



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

'BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE', 'COME TO THE EDGE'

Most pupils and, I hope, most parents will recognise the two expressions used as my headline this week. 'Believe and Achieve' is the new motto being used with our school community. 'Come to the edge' refers to the motivational poem I have used in many assemblies and presentations. However, we must match these words with deeds. It is easy to say, not so easy to do. Not giving up and not letting go (firm positive encouragement) are crucial ingredients in success. I have asked staff to emphasise that we do not settle for second best from any pupil. This is our part in ensuring we impact on the life chances of young people. I hope that pupils in general, and particularly those in Year 11, are noticing this 'edge', this extra challenge, and are responding to the offers of extra support. We are in the process of launching a number of programmes to deliver tailored support and intervention packages for a whole range of pupils. These include access to additional tutoring, after school twilight sessions, additional mentoring and incentive packages. I am sure we can rely on the support of our parents and carers in ensuring that your children take advantage of this vital life chance. Moreover, we are keen to speak directly to a number of parents in the coming weeks so that we can all agree on 'next steps' and 'sing from the same hymn sheet'. I hope that this does not sound threatening; it is not meant to. This is about getting it right on behalf of the young adults of our community.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – PRICE RISE

From Monday 6th October prices for a school meal will rise from £1.76 to £1.90. This is in line with price rises introduced across the County in regard to school meals. I know that this will not be a popular announcement, especially at a time of high street inflation when we all have to 'tighten our belts.' However, with prices of food rising, there is a need to ensure that outgoing costs are covered. I am sure that our pupils will continue to take advantage of one of the very best catering services in Cornwall's schools. I believe strongly that, despite these additional costs, our healthy, nutritious meals which are all locally sourced, will continue to offer good value.

BEING PREPARED

Our monitoring last week led to some excellent results. Each class visited was graded from 1 to 4, with 1 being the best (all pupils prepared for learning) to 4 (most pupils not prepared for learning). Nearly all the grades were '1's and the average score was 1.2. Well done everyone.

Stephen Tong

Stephen Tong
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES:-

Thursday 9th October

National Poetry Day

Wednesday 15th October

Year 9 Citizenship Democracy Day

Tuesday 21st October

Year 10 Work Experience Evening 7.00 pm in the Key Theatre (venue to be confirmed)

Friday 24th October (Training Day)

No Pupils in School

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Half Term Holiday

Jess

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Well done to Jess for her outstanding effort and contribution to the school.

Jess has only been at Poltair for less than a year and has proved herself to be a wonderful asset.

Please note that the weekly Spotlight and any archived Spotlights, together with news items, are available to view or download from the school website www.poltairschool.co.uk

Cornwall Youth Dance Company

Congratulations to Josh Shepperd, Bryony Hutchings and Viviana Rocha who successfully auditioned for Cornwall Youth Dance Company. They have all been awarded places with the company for this academic year. Well done!

Mrs G Hulbert

Lost Property

There are already several items of lost property in the School Office. Can you please check with your son or daughter that they have not mislaid anything?

Would you also ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. This will help us to return any lost items to the appropriate child.

College Advice Sessions

Cornwall College - Camborne, St Austell, Saltash & Newquay campuses

Saturday 25th October 2008 (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)
Thursday 27th November 2008 (5.00 – 8.00 pm)
Thursday 5th February 2009 (5.00 – 8.00 pm)
Thursday 27th August 2009 (3.00 – 7.00 pm)
Friday 28th August 2009 (10.00 am – 3.00 pm)

Truro College

Saturday 8th November 2008 (10.00 am - 3.00 pm)
Thursday 4th December 2008 (5.00 - 8.00 pm)
Wednesday 21st January 2009 (5.00 - 8.00 pm)
Saturday 14th March 2009 (10.00 am - 1.00pm)
Thursday 14th May 2009 (5.00 - 8.00pm)

Duchy College

For Stoke Climsland please phone 01579 372233 or e-mail stoke.enquiries@duchy.ac.uk
For Rosewarne please phone 01209 721321 or e-mail rosewarne.enquiries@duchy.ac.uk

Falmouth Marine School

Please telephone 01326 310322 or e-mail [falenquiries@cornwall.ac.uk](mailto:fal enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk)

Do you shop in
Morrisons?




Poltair is collecting Morrisons *Let's Grow* Vouchers (Branches at Bodmin, Liskeard and Newquay). For every £10 that you spend, you should be given a voucher. We have a collection box in the Library and can redeem your vouchers for gardening-related prizes such as plant seeds.

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



<http://www.morrisons.co.uk/LetsGrow/>

Extra Curricular Activities - Autumn Term 2008


MONDAY

7.30 am	Trampolining		Sports Hall	L Booth
First Break	Dance (Yr 11 Set Study)		Dance Studio	G Hulbert
Lunch Break	Art 'Catch Up'		Art Department	
After School	Sports Academy (selected pupils only)		Sports Hall	J Earp

TUESDAY

Lunch Break	Art 'Catch Up'		Art Department	
Lunch Break	GCSE PE Practical Masterclass (Yr 11) invite only		Astro Pitch	L Booth
Lunch Break	Girls' Basketball (Yrs 7-11)		Sports Hall	J Burchell
After School	GCSE English Revision (Yr 11) starts after Half Term Booster classes for KS3		English Department	
After School	Boys' Basketball (Yrs 10-11)		Sports Hall	J Burchell
After School	Hockey (Yrs 7-11)		Astro Pitch	L Booth/K Redd/ G Owens
After School	Rugby (Yrs 7-8)		Field	C Foster/ P Marshall
After School	Mymaths Homework Club		IT5	K Walker
After School	DT (Yr 11) Product Design Clinic		Room 54	J Axe
After School	DT (Yr 9) Extension Class		Room 53	M King
After School	Homework Club		SSC	C Bellamy/ L Warwick
3.15 - 4.15 pm	ICT Extended Learning Club		IT6	J Jones

WEDNESDAY

Lunch Break	Art 'Catch Up'		Art Department	
After School	'Catch Up' Club & Yr 7 DT Extension		Room 51	K Lobb
After School	Rugby (Yrs 9-11)		Field	B Richardson/ S Watkinson/P Booth
After School	Boys' Basketball (Yrs 7-9)		Sports Hall	J Burchell
After School	Dance 'Hip Hop' (Yrs 7-11) Led by Yr 11 pupil		Dance Studio	G Owens (supervising)
After School	Science Revision (All years), Coursework 'Catch Up', Homework Club		Science Department	
After School	Tastes & Treats for Christmas Club (Yrs 8-11) Starts Wed 5th Nov		Room 56	K Partis/M Peters/ I Pyle
After School	Homework Club		SSC	C Bellamy/ L Warwick
After School	DT Gifted & Talented Activities (see Mr Axe for information)		Room 54	J Axe
After School	DT (Yr 11) Graphics Coursework Clinic		Room 53	M King
After School	English Touring Opera Project (Yrs 7, 8 & 10) Starts November (more information to follow)		Music Block	K Samuels
After School	Rock & Pop		Music Block	K Samuels/C Hatt
3.15 - 4.15 pm	ICT Extended Learning Club		IT6	J Jones

THURSDAY

First Break	Dance (Yr 11 Solos)	Dance Studio	G Hulbert
Lunch Break	Art 'Catch Up'	Art Department	
Lunch Break	Boys' Dance Club (Yrs 7-11)	Dance Studio	G Hulbert
Lunch Break	GCSE PE Theory Masterclass (Yr 11) Invite only	Room 50	G Owens
After School	Maths Revision (Yrs 7-11) main focus on GCSE Module 1	Maths Department	
After School	Green Team (Yrs 7-11)	S3	L Martin
After School	Girls' Football (Yrs 7-11)	Field	K Redd/M Robins
After School	Badminton Club (Yrs 7-11)	Sports Hall	M Robins
After School	Gifted & Talented String Group (places are limited please see Mrs Samuels)	Music Block	K Samuels
After School	Dance Club (Yrs 7-11)	Dance Studio	G Hulbert
After School	Homework Club	SSC	C Bellamy/ L Warwick
3.15 - 4.15 pm	ICT Extended Learning Club	IT6	J Jones



FRIDAY

7.30 am	Trampolining Club	Sports Hall	L Booth
First Break	Dance (Yr 11 DVD)	Dance Studio	G Hulbert
Lunch Break	Dance - Keay Rehearsals	Dance Studio	G Hulbert
Lunch Break	Art 'Catch Up'	Art Department	
After School	Table Tennis (Yrs 7-11)	Sports Hall	M Robins
After School	Golf (dates to be arranged)	Porthpean Golf Club	P Marshall



Where no year groups are listed, the clubs are accessible for pupils in all years
 After School Clubs run 3.15 - 4.05 pm
 (unless alternative times have been arranged with the teacher in charge)
ENHANCEMENT BUSES RUN ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY