



## OPENING CEREMONY *(Press Release)*

Actor John Nettles was guest of honour on Saturday, 10 October for our special Open Day event and official opening ceremony for the new £5 million building project. Celebrations included Governors, teachers and students, along with representatives of the local authority, heads from local partner primary and secondary schools and Cornwall College. Architect Kevin Presland and David Snell, Construction Director of Kier Western were also present.

John Nettles unveiled a plaque in the heart of the school's new reception area and the contractors Kier Western presented the school with a gift of linked television screens.

Following the opening ceremony members of the public toured the school and enjoyed dance, drama and musical performances from students.

**"The opening of the new build is hugely significant both for Poltair School and for the whole of the St Austell community,"** said Poltair Headteacher Stephen Tong. **"These remarkable improvements to our learning and social environment have given everyone associated with the school (including students and staff) a genuine lift. Symbolically I believe the opening of the new build coincides with an increasingly positive and warm feel about our whole school community. It comes at a time when we are proud to announce the best exam results in the school's history, breaking the previous best by a significant margin."**

Chair of Governors Diana Pride added **"It is of great credit to the contractors Kier Western, the school's careful organisation and the good nature of our students that the existence of a build right in the heart of a working school never disrupted us from our central purpose. It is even more remarkable that everything was completed on time. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank to everyone who helped to make this happen."**

The new building, which was completed on time, includes a new reception area, cyber café and new school hall together with a stage which backs onto a new drama studio. There is also a new dining area, a new kitchen and a state of the art set of open plan unisex toilets.

The whole of the old West Block part of the school, which was formerly the St Austell Grammar school original building has been totally remodelled.

The Smith Block has also been upgraded, with rooms being carpeted and decorated. The English and Maths departments are now in the same building as the superb new Science laboratories, which were developed during the first phase of the building project.

There is also a new multi-gym and a radio station. Other works include replacing the astro-turf and floor in the Sports Hall, and landscaping a number of outdoor spaces to create areas where students can eat their lunch and sit and chat quietly.

A new bus park has been built to improve safety for students travelling by bus, and the car parking facilities have been upgraded. There is also a new bike shed to encourage students to cycle to school.



**Year 8**  
**Student of the Week**  
*Gena Morris*



All round effort and performance

<b><u>Student Council 2009-10</u></b>		
<b>The Deputy Returning Officer has reported the successful candidates elected to the School Council are:</b>		
Year 7	Jack Crocker	Chelsea Payton
Year 8	Brandon Trudgeon	Jules Sumner
Year 9	Joe Bishop	Brooke Whetter
Year 10	Oli Elston	Conner Pearce
Year 11	Josh Shepperd	Beatrice Tucker

**Are you interested in becoming part of our Invigilator Team?**

We may require temporary staff to assist with the supervision of students in examinations for certain dates throughout the year. Rate of pay is £6.29 an hour. If you would like to be considered for this role, please apply in writing to our Exams Officer, Mrs K Northcott, and if applicable include details of any previous experience of invigilation, working within a school or details of any connections to Poltair students. Work is not guaranteed but duties are allocated as fairly as possible depending on availability and experience.

**EXAMS (Schedule for November)**

(Year 9, 10 and 11 may have exams – but all pupils involved in exams will have received timetables)

Thursday 5 Nov	am	Maths Module 5 (Paper 1) re-sits
	Am	Maths Linear (Paper 1) re-sits
Tuesday 10 Nov	am	Maths Module 5 (Paper 2) re-sits
	am	Maths Linear (Paper 2) re-sits
Friday 13 Nov	pm	Maths Module 1 (Paper A + B)
Thurs 19 Nov	am	Science Modules

## Last chance to book tickets!

**Thursday 29 October (tickets need to be booked by lunch time on Friday 23 October due to half term)**

'Centre Stage' featuring Kandu Dance in the new main hall 7.30 to 9.00 pm. (Pupils can purchase tickets at lunch time from Mrs Russell – Adults £3 Concessions £2.)

**AFRICAN EVENING** presenting the Maasai Warriors on Tuesday 3 November has changed to **Tuesday 10 November**

**DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE EVENING HAS HAD TO BE RE-ARRANGED.** For further information about ticket availability please contact Miss Blackburn on [hblackburn@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:hblackburn@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Advice Sessions



Cornwall College are holding Advice Sessions for all potential new students to find out more about the wide range of courses available including A Levels, diplomas, apprenticeships etc on Thursday 22 October 2009 5.00 – 7.00 pm at their campuses at Camborne, St Austell, Saltash, Newquay and Falmouth Marine School.

## Library Fines Amnesty

Could all outstanding library and accelerated reader books please be handed in? There is an amnesty on fines at the moment so now is your chance to bring in all those books that have been hiding under the bed or in the bottom of your bag! The Library will soon be up and running so watch this space for details.

Thank you.

**Mrs Hancock, Librarian**

## Sure Start Children's Centres

Cornwall



## FREE DRAMA WORKSHOP

Penwithick Community Hall, Penwithick on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Time: 10am - 12pm Age 6yrs – 8yrs  
1pm - 3pm Age 9yrs – 13yrs

Fruit and juice provided by Children's Centre  
\*\*All children to be accompanied by Parents\*\*

Have fun and laughter, a chance for some acting, lots of games, group work and team work.

Bring comfortable clothes and sensible shoes  
To book telephone Hilde on 07532080741

## English Touring Opera One Day, Two Dawns

For those pupils who appeared in the Opera at the Hall for Cornwall, if you are interested in a DVD of the event, Mr Hewitt has copies priced at £3 each.

**Have a lovely  
half term break!**

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)