



Prestwick Academy
Prestwick Academy Update
25 February 2025



1. Staffing

Ms Harrigan (Head Teacher) has announced that she will retire at the end of the summer term meaning a new Head Teacher will take over from August 2025. South Ayrshire Council have begun the recruitment process for seeking a new Head Teacher and this is expected to be concluded by April. All staff, pupils and parents/ carers have been informed.

2. Prestwick Heritage Trail

The school are now working with Kyle MacFarlane from the *Friends of the Broadway* to create a website for the Prestwick Heritage Trail. Kyle will work with a group of pupils from the Computing department to create a website for the initiative. The work will include:

- Coding the basic structure for the website.
- Teaching pupils how to upload relevant information as well as looking at how to maintain the website and how to update it.
- Switching the destination of the QR code from the South Ayrshire Council website to the new website.

Discussions also took place about securing the legacy of the website long term should school staff/ pupils move on which they inevitably will do. It is expected that the basic structure of the website will be in place in the coming weeks. Once this is in place when people scan the QR code they will be directed to a home page for the new website rather than the home page for South Ayrshire Council. I would hope to provide a further update at the March meeting.

3. Rotary Quiz

Final preparations are underway between the Rotary Club and the school to host the annual local P7 quiz. With winners progressing to the district final. The quiz will be held in the school on 14th March from 10am – 12 noon.

4. Prestwick Academy – Young Musician of the Year

The Music department are hosting the annual *Young Musician of the Year* competition on Tuesday 4th March at 7pm in the Assembly Hall.

Tickets are on sale now from the Music Department priced at £5 (Adult) and £3 (Child/Concession).

There will be a junior and senior round with one winner chosen from each category to represent Prestwick Academy at the authority round in April. There will also be an opportunity to hear from the Music Prefect Band and our School Show Cast. Coffee will be available to purchase from the wonderful senior Barista team as well.

5. Prestwick Academy – School Show (Save the Date - Advanced Notice)

The English and Music department are presenting *Little Shop of Horrors* as the school show for 2025. The show will run from Wednesday 11th June until Friday 13th June. Information about tickets and times will follow later.

6. Construction Roadshow

The school are hosting a construction event for pupils on Tuesday 25th February and Wednesday 26th February for pupils who are interested in leaving school to enter either the construction industry or a trade. There are many businesses both local and national present and are providing young people a hands-on experience at trying many different skills including excavating, stonemasonry, and roofing. So far, the event has been very popular with young people and has been visited by local politicians including councillors and MSPs.