

SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

GOOD ATTENDANCE

One of the things that is very pleasing to report is that the school's attendance has improved again this year. This is important because all evidence suggests that pupils who attend well are also far more likely to achieve well. A pupil with good attendance is also more often than not a happy pupil. A lot of hard work has gone into securing these improvements. I would like to acknowledge the staff that have worked hard on this and the enormous support we get from the majority of our parents and carers.

However we need to continue to have your full support. We do have concerns about requests for absence relating to family holidays. It is not that we are unsympathetic to the reasons for booking holidays in term time; it is purely that despite the assurances that can be given, the time off does equate to missed learning opportunities. The arguments about 'there being no real work at the end of term' are also well known to us. Unfortunately we do not agree with this; the programmes that are put together at these times are often different but no less vital. Some of our most important whole school showcases, celebration events and out of classroom learning opportunities happen at these times.

So let us look forward to this exciting time of year in the hope that all our pupils can enjoy the fantastic blend of formal classes and other learning opportunities that characterise the end of summer term.

Stephen Tong

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Headteacher

Designed. in Cornwall

Designed. In Cornwall is a showcase of design and technology work by GCSE and post 16 students from Secondary and Tertiary Colleges all over Cornwall. The event is being organised collaboratively by teachers, University College Falmouth and the Design and Making Centre Cornwall.

It is hoped that the show will become a yearly event and help contribute to raising achievement and the profile of design and technology throughout Cornwall.

Poltair will be exhibiting examples of GCSE work as well as a canoe which has been constructed by Sam Simkins (Y10), Neil Sanders (Y10) and Josh Gilbert (Y8) amongst others (see photo left to right).

The exhibition will be open to all visitors on Saturday 28 June from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at Tremough Campus, University of Falmouth.



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday – 2nd July

Year 8 Parents' Evening 3.15 – 6.15 pm

Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July

Work Experience – Week 1

Thursday – 10th July

Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.15 – 6.15 pm

Monday 14th to Friday 18th July

Work Experience – Week 2

Activities Week

Gifted and Talented Update

All registered G & T pupils have attended a special assembly and have received letters about their gifts and talents. Parents have been invited to make appointments with Miss Venn on Tuesdays-Fridays over the next month. Please feel free to contact Miss Venn to arrange an appointment as we would like to see as many parents as possible.

Miss Venn
Gifted and Talented Lead Teacher

CDs for sale

Debbie Johnston, our Rock and Pop Leader, has produced some fabulous CDs including one piece of coursework from every year 11 GCSE Music student in 2008. The CDs are priced at £4.50 each and are available from Mrs Endean in the school office.

As there are a limited number of CDs available, if you are interested in placing an order please do so quickly.

Mrs Samuels
Subject Leader - Music



Sponsored Fun Run in aid of CLIC charity at the Eden Project on Saturday 5th July for all secondary children to take part.

All day event with other activities including:

Barbeque

Raffle

Climbing Wall

Dance Mats—from Restormel Active Lifestyles

Demos from Sports Club.

My Band—Local Bands opportunity

Free entry for participant and up to 3 guests.

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