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Parents' Information Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

We will soon be able to publish to you the proposed refurbishment and new build plans. The Student Council has played a major part in meeting with architects and prioritising the order in which they want to see things done. They are also heavily involved in making decisions about the new school uniform that will be introduced from September 2007. Parents, governors and staff will also be consulted in the near future.

I would like to remind all parents but particularly those of Years 9 and 11 of the superb value of Sam Learning. Analysis shows that a minimum of 10 hours raises exam grades considerably. Please encourage your child to log on at either at home or school (see information below). There will be prizes given out monthly to pupils who increase their user hours the most. Parents can also log on with their child and have a go at the tests.

Best wishes for a very happy half term holiday.

## 5IVE\* IS COMING TO POLTAIR!

Dance like your favourite music video star at 'RaZor' the new MTV style class for St Austell!

Sessions will be held every Saturday in the Main Hall at Poltair School from the 10th March.

Under 12's 11.00am-12.30pm  
Over 12's 12.30pm-2.00pm

£5 per class

Learn the hottest r&b, pop, funk and hip-hop moves from professional Pineapple trained tutors.

For more info call 01637 871458

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## Medicines

A reminder to all parents that pupils are not allowed to carry medicines in their school bags. If medication needs to be taken during school hours, it should be handed to the school nurse at the beginning of the day and collected at home time.

All medicines must be clearly named and accompanied by instructions for administration.

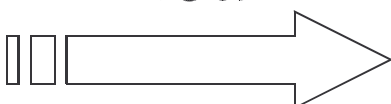
## Head Lice

Due to the extremely mild weather conditions, we would like to bring to your attention the presence of head lice within the community.

Please could we ask all parents/guardians to check (and treat if necessary) their children's hair during the half term break? If your children are older, please could you discuss this matter with them and encourage self-awareness.

Thank you.

# Sam Learning



[www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com)

Login using Centre ID = PL25PC

Username and Password = ddmmyab where ddmmy is your date of birth and ab is your initials (then change password)

## Ten Tors update

Team allocations for the Ten Tors Challenge 2007 have been confirmed and Poltair has been allocated 35 and 55 mile team places. Selection for both teams took place on Sunday 4th February on Dartmoor.

The 35 mile participants have had to push hard to earn a place in the final team of eight. The following have been selected; Harriet Caple, Emma Hide, Zac Mace, Daniel Murphy, Darren Ould, Neil Sanders, Nic Stanlake and Phil Swann. The 55 mile team comprises; Katie Bateson, Josh Brumby, Andora Perkins, Niall Parkinson, Frances Price, Chris Stanlake and Michael Wardle.

## Orienteering Young Leaders lead the way at the Roseland Orienteering Festival at Caerhays

On Wednesday 7th February, Orienteering Young Leaders and Duke of Edinburgh participants ran an Orienteering Festival for Roseland Primary Schools at Caerhays Castle. Overall leaders Chris Stanlake, Frances Price and Nic Stanlake briefed and coached the children and the Young Orienteering Leaders Daniel Murphy, Neil Sanders, Daniel Elston, Phillipa Brett, Jade Lewis, Harriet Caple, Emma Hyde, Abbie Bate and Kim Prophet supported pairs of runners whilst they were running the different routes.

## Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 19th March at 19.00 in the Main Hall, bronze, silver and gold participants will be returning to Poltair to celebrate their achievements and to be presented with their Duke of Edinburgh certificate and badge. A guest speaker will be talking about his experiences in Antarctica followed by presentations from participants past and present. (All welcome)

## Community Action Nepal (CAN) lecture

*'CAN is a mountaineers' charity to help mountain people to help themselves raise their standard of living and strengthen community-based culture.'* Community Action Nepal helps and supports remote communities through Education, Health and Community Development programmes. CAN's main focus and work is about sustainable health and education projects, working with local people and village communities. The foundation and essence of the work is based on a 'community development' approach to achieving long-lasting, valuable and genuine partnerships with the Nepali people in the belief that this cultivates a sense of ownership and responsibility towards a project's success, development and consequent improvement in the quality of daily life. **Nigel Wilson is coming down to Cornwall to give a talk on CAN, how you can help and get involved (maybe volunteering yourself one day in the future!) on Monday 26th March at 19.00 in the Main Hall. Please see Miss Blackburn to reserve a place!**

## Madagascar Easter 2008

*'Madagascar's forests are a shimmering, seething mass of a trillion stems and dripping leaves and slithering, jumping, quirky creatures out of nature's bag of tricks: lemurs, periwinkles and baobabs, aloes, geckoes, sifakas and octopus trees.'* Madagascar is the largest and one of the most exotic islands in the Indian Ocean, famed for its beautiful forests and spectacular coastline. We will be trekking in Amber Mountain National Park and taking part in water based activities in Diego Bay. This expedition will offer a wide range of experiences that combine physical, social and environmental challenges. **Would you like a place on an experience of a lifetime? Are you up for a challenge? There will be a 'Madagascar evening' before Easter but if you would like to express an interest or would like to find out more, please see Miss Blackburn.**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- ❖ **Friday, 16th February**  
Staff Training Day – no pupils
- ❖ **Friday, 16th February to Sunday, 25th February**  
*HALF TERM HOLIDAY*
- ❖ **Thursday, 1st March**  
Music Block – Centenary Choir practice  
7.00 – 8.30 pm (all welcome)
- ❖ **Monday, 5th March** Years 10 & 11 GCSE Exams (Maths)
- Wednesday, 7th March** Year 11 GCSE Exams (Science)
- Monday, 12th March** Year 10 GCSE Exams (Science)  
(All pupils due to sit exams will have been informed)
- ❖ **Tuesday, 6th March**  
Year 11 Fashion Show in the Main Hall 6.00 – 8.00 pm (tickets from Mr Hewitt – limited numbers)