with our former senior prefects to present them with their Medals of Achievement.

Clockwise from top left:  
Louise Innes is heading to Aberdeen to study Medicine.

Max Stancliffe is starting Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at Strathclyde.

Murdo MacGillvray is doing Media Studies at Robert Gordon University.

Charlotte Gordon is going to Liverpool to study Veterinary Medicine.





## S3 Outward Bound

*The Sun sparkles on the water  
Rugged mountain, remote  
Trees beautiful shades of green  
Very blue, pretty sea  
Shimmering sea  
Volcano, Dun Cann  
Danger  
Sea Eagles, Happy  
South Fjord, Flat & Sunny*



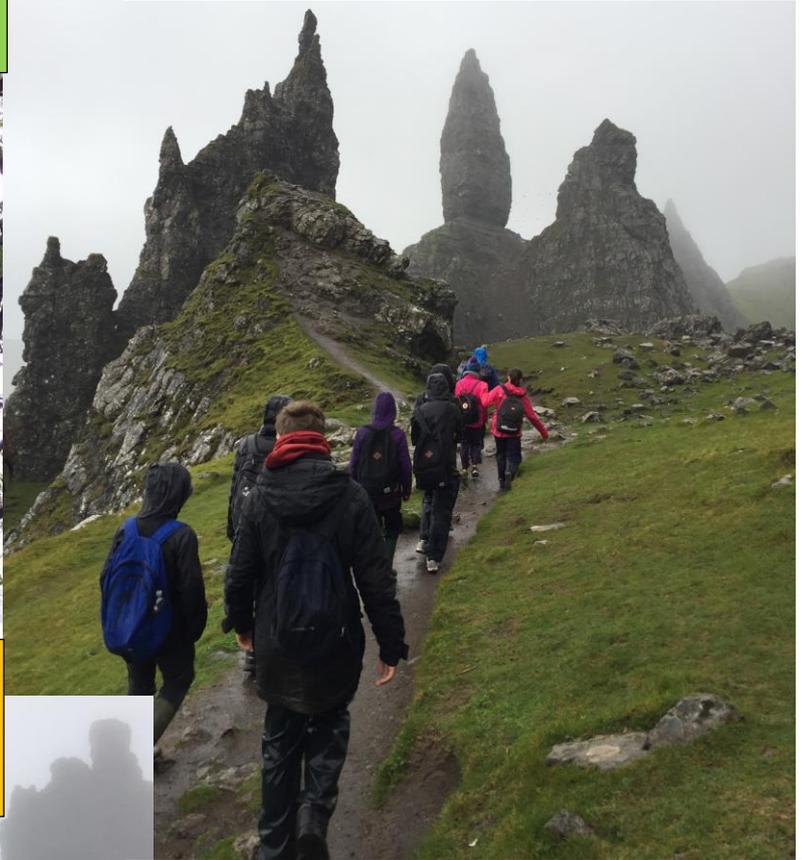
The thing I most enjoyed about the week:  
*Going up Ben Tianavaig - I have never done it before and the views were nice. It was it was really high - a real challenge, and we took a different route up and down. Having our lunch on a rocky beach where we tried skimming stones.*  
Jasmine Cumming, S3



As part of the School Improvement Plan to support wellbeing following COVID, our S3 pupils have been working with Outward Bound to complete a Challenge Week in our local environment, whilst working towards a John Muir Award. The pupils told us how this week helped them focus on the 4R's of PHS!



**READY-** *we had suitable equipment for the circumstances and we were prepared for the weather*



**RESILIENT-** *even under difficult circumstances, we kept going and encouraged each other.*



**RESPONSIBLE-** *we left nothing other than footprints behind, so we were looking after the environment*



**RESPECTFUL-** *we were polite to our instructor, and others we passed by.*

## Senior Prefects 2021-22



We are delighted to introduce our Head Prefects - Seumas Campbell and Aimee Urquhart and our Depute Head Prefects - Angus Nicolson, Molly Jamieson, Erin Baker and Owen MacKenzie.



## Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Give a precious gift this Christmas



We'll be collecting boxes after the October Holidays, giving us time to plan and buy! It would be great if every student could do a box each this year!!!

- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Soap
- Underwear/ Socks/Tights
- Small Toy for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls. Please only include new shop-bought toys.
- Sweets (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best before' date no earlier than 31 March next year. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.

Bring joy this Christmas



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## Education Maintenance Allowance

If you are 16 to 19 years old, in a school or college, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance from an [Education Maintenance Allowance](#) (EMA).

EMA is a weekly allowance of £30 per week payable during term time. To be eligible, your family household income must be less than:

- £24,421 - for households with 1 dependent child
- £26,884 - for households with 2 or more dependent children

See Mrs MacLeod for more details and apply online.

## Free school meals and assistance with clothing

Free school meals and assistance with school clothing can be claimed if you are receiving any one of a range of benefits.

If you believe you are eligible, please apply online. Students are credited with a daily allowance, automatically added to their canteen PIN number - no other pupils know who receives an allowance.

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools - grants and benefits](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools_-_grants_and_benefits)

*PLEASE APPLY IF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE - the number of pupils who qualify for FSMs has a direct correlation to the amount of PEF funding we receive, which is important for us to be able to provide extra literacy support for all pupils*

## Pay your school meals online

- You will need your child's Scottish Candidate Number. Please contact the school if you need a reminder of your child's Scottish Candidate Number
- Allow 24 hours for the payment to reach the pupil's account. Payments made between 4.30pm Friday and 9am Monday will not appear in the pupil's account until the Tuesday

[https://self.highland.gov.uk/service/School meal payments](https://self.highland.gov.uk/service/School_meal_payments)

*Financial Assistance*

## School Meals



## Fèis-Ionnsachaidh na Alba

## Naidheachdan Gàidhlig Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh

Air Diardaoin an 23 den t-Sultain, bha sinn air leth moiteil pàirt a ghabhail ann am Fèis-Ionnsachaidh na Alba aig tachartas air loidhne ann an co-bhonn le Foghlam Alba. Chaidh iarraidh air Roinn na Gàidhlig taisbeanadh a lìbhrigeadh gus sealltainn mar a bhios an sgoil a' cruthachadh chothroman a bharrachd do sgoilearan ann am Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig a bhios na bhuannachd dhaibh nam beatha-obrach is nam beatha-shòisealta san àm ri teachd.

Tha luach agus pròis nach gann am measg sgoilearan agus tidsearan Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh ann a bhith a' tabhann foghlam Gàidhlig a tha aig an ìre as àirde agus sinn daonnan a' feuchainn ris a' churraicealam a leudachadh agus cothroman a chruthachadh do sgoilearan (fileantaich agus luchd-ionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig) gus na sgilean cànanain aca a chur gu feum agus a neartachadh.

Rinn na sgoilearan ann an clas nam meadhanan bhideo gus mìneachadh mar a tha na cothroman a tha aca san sgoil air feum a dhèanamh dhaibh. Gheibhear air an taisbeanadh a choimhead air a' cheangail gu h-ìosal.



<https://youtu.be/J0jlcCO1RqY>

*The school was privileged to be asked to take part in a presentation at the Scottish Learning Festival this year. Education Scotland invited the school to deliver a presentation on GME and GLE initiatives which underpin the values and aims of the school in promoting and developing Gaelic education. Pupils from the Gaelic media group created a video which was played at the event and we were delighted with all the positive feedback and comments from those in attendance and those who have watched the video since then. The video can be watched here:*

<https://youtu.be/J0jlcCO1RqY>



# Trèanadh Oidean SpeakGaelic A1

Bidh trèanadh ga thoirt seachad do sgoilearan Gàidhlig AS5-6 ann an Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh aig a bheil ùidh ann a bhith a' teagasg a' chùrsa ùir SpeakGaelic. Gheibh iad sealladh air na goireasan ùra agus an cothrom a dhol air adhart gu bhith nan oidean anns a' choimhearsnachd.

Àite: Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh, Rùm 204  
Deit: Diciadain 6/10/21  
Uair: 9.40 – 10.45

**Speak  
Gaelic**  
www.speakgaelic.scot

Ma tha ùidh agad, sgrìobh gu Miss Nic an Aba –  
[fiona.macnab@portreehigh.org.uk](mailto:fiona.macnab@portreehigh.org.uk)  
Clàraich ro 4/10/21

## Trèanadh Oidean 'SpeakGaelic' do sgoilearan Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh

*Gaelic speaking pupils in S5&6 will be invited to a training workshop with 'SpeakGaelic' at the end of the term. The creators of this new course are keen to deliver tutor training to as many people as possible to support them in delivering the new Gaelic learners course in their communities, should they wish to.*

#DYW #Gàidhlig

Many parents, employers and pupils do not realise, but there are specific rules relating to the number of hours pupils are permitted to work. Employers should complete a form which has to be authorised by the school.

While we realise the importance of having part-time jobs, both for financial reasons and to gain experience, these rules are to ensure that pupils have a balance between school work, home life and paid employment. From experience, pupils who are working too much in the evenings and weekends struggle to balance homework demands and can arrive in school tired the next day.

## Pupils with Jobs

### Term Time Rules

During term-time, children can only work a maximum of 12 hours a week.

This includes:

- A maximum of 2 hours on school days and Sundays
- A maximum of 5 hours on Saturdays for 13 to 14-year-olds, or 8 hours for 15 to 16-year-olds

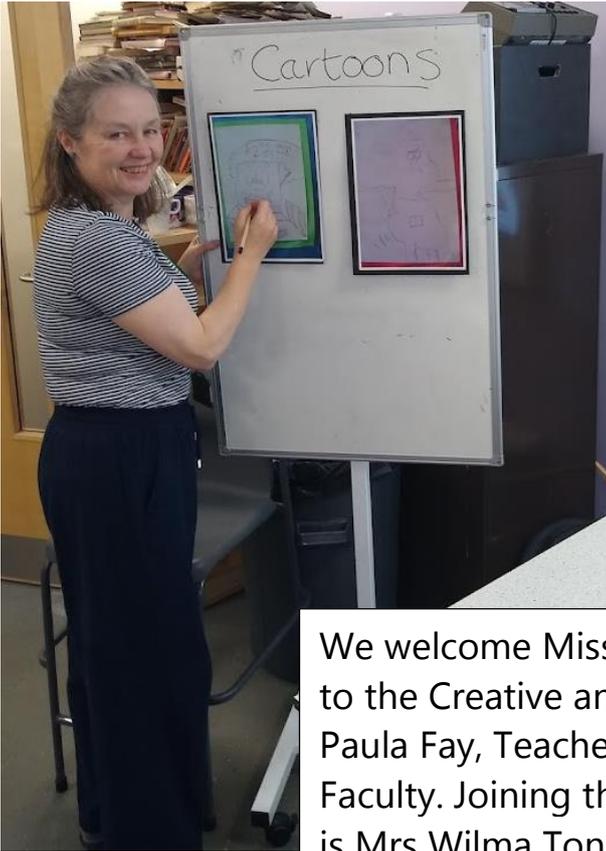


### School Holiday Rules

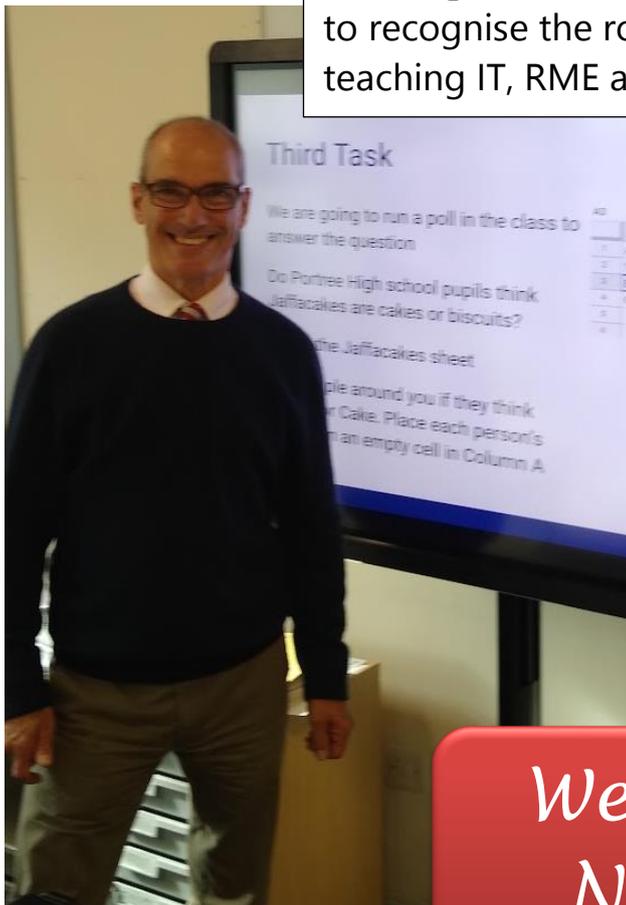
During school holidays 13 to 14-year-olds are only allowed to work a maximum of 25 hours a week.

This includes a maximum of 5 hours on weekdays /Saturdays/ 2 hours (Sundays)

During school holidays 15 to 16-year-olds can only work a maximum of 35 hours a week. This includes 8 hours(max) weekdays /Saturdays; 2 hours on Sundays.

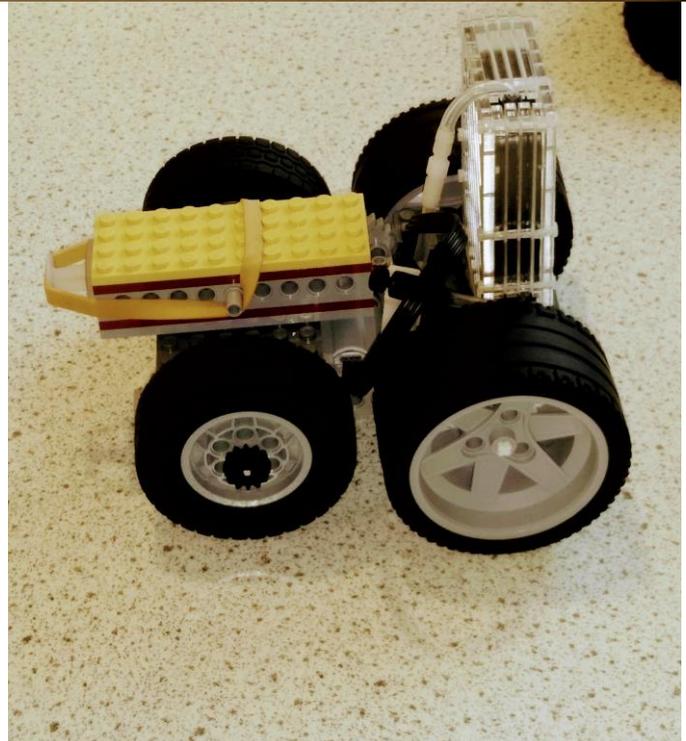


We welcome Miss Laura Conneely, Teacher of Music to the Creative and Wellbeing Faculty and Miss Paula Fay, Teacher of Chemistry to the Science Faculty. Joining the Creative and Wellbeing Faculty is Mrs Wilma Toner, who is part-time in Art and teaching S1/2 Gaelic-Medium Art. Finally, we wish to recognise the role of Mr Green, who will be teaching IT, RME and AH Chemistry this session.



*Welcome to  
New Staff*

## S2 COP-26 Hydrogen Challenge



Our S2 Students were able to take part in a STEM Hydrogen Challenge, where they investigated the role of Hydrogen as a green energy source, through building Hydrogen-fuelled cars. The winners of the day - Isobel Adams, Nelly Blair and Holly Gunn - were selected to represent the school at a Nationwide Challenge during the COP-26 summit.

Whilst we continue to follow Covid Guidelines to ensure that ventilation is adequate in the classroom, a number of pupils have not been following our clear uniform policy. As part of the 4Rs of PHS, I firmly believe that uniform creates a positive approach to school and learning and helps students get ready to learn. Our uniform is:

- White shirt and school tie
- Black jumper
- Black trousers/school shorts/skirt

(We would kindly request that faded black denim, jogging pants should not be worn and that skirts should be of a suitable length).

After consultation with the Parent Council, Pupil Council and following a school poll, we have agreed that for this session, we will offer pupils the opportunity to wear a **PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL HOODED TOP** in addition to the current uniform policy. These will be available to purchase until 4th October at a cost price of £15. Please see the accompanying order form. If pupils do not wish to wear this, they can choose to purchase their own hooded top/sweatshirt, but it **MUST BE SOLID BLACK**, with no logo/branding. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

## School Uniform



### Key reasons Head Teachers say school uniform is a good idea:

- Wearing uniform gives pupils a sense of belonging to their school
- It helps pupils share a common identity regardless of background, finance, culture or religion
- It removes peer pressure to buy designer label clothes and shoes that not all can afford
- It helps pupils get ready to learn. Getting into school clothes signals that the day has started and helps sharpen the brain for learning
- It makes the busy morning routine easier. No more rows and decisions about what to wear or whether it's 'cool' enough. Everyone's in the same boat.



# PHS HOODIE ORDER FORM

WHEN ORDERING, PLEASE WRITE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ITEMS OF EACH SIZE IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

ALL ITEMS TO BE PAID AT TIME OF ORDERING

**ITEMS NEED TO BE ORDERED BY MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER TO ENSURE DELIVERY AT THE START OF NEXT TERM**

NAME OF PUPIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TUTOR CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Age 9/10	Age 11/12	Age XS/13	ADULT SIZES					Price per item	Total number	TOTAL COST
				SM	MED	LGE	XL	XXL			
No of items									£15		

- I enclose a cheque made payable to 'PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL' with my child's name on the back.
- I enclose cash.

PLEASE MAKE SURE OF YOUR SIZES AS ALL GARMENTS WILL HAVE THE SCHOOL LOGO AND CANNOT BE EXCHANGED. There are samples in school for pupils to see the sizes available.

From the October 2021, hooded tops will be available to buy online directly at <https://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/> where they will cost £16.95 + £1.95 P&P.



**SCHOOLWEAR  
MADE EASY**



The school office receives numerous enquiries about school holidays. The up-to-date calendar and holiday dates are outlined below and can also be viewed on the school website:

<http://www.portreehigh.hIGHLAND.sch.uk>

The dates can also be accessed on the Highland Council website:

<http://www.hIGHLAND.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schooltermdates/>



## HOLIDAY DATES - 2021/2022

Open	Close
Monday 16 August 2021 (Staff Only)	
Tuesday 17 August 2021 (Pupils)	Friday 08 October 2021
Monday 25 October 2021	Wednesday 22 December 2021
Thursday 06 January 2022	Friday 01 April 2022
Tuesday 19 April 2022	Thursday 30 June 2022

Note:

1. Two Days Casual Holiday: Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd February 2022.
2. Additional Holidays: May Day - Monday (2 May 2022).

In-Service Days: Monday 17 August, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 September 2021, Wednesday 23 February 2022 and Thursday 5 May 2022.

<http://www.hIGHLAND.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schooltermdates/>



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - S1 Parents' Evening  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - S5/6 Parents' Evening  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - S4 Parents' Evening

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