

Papdale Halls of Residence



Autumn Newsletter 2021

Welcome to our Autumn edition of the Papdale Halls of Residence newsletter. Our newsletter is sent on a termly basis to advise you of future events, consultations, changes, achievements, and to encourage you to participate fully in the service we provide at Papdale Halls of Residence.

October Break

Papdale Halls of Residence will close at 17:00 on Wednesday 6 October. **Papdale Halls of Residence will reopen on Papdale Halls of Residence will reopen on Sunday 24 October at 18:45 for North Isle pupils. Monday 25 October at 07:15 for inner and south isle pupils.**

Taxis

Taxis have been ordered for all North Isle residents on a Sunday night to take them from the ferry to Papdale Halls. Taxis will run from after the October break to Easter Holidays. There will be taxis to collect evening residents on Sunday 24 October.

Adverse Weather

Please be reassured that we have a procedure in place in the following scenarios

- Early sailing from North Isles on a Sunday.
- Ferry embarks from Kirkwall on a Friday afternoon and cannot dock returning to Kirkwall with pupils on board.
- Cancellation of sailings from Kirkwall on a Friday.

Boat tickets

Papdale Halls of Residence no longer be issue boat tickets for ferry journeys. Instead, Orkney Ferries will keep a note of the number of young people sailing and will invoice us accordingly. Your child will no longer need to present a ticket but might need to say they are from Papdale Halls. Papdale Halls block book ferry journeys each term for every resident. If there is a change to your child's journey day/time you would then be responsible in notifying Orkney Ferries of this change

COVID-19

With the increasing number of Covid positive cases in Orkney we would like to remind families about the importance of taking twice weekly lateral flow tests. KGS

has a large stock of lateral flow tests which all Papdale Halls residents can access. Children under the age of 16 years old wishing to access tests must have parental consent. Consent forms can be collected from KGS reception.

Papdale Halls continues to implement covid restrictions to mitigate the risk of infection, this includes staff and residents regularly washing and sanitising hands, wearing face coverings whilst moving around the building and an enhanced cleaning schedule remains in place.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, residents and their parents for their support and understanding during the Corona Virus pandemic. At PHoR, our main priority is to keep everyone safe and well. All residents have had a huge contribution in helping us achieve this with their ongoing support and understanding of the changes we have to make within PHoR. Huge thanks to everyone.

Weekly Round up

We have recently introduced a weekly roundup which is emailed to all parents on a Friday. This gives an update of any important news, what activities have been on and a look at next week's menu. We hope you are finding this useful and would love some feedback on it.

Staff Changes

We have two new staff members who have joined the catering team. Jennifer Duthie is our new Cook and Dianne Pottinger is our new Catering Assistant. Jennifer has been working hard at introducing a new exciting menu, early feedback from staff and residents is positive.



My favourite things

Ivy McEwen – S5

Favourite Meal.	Sushi.
Favourite Film.	Titanic.
Favourite Band.	Grandson. Taylor Swift.
Favourite place.	Grobust beach on Westray or my house on Westray.
Favourite colour.	Green.

Who would I like to meet?	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. Millie Bobby Brown, Taylor Swift, Jack Black.
If I won £1 million I would.	Travel, then give the rest to Charity.

Hayden Oliver– S5

Favourite Meal.	Fish and chips.
Favourite Film.	The hangover.
Favourite Band.	The Bee gees.
Favourite place.	New York.
Favourite colour.	Yellow.
Who would I like to meet?	Michael Jackson.
If I won £1 million I would.	Go on holiday.

Bobby Harcus –S5

Favourite Meal.	Chicken Fajitas.
Favourite Film.	Daddy's home.
Favourite Band.	Coldplay.
Favourite place.	Westray.
Favourite colour.	Blue.
Who would I like to meet?	The Rock.
If I won £1 million I would.	Buy a private island.

Funding

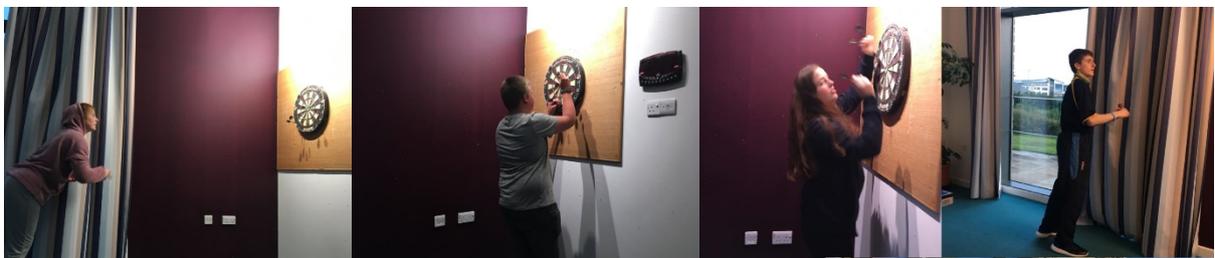
Papdale Halls Youth Group recently received funding from Youth Scotland's Rural Action Fund and have purchased a new Scalextric set which has proved very popular with residents and staff. We also ordered a new drum kit for our music room from our comfort fund and some new football goals.



What's been happening in PHoR

With the changing Scottish Government guidelines, we have been able to offer some more activities this term. Residents have had the opportunity to participate in

Dungeons and Dragons, Crafts, Kahoot quizzes, Games hall and 3G pitch, Pool, board games, Knit and natter group and cooking. The nice weather and light nights have brought many residents outside this term.







Animal Magic

Papdale Halls are keen to adopt themes from Animal Magic. This is a piece of guidance developed by the Care Inspectorate in which it highlights the benefits of being around and caring for animals whilst meeting various standard and principles laid out within the Health and Social Care Standards. For many of us animals enhance our quality of life and bring us great joy. We feel better physically and emotionally when we spend time with pets. Before the Pandemic, Austin the Golden Retriever owned by Moira Tulloch (Night Care Assistant) would come in every now and again to see the residents. Austin would lay on his bed at reception and will speak to anyone who passes by or wants to speak to him. Austin hasn't been in the Halls for a while however he is back and has brought his baby brother 6-month-old Hudson along to see everyone. Austin and Hudson are always supervised, and the residents have responded positively to them being in the building. Many residents will sit and pet them, chat to them and many have said it feels so nice to see dogs in the Halls.



Supported Study

Supported study is part of the Junior Support Plan for S1-S2 residents and is a chance to develop positive relationships between the younger residents and staff. As well as homework they may have, residents are given the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities and workshops, that encourage team work, communication, inclusion and developing knowledge and awareness of relevant topics.

This term has consisted of:

- Homework.
- Fereday project.
- Boardgames.
- Wii just dance.
- Baking.
- Football.
- Scalextric.
- Park.
- Walk.
- Quiz.
- Halloween bunting.
- Celebrating another resident's birthday
- Crafts.



Wanted You to Ken Board

The wanted you to ken suggestion box is located at participation board outside the library. This is for complaints, comments and suggestions. This is checked weekly by management and we welcome your opinions on all aspects of life at the Halls, including areas where you feel we are doing well. This term there has been no entries into the box.

Suggestion	Outcome
Purchasing a new drum kit for the Halls.	Our old drum kit had seen better days so a new drum kit ordered and received from Drummers Only in Glasgow.
Game suggestion- throw throw burrito.	Game has been ordered and now in our games selection.
New basket balls.	Ordered and received.
New football goals.	Our old plastic ones kept breaking so we have now ordered and received new aluminium ones.
More grapes in the fruit bowl.	Passed to kitchen who are going to order more in.
4K tv	We do need a new tv, and will look into purchasing one in the near future.
PS5.	A new console is due to be purchased but we shall do a poll to see what would be more popular, Xbox or PS

Suggestion	Outcome
Fifa 22.	When we buy a new console we will purchase a variety of games for it.

PHoR Website

We update our news section of the website regularly with events, activities and any other news, so please feel free to browse and let us have any comments or suggestions. Please see here for any up to date information, you can visit our website at www.orkney.gov.uk/PHoR. Our website is in an accesible format and features ReciteMe.

Data Protection

The information you have provided Orkney Islands Council and Papdale Halls of Residence with about your child is in order that we can provide your child with accommodation and the support they need while staying with us.

We will also at times ask the school for some information about your child, about their likes and dislikes and about any needs they may have. This will help us provide the right support for your child.

We are legally obliged to collect all this information by the Care Inspectorate who regulate and inspect Papdale Halls of Residence.

More information on how Orkney Islands Council will use your information, your rights and about Orkney Islands Council, as a Data Controller, is available on the Orkney Islands Council's website.

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Online-Services/privacy.htm>

We hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter and welcome any feedback. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or comments

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