



PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Student Virtual Learning

We continue to “Strive for Excellence” in Portree High School, and through this difficult situation, we want all students to continue their learning to the best of their ability, and for staff and parents to support them as best we can. There has been a lot of uncertainty about technology, and I am sure that many people still have issues, both pupils and teachers alike! We will try to work round these issues, and keep everyone informed, through the school website, Daily Information, student G-Mail and facebook updates.

Our Commitment to you

- Teachers will ensure that there is work in your classes on Google Classroom, and these will be set up for subjects where there are no google classrooms currently.
- Teachers will make contact with all of you at least twice this week with a message – either through Classroom, via an email or through Hangouts.
- Each teacher will aim to arrange one Hangout for each classthis week at a time when you would normally have had the class (if technology allows this). Teachers will try to set this up earlier in the week by setting a task/discussion point and letting everyone know when the Hangout session will be. Please note that there have already been issues with broadband width on Skye.
- We will respond to pupils’ emails – if you have any issues with specific classes, please e-mail the teacher directly.
- We will continue to put information up on Daily Information and put updates on facebook.
- To continue to support your wellbeing, Pupil Support teachers will provide materials on PSE classrooms. If you need further support, please contact your Pupil Support teacher, or a member of SLT who will try to provide reassurance and answer questions where they can.
- To get in touch with you if we have not heard from you after 3 days, either by email, or by phone.

Your Commitment to learning

- Check with your classroom for each subject for each day you have it, to see if there is any work for you to do. Try to get on the Google Hangout chat if your class teacher manages to set one up, and your technology permits it.
- If you are on a google hangout, find a quiet space to work from, and start with your microphone on MUTE (the left button next to the hang-up button)- turn your mic on when you need to speak (especially for larger classes). Ensure that if you are sharing your video, you are dressed appropriately (i.e., not in Jammies!!!).
- Do the work to the best of your ability, and ask for help if you don't understand anything.
- To use Google Classroom and Hangouts appropriately. This is for schoolwork, and not as a general chat forum.
- To complete a daily log, which lets us know what learning you have been doing that day. Complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/qHEDSk6JqdeQRqSs8>

S4-6 concerns

There are a number of questions which you are asking...

1. Can I improve my grade by completing extra work?
2. What is my final grade?
3. What is my estimated grade?
4. What should I be working on?

1. The advice we have been given is that all candidates should continue to complete work as they would normally have done until the beginning of Study leave, which is the 21st of April. This includes practising timed past papers and other revision activities.

Please send any work to your class teacher in the way they have arranged – e.g. via Google Classroom, email or photographs of work.

You should retain any work undertaken.

2. Your final grade will be determined by the SQA; this is a secure process. As usual they take into account coursework submitted. SQA also have prior attainment information, which will be helpful to them.

3. Staff also have to put in estimates, which will be only one tool in determining final grades by SQA. The estimate is based on both evidence and professional judgement.
4. Prior to the change of timetable, you should continue with your current studies as outlined above. Further information will be issued closer to the date at which the change of timetable would normally have taken place.

Parent/Carer Commitment

- Just like normal, please let us know if you are unwell, and we can record this, just as we normally do when the pupils are in school. Can I please ask that you e-mail the usual absence line:

Portreehigh.absence@highland.gov.uk

- If you wish to contact the school with any issues, please continue to e-mail your child's Pupil Support teacher:

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| • Glamaig | Miss F MacNab | Fiona.macnab@highland.gov.uk |
| • Marsco | Mr N Burrows | Neil.burrows@highland.gov.uk |
| • Tianavaig | Mrs D MacLeod | dawn.macleod@highland.gov.uk |

- Please support your child's education as best as you can, by giving them the opportunity to complete school-work and providing other educational benefits, such as supporting them with their mental and physical well-being (eg, encouraging healthy eating, opportunities for baking/cooking, health and fitness time, online chat with friends, family time, quiet non-screen time, etc.).

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