

# Papdale Halls of Residence



## Autumn Newsletter 2022

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 5 October. **Papdale Halls of Residence will reopen on Sunday 23 October at 18:45 for North Isle pupils. Monday 24 October 07:15 for inner and south isles.**

## 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 the Easter Holidays.

## 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.

## Staff Changes

Sheelagh Sneesby our Night Care Assistant retired in the summer, Sheelagh was with us for over 14 years, Sheelagh will stay within our care team as a relief House Parent.

David Hamilton one of our Assistant House Parents has taken up another post with Orkney Islands Council as an Airfield Officer for the north isle's airfields. David has extensive experience in this field and whilst he will be leaving his post, David will also remain in the care team as a relief House Parent.

We are all very sorry to see David and Sheelagh leaving and wish them all the very best.

Moira Johnston, who left her Night Care Assistant role last year to take up a post with NHS Orkney, has decided to return her previous role of night care assistant. We are very pleased to have Moira re-joining the care team.



## **New residents**

Welcome to Lauchlan Mann, India Potts, Hamish Cannon, Gracie Train and Jolyon Mann who have all joined us in S1. We hope they are settling well and enjoy life at Papdale Halls.

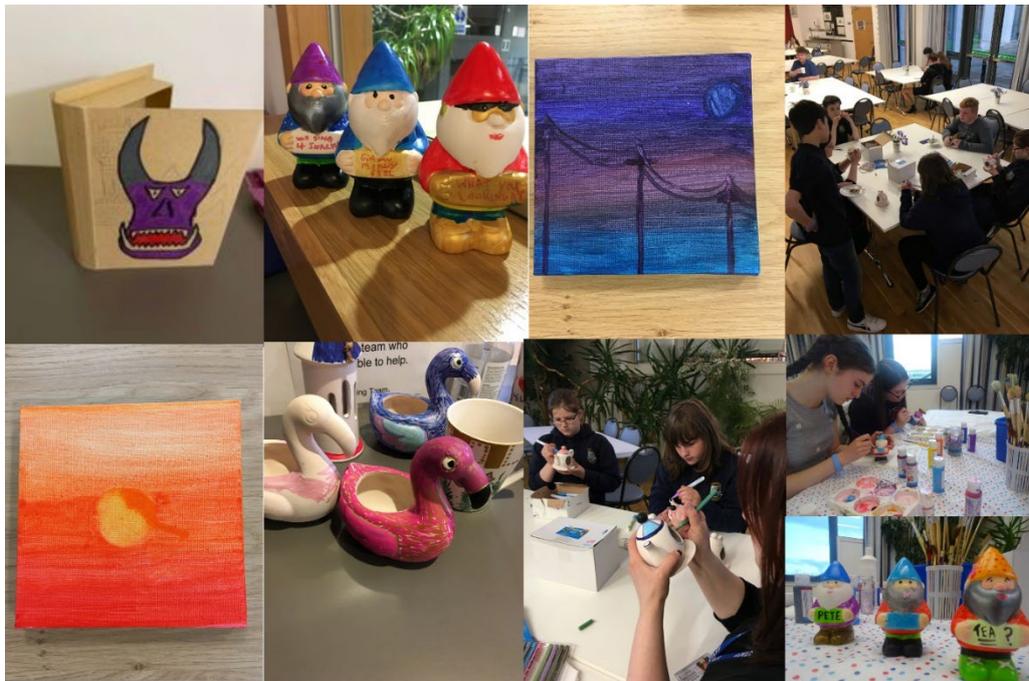


## **What's been happening in PHoR**

Residents have had the opportunity to participate in baking, games hall, 3G, Kahoot quizzes, Dungeons and Dragons, cultural celebrations and crafts, boardgames, pool, Arts and Crafts.

Residents can find activity planners at reception and in the coffee bars.

## Various arts and Crafts.



## Various games.



## Italian themed meal

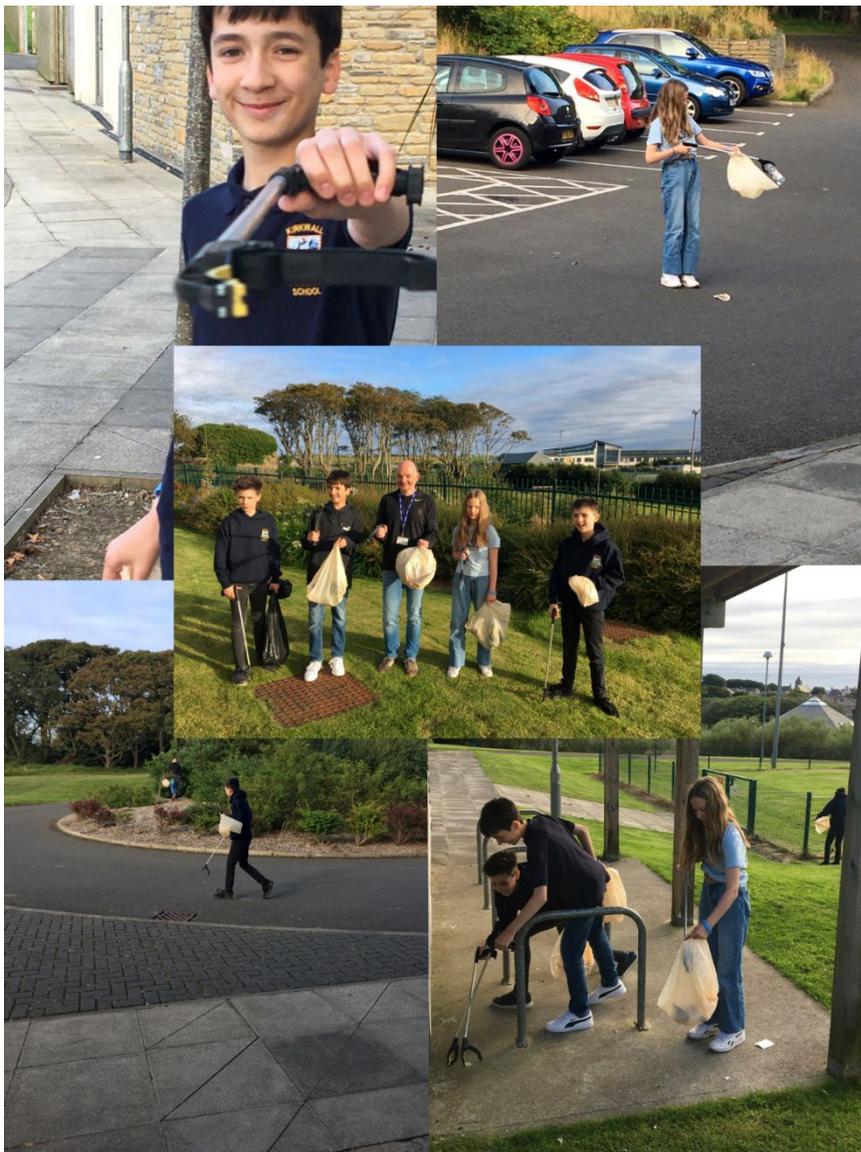
This was not as big a celebration as normal out of respect for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The residents did enjoy the meal and the Italian music that played in the background.

One resident reported *"The tiramisu was amazing; I couldn't finish it"*



Litter Picking.



## North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, Education & Learning programme. Pottery and Cooking courses.

The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for young people from the North Isles to learn about the heritage of the area.

Residents at PHoR have been offered to participate in a six-week pottery class delivered at PHoR. 6 residents have signed up to this.

Various stages of the pottery.



## Young Islanders Network Launch

As you all know, PHoR was chosen to facilitate the launch of the Young Islanders Network which took place on Wednesday 31 August. We had guests from OIC Education Service, Youth Scotland, and Scottish Government.

Naomi MacDonald, Senior development Worker and Mike Strand, Chief Executive of Youth Scotland opened the event, providing detailed background of the Young Islanders Network their incredible achievements so far ensuring the voice of the Scottish islands young folk are heard. Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs spent time talking to the residents and provided a question-and-answer session. This was then followed by an Orkney themed meal provided by Jennifer and her catering team where the residents were joined by our guests.

Four of our resident residents spoke about life on the isles, providing an overview of both the positive aspects of islands life as well as the challenges they face, including transport, access to shops and other amenities. We are all incredibly proud of how

they presented their thoughts and feelings in front of a large audience. Here are some extra pictures that were not shown in the round up.



## My favourite things

### Gracie Train– S1.

Favourite Meal.	Mac and Cheese.
Favourite Film.	The Simpsons.
Favourite Band.	Mr Fear by Siames.
Favourite place.	The hostel, Kirkwall.
Favourite colour.	Pink/purple/yellow.
Who would I like to meet?	Uncle Grant (family).
If I won £1 million I would.	Go travelling or re decorate my room.

### Hamish Cannon–S1.

Favourite Meal.	Carrot pie.
Favourite Film.	The road to El Dorado.
Favourite Band.	Adele.
Favourite place.	Spain or the beach or home.
Favourite colour.	Blue.
Who would I like to meet?	Tom Cruise.

Favourite Meal.	Carrot pie.
If I won £1 million I would.	Buy a house, give my family some money or go on holiday.

### **Charlie Rendall–S5**

Favourite Meal.	Steak and Chips.
Favourite Film.	Grown ups.
Favourite Band.	Status Quo.
Favourite place.	Westray.
Favourite colour.	Blue.
Who would I like to meet	Dwayne Johnstone.
If I won £1 million I would	Buy a car.

### **Staff training**

Staff have attended various training sessions on Zones of Regulation – Autism awareness. LGBTQI awareness session, All staff at PHoR undertook their annual Child Protection and Safeguarding refresher a few weeks ago. These sessions provided valuable learning for staff to help better support our young people.

Upcoming training for staff in October holidays include epilepsy awareness and Equally Safe at School- preventing gender based Violence.

### **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 teamwork, communication, inclusion and developing knowledge and awareness of relevant topics.

This term has consisted of:

- Homework.
- Boardgames.
- Football.
- Walks.
- Slime
- Playdoh
- Pottery sessions
- Painting
- Bike maintenance
- Baking

Supported study photos.



### 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.

Suggestion	Outcome
Shelves in the bathroom.	Unfortunately, this would come at significant cost to the service. The countertop is quite large, there is shelving, and plenty of drawer space in the bedrooms and we would suggest the use of baskets etc to store items.
To have milk in the boy's coffee bars upstairs.	This has already been rectified this week and there is now milk in the fridges upstairs.

### Monthly Campaign board

Each month, Lana creates a Monthly Campaign Board, this provides information on a number of topics, aimed at raising awareness on issues which affect young people, the monthly campaign is aimed at supporting residents to understand risk, make informed choices, and keep residents as safe and healthy as possible.

Campaigns this term have included learning independence and budgeting money.

## **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.

## **Support**

There are a wide range of support services available to young people and their families in Orkney, KGS have put a great section on their website with links to various support systems for a variety of topics, please click on the link to see what's available. [ORKNEY SUPPORT SERVICE - Kirkwall Grammar School \(kgsorkney.com\)](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Support-Service)

## **Sharing Achievements and Celebrating Success.**

At PHoR we promote celebrating success, we have a wall dedicated to sharing good news stories and achievements of residents both within and out with PHoR, we would welcome any good news stories or residents' achievements gained out with PHoR.

If you would like to share a story or photo for our achievements wall, please get in touch with [danielle.leslie@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:danielle.leslie@orkney.gov.uk)

## **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](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/PHoR). Our website is in an accesible format and features ReciteMe.

We would also like to remind parents that PHoR operates an open-door policy, and we welcome and highly value visits from parents and siblings, however, due to Covid 19 restrictions, we ask that anyone wishing to visit arrange a time with staff. We are also available by both email and phone from Sunday at 1900 through to Friday at 17.00, if you would like further information on any part of our service, or, you wish to discuss your child's care and support we would be very pleased to hear from you.

## **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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