



# SPOTLIGHT



Issue 10

Parents' Information Newsletter

Summer Term 2009

Dear Parents and Carers

The Year 11 Leavers' Ball takes place at the Cliff Head Hotel this evening (the first time at this venue) and we are looking forward to seeing our young people resplendent in formal dress and arriving in an interesting array of transport.

Year 10 pupils have now completed their first week of Work Experience and next week will see the completion of their second week along with our Activities Week for Year 7-9 pupils.

There are many different activities taking place and we are hopeful that the good weather continues (despite the heavy rain and thundery weather conditions experienced yesterday)! All pupils should be aware of their activities for the week, where to meet at the start of the day, what to wear and any equipment they might need to bring. Due to the very hot weather we have been experiencing can you please ensure your child has plenty of fluids, hat, sunglasses and sun lotion? It would also be a good idea for them to have a waterproof outer garment just in case we experience yesterday's weather conditions!

Unfortunately due to the storm early yesterday morning, the school telephone system was damaged. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience you may be experiencing when phoning the school. Only one of our outside telephone lines has been operating and our internal telephone system has also gone down. This has increased the workload of our receptionist considerably and at present we are awaiting the repair work to be undertaken before the system will be fully operational again. Please can we ask you to be patient during this interruption to normal service?

*Stephen Tong*

**Stephen Tong**  
Headteacher

## Year 8 Gifted and Talented Artists

There is an exciting opportunity to become part of the Beaford Arts Academy, which involves a long term programme of weekends and residential workshops throughout the year. The successful students will work with Artists in residence, and have the opportunity to have their work certificated through the Arts Award, Trinity College. The cost of the academy is £420 for the year which can be paid in instalments. I have a lot more information regarding the Academy. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible as the deadline for applications is 10th July.

Miss L Venn  
Gifted and Talented Lead Teacher

## DOUBLETREES SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Two weeks ago a group of our students helped out at Doubletrees Sports Day. It was a brilliant day but very hard work!! All the volunteers enjoyed it and were a credit to Poltair.



Erin Year 8 Poltair pupil helping Doubletrees pupil

## CONGRATULATIONS to Rory Year 8

Rory competed in the Kent International Open Judo Championships last Saturday at Crystal Palace, where players travelled from all over Europe.

Rory won the bronze medal in the under 42kg category.

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](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk)

### **Poltair PE Kit Change**

From September 2009 the school will have a new PE kit for Year 7 (white/green dri-fit style t-shirt and black/green lightweight rugby top). Pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will still be expected to wear the current school PE kit (white cotton t-shirt and green rugby top). Pupils in these years who need to replace items of kit will be able to purchase and wear the new style PE kit.

Cornwall Screenprint who supply the branded school kit will continue to sell their remaining stock of current kit at discounted prices throughout July and August if you would like to buy these items as replacements for pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

If your child does need replacement items, and you would like your child to wear the new kit you can order from Screenprint in July for delivery in September.

This change of kit is in response to the pupils' request for a review of the kit and will be used for at least the next 5 years.

If you have any questions about the new kit please contact us at school.

Mrs L Booth Director of Specialism &  
Mr P Marshall Subject Leader PE

### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July	Week 2 – Year 10 Work Experience Activities Week Years 7-9
Monday 13th July	Year 6 Intake Day Year 8 Ambassador Reward Trip Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Tuesday 14th July	Year 7 Citizenship Day Year 8 Sports Challenge Day Year 9 Science Day Year 10 Maths Day Disney Trip departs
Wednesday 15th July	Year 7 MFL Day Year 8 Geography & DT Day Year 9 KS4 Transition Day Year 10 English Day (to include Work Experience debrief) London Theatre Trip departs
Thursday 16th July	Sports Day Years 7-10 London Trip returns
Friday 17th July	Disney Trip returns
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Intake Evening
Tuesday 21st July	Awards Day Ceremony Sports Hall 1.30 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 22nd July	End of Term Assembly School finishes at 1.00 pm for pupils
<b>Summer 2009 GCSE RESULTS</b> Thursday 27th August 10.00 – 12.00 noon in new reception	<b>Years 9, 10 and 11 pupils to collect in person (or need to sign a letter of authority for someone to collect on their behalf).</b> <b>Year 11 results not collected will be sent home by 1st Class post.</b> <b>Years 9 and 10 results not collected will be put into registers for collection in September.</b>