



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

TIME MANAGEMENT

I hope that you have had an enjoyable half term with your children. The break has given the staff the opportunity to re-charge their batteries for what is a ridiculously short half term before the Easter holidays. We break up again at 1.00 pm on the 19th March!

This has consequences for all of the children in terms of keeping to work deadlines and especially those pupils in Year 11, Year 10 and a few Year 9s who are working towards their GCSEs. Many staff will be chasing them to complete various packages of coursework in order to leave the Summer Term clear for exam preparation and revision. The Year 11 pupils will shortly be receiving their 'statement of entries' and timetables for the GCSE public examinations. Parents will need to check them carefully with their children and notify us of any issues.

The Year 11 Revision Guide is in the process of being put together and is full of useful tips and techniques on how to survive this important period in young peoples' lives. If you have any queries regarding the examinations, then please contact Kathryn Northcott our Exams Officer.

The pupils will be guided step by step through the whole process via individual mentoring and group assemblies.

Seán Hewitt
On behalf of the Leadership Team
Barry Richardson, Peter Booth and Helen Holmes.

✧ Poltair Award ✧

The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust has invited Poltair School to attend a celebratory dinner on 26th February 2008 in recognition of our status as one of the most improved Specialist Schools in GCSE Results. This will be taking place in London and Mr Richardson our Director of Raising Attainment will be representing the school.

Dreams and Teams Visit to Ethiopia

Mr P Booth and Mrs L Booth are busy preparing for their return visit to Yirgalem School. They would love to take lots of replica premiership football shirts as gifts for our African friends who are football crazy! **PLEASE** send any old shirts you have in to school (any size) to Mrs L Booth. **We need them by Tuesday 26th February.**

Do you shop in ASDA?



Poltair is taking part in the 2008 ASDA Go Green For Schools Scheme. If you use an alternative to new carrier bags next time you go shopping, you will be given a green voucher. We have a collection box in the Library and the school can redeem your vouchers for environmentally-linked prizes such as a bird box with built-in camera, solar panels and grow beds.

For more information on how this scheme will help Poltair, log onto

<http://asda-gogreenforschools.co.uk/>

Many thanks, Poltair Green Team