

# Papdale Halls of Residence



## Winter Newsletter 2020

Welcome to our Winter 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.

## Christmas Break

Papdale Halls of Residence will close at 17:00 on Friday 18 December. **Papdale Halls of Residence will reopen on Tuesday 05 January at 18:45 for North Isle pupils. Wednesday 06 January at 07:15 for inner and south isle pupils.**

## COVID-19

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.

## 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.

## Staffing

We welcome Charlene Nicolson and Dylan Pepper as Relief House Parents. We also say a farewell to Isobel Barnett who has now retired. Isobel has been our Domestic on the girls block for 29 years. We hope she can put her feet up and enjoy her retirement.



## My favourite things

### Malachi Hearn– S1

<b>Favourite Meal.</b>	Mash, Sausages, gravy and baked beans.
<b>Favourite Film.</b>	Maze runner.
<b>Favourite Band.</b>	Alan Walker.
<b>Favourite place.</b>	Japan.
<b>Favourite colour.</b>	Black.
<b>Who would I like to meet?</b>	Mr Beast.
<b>If I won £1 million I would.</b>	Save it.

### Chloe Whitman– S5

<b>Favourite Meal.</b>	Panhaggiti and Apple Crumble.
<b>Favourite Film.</b>	Despicable me.
<b>Favourite Band.</b>	Queen.
<b>Favourite place.</b>	Sanday.
<b>Favourite colour.</b>	Aqua Blue.
<b>Who would I like to meet?</b>	Andy Anderson, Tony Hawk, Alison Balsom.
<b>If I won £1 million I would.</b>	Build a skate park at my house and buy a new surfboard.

### Julian Beale–S5

<b>Favourite Meal.</b>	Steak and chips.
<b>Favourite Film.</b>	The good, the bad and the ugly.
<b>Favourite Band.</b>	Billy Joel.
<b>Favourite place.</b>	Ireland.
<b>Favourite colour.</b>	Red.
<b>Who would I like to meet?</b>	Darren, stepbrother.
<b>If I won £1 million I would.</b>	Put it towards my future.

## 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.

### Supported Study

Due to the ongoing pandemic we have scaled back supported study from S1-S3 and now have it as S1 support. We restarted this in October. S1 Support is from 1800-1830 Monday- Thursday. The purpose of this group is to have a catchup with the residents every evening and help with any homework they may have.

On Monday's, the residents participate in Arts and Crafts. This term the residents have made Christmas decorations, decorated the tree, made pom poms and Christmas cards.

On Tuesday's, we have Topic night. The topic this term has been Healthy Eating. The residents have learned about the different food groups and the importance of getting your five a day and keeping hydrated. They took part in quizzes and were given handouts.

On Wednesday's, this is homework night. This gives residents time to complete any outstanding homework they may have and gives them the opportunity to work with other residents who may be doing the same homework.

On Thursday's, we have a fun night playing games. This can include board games, computer games, quizzes, going outside to the park or playing Manhunt.

### Children in Need

Children in need was a little quieter this year but staff and residents still managed to raise a fantastic £108.59. Residents had the opportunity to take part in competitions with pool and darts, bingo, and a raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes and special thanks to Robert for organising the events.



### Loving dogs rescue

We have started a collection of dog treat/toys for the very worthy cause Orkney Loving homes for Dogs. The charity relies heavily on public donations to rescue "poundies" (Poundies are dogs that are abused, dumped, abandoned; unwanted souls that find themselves with 7 days to live in council pounds across the UK). The

charity hopes to give them a fresh start in life and to show them that there is still love and caring in the world after their traumas. They are an all-breed rescue and take a variety of dogs to rehome including problem cases and those requiring rehabilitation including severe abuse cases and bait/fighting dogs.



## Funding

We have had some successful funding applications recently and have been able to buy an iPad which can be used to aid residents in supported study.

## Christmas

Residents have had the opportunity to do some Christmas crafts, watch some Christmas movies and help decorate our Christmas trees.



## 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.

## Residents Panel

Caitlin Muir, Residents Panel Chair has been instrumental in encouraging residents to share their views through the Resident Council Forum. Below is an outline of some of the topics covered during meetings in October and November.

We hope that residents will continue to use both this platform and our Wanted you to Ken box to help make improvements throughout our service.

Many thanks go to Caitlin for her time and commitment.

You asked for.	We agreed.
<p><b>Change end of Bing Bong. (tannoy)</b></p>	<p>Explained that this was changed unintentionally, perhaps happened during test which took place during the October Break.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p> <p>Returned to normal tone.</p>
<p><b>Dinner tables – having tables with more than 4 people.</b></p>	<p>Dinner tables – having more than four people.</p> <p>An explanation of the reason for the seating plan was provided and conversation on how, we could improve on this without compromising the safety measures to protect residents from the spread of Covid-19 led to suggestions to set tables in rows. Caitlyn explained that some residents wanted to sit with all friends rather than the current smaller groups of four.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p> <p><b>08.12.2020.</b> Staff met with residents and a table plan was agreed. All residents had an opportunity to be involved in the seating plan.</p>
<p><b>Hot chocolate powder in the coffee bar.</b></p>	<p>Hot Chocolate in the coffee bar: Discussion on what is already provided in the coffee bar areas. All agreed that residents could provide their own at a very low cost to themselves.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete No change to current facilities offered.</b></p>
<p><b>Self-service supper and breakfast</b></p>	<p>Self-service Supper and Breakfast.</p> <p>Caitlyn explained that some residents felt that they should be afforded more opportunity in respect of independence, Debbie explained that the change from self-service to full service was implemented as a safety measure to protect residents from the spread of Covid-19, reducing the amount of high touch areas. Debbie</p>

	<p>assured Caitlyn that all risk assessments are reviewed regularly and will only be altered alongside ongoing Scottish Government Guidance.</p> <p><b>Outcome: No change currently.</b></p>
<p><b>Pool table being used again.</b></p>	<p>This can be done with responsibility to residents to hand back cues once game is finished – staff to wipe down cues with sanitiser – pool tables to be wiped down alongside general enhanced cleaning schedule.</p> <p>To be monitored closely.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p>
<p><b>3G pitch/ Games Hall status</b></p>	<p>Request 3G pitch/Games Hall status.</p> <p>Debbie explained that the 3G pitch was offered by KGS during the quieter periods, however, KGS now require the use of the 3G pitch at the allotted time to provide increasing outdoor activities.</p> <p>Games Hall has been risk assessed. Debbie stated that it was very important to provide some form of physical activity throughout the winter months in particular.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete</b></p> <p>Games hall to continue, 3G pitch will be booked again for PHoR as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>Side rooms – can they be opened again?</b></p>	<p>Debbie explained that the rooms are currently closed, due to their size. Whilst it is appreciated that school pupils do not require to social distance, the Scottish Government Guidance suggests that young people should be encouraged to distance wherever possible. Again, the risk assessment is under regular review.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p> <p>No change currently. However, suggestions to use one of the larger rooms into a television room for residents.</p>
<p><b>Baths – can they be used again?</b></p>	<p>Debbie asked for clarity on this – Caitlyn explained that this was a personal choice. Again, safety measures have been put in place to protect all residents. All bedrooms have ensuite facilities and whilst it is appreciated that a bath may be a preferred choice, currently these will remain closed due to enhanced cleaning required after each use.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p>

	No change currently.
<b>DVD Player – can it be fixed?</b>	<p>Agreed that a new DVD player will be purchased as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete</b> – DVD purchased</p>
<b>Later teatime, start later for senior phase that attend supported study.</b>	<p>Agreed, teatime will be moved from 1645 to 17.00</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p>
<b>Change registration method, have names checked off as we enter the dining hall.</b>	<p>Moving this to residents entering the dining area, would risk names being missed, possible cause of queuing and delaying. This originally changed to avoid large gatherings.</p> <p><b>Outcome;</b> No change currently. Complete.</p>
<b>Change the laundry time – straight after tea – why can't we use the laundry room?</b>	<p>Proposed change – all residents will now take bedding and towels downstairs on a Friday morning, staff to put clean laundry to each room to be made up by residents on their return after the weekend.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete.</b></p>
<b>Computers/printer in the library - (17 X S12792) has no cable, printer doesn't print in colour or from computers.</b>	<p>Reported to IT.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Complete</b> IT has resolved</p>
<b>Using the freezer room again.</b>	<p><b>Outcome: Ongoing</b></p> <p>Further discussion required.</p>
<b>Get the microwaves back downstairs.</b>	<p>Debbie explained that the microwaves have been temporarily removed as a safety measure. Offering a food preparation area, particularly during Covid-19 would require enhanced cleaning and sanitising. Again, the Covid-19 risk assessment is under regular review, and we will replace the food preparation area as soon as reduce risk allows.</p> <p><b>Outcome: no change currently Complete.</b></p>
<b>Increase the sizes of the fridges in the coffee bars.</b>	<p>Discussion to be held at team meeting.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Ongoing</b></p>

**Can we go into other people's rooms as the Tier System is introduced?**

Currently all residents have been encouraged to socialise in the open spaces in PHoR. The risk assessment is reviewed regularly in line with Scottish Government Guidance and changes to advise will be made as soon as Guidance changes.

**Outcome: Complete no change currently.**

**S5/S6 be allowed to use a late-night downstairs and go straight up to rooms at their bedtime of 11:15, instead of going upstairs at 10:45pm.**

**Outcome: Complete.**

Agreed S5/S6 residents can now go up the stairs at 11pm.

## 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 <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/E/papdale-halls-of-residence.htm>. 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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