



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

The school received some great news at the end of last week. Planning permission has been granted for the next phase of the redevelopment of Poltair School. Work will begin at May Half Term and is due to be finally completed by September 2009. There will inevitably have to be some changes to our routines when the demolishing and building takes place but we are very confident that we will manage to maintain the existing calm and ordered environment and that teaching and learning will not be unduly disturbed. On completion we will have a brand new school hall, a new drama studio, improved dining facilities together with a cyber café, a new radio room and reception area. In addition, the whole of the West Block will have been refurbished to create a suite of 'state of the art' classrooms. I would like to thank Peter Booth, our Director of Projects and Premises for the enormous amount of hard work that has gone in order to get us to this stage. Finally you might want to look out for further details in next week's local press.

A PRESENTATION TO PARENTS – WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE

I am very aware that many parents may be curious about the arrival of the new Headteacher! It is inevitable that there would be interest in my personality, my approach to Headship, my thoughts about Poltair School, my plans for the future and how I intend to involve parents. On the 4th June I intend to hold a Parents' Meeting in the evening in order to formally introduce myself to you. I would have by then spent half a term in the school. However, I will emphasise on the evening that the future will be about **our** vision and **our** school. Responding to parental voice will be emphasised too! About ten months ago, parents were involved in a survey organised for us by Kirkland Rowell. This identified, in parents' eyes, the relative strengths of the school (there were many) and the things that could be better still. So, on the evening we will give you a progress report on how the school has responded to those messages. I do hope many of you can attend. Details of time and venue will follow nearer the date.

Stephen Tong
Headteacher

EMA

Education Maintenance Allowance application forms for courses starting from autumn 2008 are not yet available in school.

However, this year for the first time, online applications will be accepted from 5th May. The on-line address is: <http://ema.direct.gov.uk>.

Alternatively telephone applications will be possible via this number: 0800 121 8989.

We anticipate receiving paper application forms by mid May.

Any queries please see Mr Lake.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Year 9 SATs Week

The Year 9 SATs will begin on **Tuesday 6th May and run to Friday 9th May**. It is absolutely vital that all Year 9 pupils attend. Please do not arrange medical or dental appointments during school hours. If you already have an appointment during any of the above dates please rearrange it to another date either before or after these exams. Please encourage pupils to keep up the revision. There are excellent revision facilities on the Internet that can be accessed either at home or in school (see item overleaf).

The Final Training Day for this Academic Year has been agreed as
FRIDAY 23rd MAY (no pupils in school).

KEY STAGE 3 SATs
Study support online:

www.samlearning.com

login: **PL25PC**

password: **date of birth and initials of forename and surname**
eg 110884BB

Provides revision sheets and full exam practice – 10 hours target time

www.mymaths.co.uk

login: **Poltair** password: **first**

Fun activities particularly for Year 9 but also useful for Years 7 and 8

www.amazinggrades.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

GCSE

Study support online (as in KS3 same addresses but more options available):

www.s-cool.co.uk

Subject based options, particularly good for revision ideas

www.gcsepodcast.com (WEBSITE OF THE MONTH)

All year groups should aim to use Samlearning as much as possible.

Study support in school:

Revision evenings:-

Refer to Issue 1 Spotlight (week beginning 14th April 2008) **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO ATTEND. BE THERE!**

Reminder: Year 11 pupils do not leave Poltair until **27th June**. This is a statutory requirement.

**Understanding learning and
preparing for success**

Enter 'GCSE Revision' in Google, click 'search'. This will give you an extensive number of specific websites.



With James Churchfield from BBC Radio Cornwall

Tickets £10 adults, £5 concessions
Available on the door or call 01579 320251

Saturday 3rd May 2008
7.30pm

*The evening will also feature a charity draw.
All profits from the event will be donated to the
Cornwall Air Ambulance fund.*

Handel ~ Zadok the Priest
Arne ~ Rule Britannia!
Vaughan Williams ~ English Folk Songs
Badet ~ Pirates of the Caribbean
Trelawney ~ the Cornish National Anthem, arr. Russell Pascoe
Clarke ~ "Within..." for seven flutes

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