



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM THE SPORTS TOUR

I am writing this at a ridiculously early time of the school day, typing on a spare computer at the Central Manchester YHA before 23 Year 7 and Year 8 Poltair School Sports Tourists awake from their slumbers. I know there will not be a spare moment in the rest of the day. More fool me for thinking that accompanying the annual Sports Tour to Manchester would be the easier option for the end of term! So far we have seen Warrington Wolves v Wakefield Trinity Wildcats in the Rugby Super League and been invited onto the pitch as honoured guests. We have visited Stockport to go ten-pin bowling, Altrincham to watch Manchester Phoenix play Bracknell Bees at Ice Hockey and been on our best behaviour at the home end of the Reebok stadium to watch Bolton Wanderers take on Manchester United in the Premier League. We have also visited Ashton-upon-Mersey School who very kindly hosted us for a morning of basketball and we have played football at the JJB Soccer Dome. Still to come is a visit to Old Trafford (including the Stadium Tour), a climbing session inside a converted church, ski lessons at the Chill Factor and a cycle around the Manchester Velodrome. It is exhilarating and exhausting at the same time. It has also been a privilege to accompany staff and pupils throughout the visit. They have been highly positive and polite at all times and have represented the school with real pride.

POLTAIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

The school remains open and active throughout the Easter holidays. For example, we have a number of rehearsals going on in readiness for the school's production of Bugsy Malone. In addition, the Ten Tors teams will also be out in training for their challenge in May. Finally, there is an extensive **Easter Revision Programme** for Year 11 pupils, details are included in this newsletter. Text alerts will also be sent as reminders once the holidays start. Please encourage all Year 11 pupils to take advantage of the opportunities provided at this crucial time in their lives.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW TERM

I am sure that the next school term will be just as busy as this one. Please look out for the publication of the school's new Anti-Bullying Policy and procedures. This has been much anticipated by pupils, parents, staff and governors alike. After some time in consultation and preparation, we will soon be in a position to launch and explain the new arrangements.

In addition, I expect to be able to report to parents and pupils the results of the Pupil and Parent surveys conducted for us earlier this term by the independent market researchers, Kirkland Rowell. We anticipate being able to announce a number of pleasing outcomes, a number of genuine improvements and I am sure a handful of things that the school recognises it must still do to improve further. Please watch this space for details.

Stephen Tong

Stephen Tong
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1 April	Last day of term School finishes at 1.00 pm, buses leave at 1.15 pm
Friday 2 April to Sunday 18 April	Easter holidays
Monday 19 April	School returns

****IMPORTANT****

EASTER REVISION DATES:-
Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 April
Monday 12 to Friday 16 April

Full details attached



**The total raised
for Sports Relief
was £604.59.
Well done to all
who contributed.**

Adam Northcott
YEAR 7
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Overall good work and supporting
the school.

Tommy Lee Gregory
YEAR 8
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Excellent contribution to the
Tutor Programme

Year 7 Fixture

On Wednesday 17 March the Year 7 had a football fixture against Fowey School at home. Poltair started well with an opening goal from Dan Marks after a good run. Poltair continued to dominate the game, playing great passing football. Poltair's strikers were on top form, Caleb Hawken scoring 4 and Kieran Powell scoring 3 all in the first half. When they reached half time Poltair were in the lead 8 – 0.

The second half was more of a battle, with Fowey scoring two good goals. Poltair carried on playing first-rate football, this led to yet another goal again from Kieran Powell later on in the game. The game ended 9-2 to Poltair, a great win!

Overall a great team effort with every player giving 100%. Well done boys and thank you Adam Marks Poltair Head Boy for refereeing the match.

Report by Dan Marks and Bradley Peach

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

TOP TEN

1) What exactly do you do at Poltair?
I am Head of Year 11 and oversee Year 10, which, amongst other things, involves encouraging all pupils in the year groups to reach their full potential in all aspects of school life, and a Geography Teacher attempting to get students to open their eyes and look at what affects them locally, nationally and globally.

2) What is your favourite meal?
Roast chicken, roast potatoes, stuffing, sprouts, cauliflower and lots of gravy!

3) If you were not a teacher what would you be? I would probably be a musician or at least in the entertainment business somewhere!

4) Who are your heroes?
Luciano Pavarotti (Opera), Ronnie Barker (Comedy).

5) Who is your favourite singer/band?
Genesis.

6) What is your favourite book?
The Lord of the Rings by J R R Tolkien.

7) Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you? I have been a principal Operatic Tenor for over thirty years.

8) What do you enjoy most about Poltair? I know it sound corny but "everything".

9) What do you treasure most? My family.

10) What one thing would you change in the world? I would eradicate Child Slave Labour. I abhor it.



Mr Pope

Family Activity Night a Resounding Success

We have just two sessions of our family activity night remaining, 19 April and 26 April. We have seen over 60 people from families across the St Austell area visit the school each Monday evening between 5.00 – 7.00 pm to take part in sporting activities and learn more about the skills that are needed to be involved in teaching them. Many of the young people attending with their parents are Poltair pupils. We also have a significant number who are from primary schools and they have all said that they now feel more comfortable about coming to Poltair because they have met the staff and know the site. The group is also being given the opportunity to attend a Taster Day at Marjon in May to experience Higher Education as a family and to consider it as a possibility for them in the future. Three of the parents who attend the evening are now aiming to gain accreditation in different sports so that they can be paid sports coaches. Anyone who would like to join us for the last 2 sessions is more than welcome.

Linzi Booth
Director of Specialism



*Congratulations
to
Julie Nicholls and
Becky Melton who danced
with Duchy Ballet last week
at the Hall for Cornwall.*

Congratulations to eight Year 7 pupils who entered a maths challenge as two teams of four at Cornwall College St Austell on Friday 19 March, against eight other teams from secondary schools in the area.

Team 1

Michael Buchan
Ricky Parry
Cameron Lobb
Lorinn McCaul

Who entered into the tasks with enthusiasm.

Team 2

Abbie Margetts
Bethany Collett
Ryan Mace
Scott McKend

Who came 3rd.



Easter Holiday activities for Children 7+

BF Adventure (formerly: The Bishop's Forum) Penryn

We have some places left on our Easter holiday activities:

- Canoeing in water filled quarries
- Climbing & abseiling challenge
- Archery contest
- Team building games
- Bush craft & forest games

For further information and to book your space, visit www.bfadventure.org or phone 01326 340 912.

Our fun multi-activity days will take place on **6, 7 and 8 April** as well as on **13, 14 and 15 April** from 9.30am - 3.30pm for only £26 per day.

