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# SkyeLines

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“Earbam”  
“Let Me  
Trust”

Welcome back! I hope that you had an enjoyable summer. We have a very hectic schedule this first term – especially as we had an extra week’s holiday this summer!

This month’s SkyeLines includes an update on our Fundraising for The Hope and Faith School and some of our other end-of-term activities including a visit from a blacksmith and farrier.

We also have a list of our lunchtime and after-school activities with information about bus passes.

We welcome new staff and we hope that they already feel part of Team Portree high School:

Mr Seavill PT, Support for Learning  
Mr A Ritchie, Teacher of PE  
Ms E Desai, Teacher of Chemistry  
Mrs L MacIntosh, Clerical Assistant

Mr I Morrison, PT Sciences, is due to begin with us at the beginning of September.

We say good bye to Mrs Anne Brandie our Admin Assistant, Mr Neil MacDonald our School Technician and Mrs Nicola McBride, one of our PSAs. We are sorry to see them leave but wish them all the very best.

Our SQA results were very good this year and we congratulate all of our pupils. Special mention must go however to Arthur Brook Young and Rachel Mackinnon who both achieved 5As in their Highers.

**Miss C MacDonald, Headteacher**

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## Dates for your Diary

Deputy First Minister Visit: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Head Teacher Drop-in: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Pupil Council Meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
My WoW Ambassador Training (S5/S6): 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Outreach Event: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Nat5 Geography Fieldwork: 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Interhouse Events (S4 – S6): 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
UCAS Exhibition Inverness (S5/S6): 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
FilmG Launch Event: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Inset Days: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Worship Assembly (S1 and S2): 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Coaching Week: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Higher Geography Fieldwork: 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Parent Council AGM: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
HDS Swimming Gala: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Additional Support Needs S1 Information Event: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Worship Assembly (S3 and S4): 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
School Photographs (S1, S4 and S6): 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
RME Conference (S5 and S6): 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018



**New Staff at Portree High School**

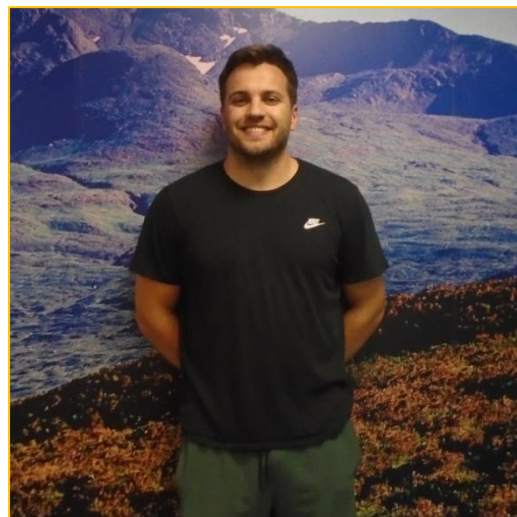
**Mr Seavill**  
**Principal Teacher**  
**Support for Learning**



**Miss Desai**  
**Probationer Science Teacher**



**Mr Ritchie**  
**Probationer PE Teacher**



**Mrs MacIntosh**  
**Clerical Assistant**



# Hope and Faith

In May Portree High School warmly welcomed two teachers from the Hope and Faith School in Zambia. The founding Head, Rosemary Mumbi, was accompanied by Betty Mutale, an English teacher, made possible through extensive fundraising by the local charity, 'Friends of Hope and Faith School' and an education partnership project run by the British Council. Betty thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and opportunity of teaching some English and Global Citizenship classes with our pupils and sharing good practice with our staff.

Our school recently set up a 'Hope and Faith Leadership Group' to develop pupils' creative ideas for raising further awareness and fundraising. Their inspirational fundraising efforts included a coffee and cake evening and selling various products in the school which culminated in raising a whopping £833.

Rosemary and Betty also set up an 'African stall' in the school, selling a wide range of beautiful products made by a talented group of local African women who work closely with the school.

Miss Cannon



## Blacksmith Visit

At the end of March Heather Brennan visited school to give a demonstration of blacksmith and farrier skills to a class of S3 Technology pupils. The pupils were riveted (!) from the moment they sat down. Heather is based in Breakish and is farrier to many on Skye plus making regular journeys to the Outer Hebrides. Heather started by showing how to make a horse shoe, explaining the technicalities and skills involved. She then went on to show how metal could be worked to produce decorative pieces, and shared her portfolio which included fire irons, sculptures and various tools.



Her visit was part of the Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) project which is growing in Portree High School and was funded by DYW West Highland. Heather stayed to run a workshop for a small group of S3 pupils who expressed a particular interest working with metal. The workshop participants were: Jamie Budge, Jamie MacKay, Hannah Buchan, Dean MacInnes, Lewis Lynch and Calumn MacKay. Five of the pupils have continued doing certificate Technology-focused subjects in S4. Having experiences such as this enables the pupils to choose subjects from a more informed position. These could be our engineers of the future!

**Mrs Dorman**

## Pupil Commendation



*I thought I would make the school aware of some great community/charity work that was carried out during the summer holidays by one of your pupils. So often these days, people are quick to criticise “youngsters” for their behaviour, so I’d like to highlight an instance where this particular pupil excelled himself both as an individual and as an ambassador for our charity. The young man I refer to is Owen MacKenzie from Earlish, an S3 pupil.*

*You may be aware that Owen’s father is a firefighter in Uig. Following a presentation I made to the Uig fire crew last year, Owen took it upon himself to organise a fundraising table at the 2017 Uig Gala to support our charity. I also attended to “assist” Owen. Last August he raised an incredible £500 for the charity.*

*This year, Owen once again, without any prompting, took it upon himself to organise another fundraising table at the Uig Gala. I was unable to attend this year so Owen, with help from his family, prepared and delivered the entire thing. He had prepared hampers for raffling, a tombola, guess the name of the bear and several other fundraising items. This year Owen raised even more, a staggering £743.25!! An incredible achievement for anyone, but for a teenager to raise this amount is outstanding.*

*I know Owen to be a quiet unassuming young man who would probably not mention too much about this. Going forward, I feel this is the type of thing that would enhance Owen’s personal profile and any future CV that the school may prepare for him. This young man is a credit to himself, his family and his community and would be an asset to any group or organisation he was involved with. If Owen ever requires any “external” references, I would be happy to provide one for him.*

**Jackie Mackenzie**

Fundraising and Engagement Officer

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Family Support Trust, Service Delivery Area (North)



**PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

August - October

<b>Lunchtime</b>						
	Games Hall	Climbing Wall	Gym	Fitness Room	Astro Turf	Venue
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Shooting Hoops</b> No PE kit required (Mrs MacRuary)	Mrs MacRuary (Sign up on noticeboard)	Available for badminton – see Mrs MacRuary	Open to S1-6 - Sign up on noticeboard		
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Shooting Hoops</b> No PE kit required (Mrs MacRuary)	Dof E Group (Mrs MacRuary)	<b>Circus Skills</b> (Mrs MacRuary)	Open to S1-6 – Sign up on noticeboard	S1-3 ‘Kick About’. Change of footwear.	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Shooting Hoops</b> No PE kit required (Mrs MacRuary)	Mrs MacRuary (Sign up on noticeboard)	Choreography Competition Practice - Highland	Open to S1-6 – Sign up on noticeboard		
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Shooting Hoops</b> No PE kit required (Mr Ritchie)		Available for badminton – see Mrs MacRuary	Open to S1-6 – Sign up on noticeboard	S1-3 ‘Kick About’. Change of footwear.	
<b>Fri</b>				Open to S1-6 - Sign up on noticeboard		

<b>After School</b>						
	Games Hall	Gym	Fitness Room	Astro Turf	Venue	Other
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Girls’ Football</b> (Mrs Sam Nicolson and Mr Ritchie)	<b>Skye Dance</b>	Open to S4/5/6	<b>Girls’ Football</b> (Mrs Sam Nicolson and Mr Ritchie)		
<b>Tues</b>	<b>S1-S6 Badminton</b> (Sign up on noticeboard) <b>Basketball S1-S6</b> (Mr Allan and Senior pupils)	<b>Skye Dance</b>	Open to S4/5/6		Nat 5 Dance	<b>Running Club</b> (Mrs MacRuary)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Girls’ Shinty</b> (Mrs MacRuary and senior pupils )		Open to S4/5/6			<b>Girls Rugby</b> (Mr Preston)
<b>Thurs</b>		<b>D.E.A.S</b> Highland Dancing (Karen Campbell)	Open to S4/5/6	<b>Football S1-S3</b> (Mr Allan and senior pupils)		<b>Free Swim</b> 3.40-5pm Sign up on PE noticeboard
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Skye Dance (Youth Company)</b>	<b>D.E.A.S For current pupils</b>	Open to S4/5/6			



## Extra-Curricular Additional Information

**In order to attend Afterschool Activities, you are required to complete an Active Schools Permission Form.**

**ALL pupils should check that transport home is available for you to get home after your activity. Please check if the bus leaves from the Square or the High School. If you get a bus and then a taxi it is likely that the taxi is not available to meet a later bus and you will have to make your own arrangements.**

**Make sure to let your parents/carers know that you intend to take part in activities.**

### Lunchtime Activities

**Shooting Hoops** - *Come and throw some hoops in the Games Hall. You will not be required to change into PE kit but can just remove your outdoor shoes to take part.*

**Circus Skills** – *Come to learn and practise circus skills such as juggling and diabolo. You will not be required to change into PE kit but can just remove your outdoor shoes to take part.*

**Climbing Wall/Fitness Room** – *Full PE kit and trainers will be required to take part in both these activities.*

**Badminton** - *Come and play badminton with some friends. PE kit required.*

*We hope to add to this timetable over the term.  
Any ideas or activities that you would like to see then please contact PE Staff or  
Danny Steele, Active Schools Co-ordinator in the PE Department*