

SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

SECURING SUCCESS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 11

Revision Classes

It is striking how willing and prepared Poltair School staff are to run after school study sessions for pupils and particularly for those in Year 11. It reflects their commitment to ensure that our senior pupils get the very best support available as they prepare for their potentially 'life changing' GCSE examinations. It is therefore a complete mystery to me why any pupil would not want to take advantage of these opportunities. Evidence suggests there is a strong link between not only attendance in school but also attendance at booster sessions and actual achievement. So please parents, join us in encouraging, persuading, or just coercing our pupils to attend!

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening

The other thing that makes a real difference, even at this stage, is full attendance at Parents' Evenings. Bringing together the parent, pupil and subject teacher to agree on vital next steps is a recipe for success. The all important date is Tuesday 10th February from 3.15 to 6.15 pm. Please make sure that you can attend. We promise in every consultation to celebrate what is going well, the things that could be better and the best and specific next steps.

Thank you.

Stephen Tong

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Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES	Thursday 5th February	Year 9 Curriculum Evening (Sports Hall 7.00 – 8.00 pm) A 'Showcase' for Year 9 Options
	Tuesday 10th February	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Smith Block 3.15 – 6.15 pm) An important opportunity to meet with subject teachers to report on pupil progress
	Friday 13th February	Training Day (No Pupils in school)
	Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	Half Term Holiday
	Wednesday 25th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening (Smith Block 3.15 – 6.15 pm) An important opportunity to meet with subject teachers to report on pupil progress

Congratulations to Laura Fenner, Sophie Grubb and Lily Richardson (Year 8 pupils)

Youth Speaks aims to give young people the opportunity to express themselves clearly and effectively in public, as members of a team, whilst encouraging a high standard of public speaking in a formal situation.

Poltair is delighted to celebrate the winning skills Laura, Sophie and Lily demonstrated in the Intermediate Competition for ages between 11 and 13. The Rotary Club Competition took place at Penrice Community College on Wednesday 28th January and the girls are to progress to the Western Area Final at Camborne Community College on Wednesday 11th February.

Their topic is called "Is it that simple?" The Chairperson, Laura, opened the meeting, made introductions, handled the question and closed the meeting. The Speaker, Lily, demonstrated knowledge and understanding in her interesting speech on addiction, with the focus on smoking and drugs. The Proposer, Sophie, for the vote of thanks, gave specific reference to the subject, question and contribution to the team.

Well done and congratulations to Laura, Sophie and Lily.

Mrs J Ross

Science Revision Guides

Revision Guides for Year 9 – Set 1 – new separate Science Course
All three now in stock - Chemistry, Physics and Biology – £2.76 each

Also

Years 9 - 11

Revision Guides £3.50 each

Work books £2.25 each

A Revision Guide and Work book can be purchased together at the reduced price of £5.00

See Mrs Haley or your Science Teacher for more information.

Jacob

YEAR 9 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For excellent attainment
in ICT



Ten Tors sand dune training on Perranporth beach

Friday 23rd January

'The main aim of the day was an endurance challenge. This consisted of walking with full kit over the sand dunes with a number of 'mountainous' gradients! Back on the beach we participated in exciting games including pacing a 100m square to locate a buried chocolate éclair in the sand. To warm up before lunch we walked down to the sea edge and back – relay style and on the second time round we ran. We all tried 'boil in the bag' meals for lunch and we found that treacle pudding was not the best choice! We all owe credit to Miss Blackburn and Mrs Wardle for making our day as enjoyable as possible!'

Ashley Stone (Ten Tors team)

Poltair & Penrice Present



'Kinetic Fusion'

2 Evenings of Dance at
The Key Theatre:
Cornwall College (St Austell)

Wednesday 11th February and
Thursday 12th February

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Adults: £4.50

Concessions: £3.50

Tickets on sale now from Mrs Russell in the
School Office at lunch times only!

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