

# SPOTLIGHT



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Summer Term 2010

Parents' Information Newsletter

## 'BUGSY MALONE'



Thank you to all parents/carers for your overwhelming support which has contributed to the outstanding success of our school production 'BUGSY MALONE'.

See inside for more details about Arts at Poltair.

*Stephen Tong*

Stephen Tong  
Headteacher

Years 7 & 8 'Own Learning' Booklets were posted home on Wednesday 26 April. If for any reason you have not received a booklet please contact the school.

*Ryan Elliott*

YEAR 8  
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



For being polite and helpful.

**IMPORTANT  
DATE:**

**Wednesday 12 May**

Year 8 Parents'  
Evening  
3.30 to 6.30 pm  
in the Main Hall

*(Please ask your child  
to make appointments  
with their Subject  
Teachers)*

**Sports College connections  
– promoting enjoyment of  
sport**

Dates of national and international  
sporting events during May:-

**15 May**  
FA Cup Final

**22 May**  
Champions League Final  
Heineken Cup Final – Rugby Union

**24 – 31 May**  
French Open - Tennis

# DANCE

## 'Kinetic Collision' at the Key Theatre

### Students' high energy dance wows the crowd

More than 170 students from Penrice Community College and Poltair School took part in a sell-out evening of dance at The Key Theatre on Friday 23 April. The event was organised by dance teachers Claire Michael of Penrice and George Hulbert of Poltair.

The dancers wowed the audience with a spectacle of simultaneous unison, energy and song. There was a very theatrical feel to the event, with performances ranging from jazz and musical theatre to hip hop and contemporary dance.

This is the third consecutive year that the event has been staged at The Key. The event was a very successful evening, giving a platform to the exciting talent of the youngsters aged between 11 and 18.

There were also guest performers from Cornwall College, who are former pupils of both schools involved. George Hulbert said: "It's events like this that make my job unique and incredibly rewarding. I am so proud of the pupils and feel privileged to be supported by a school and community that encourage the high profile of dance and acknowledge its benefits of promoting experience, health and spirit."



All of the following pupils have been nominated by one or more of the Arts teachers for their outstanding contributions to the Arts at Poltair School.

<b>Year 11</b>	Sam Carr	Shauna Michael	<b>Year 10</b>	Jessica Birch
Chris Chard	Gemma Salter	Naomi Clements	Erin Cole	
Sadi Crocker	Joanna Sanchez	Kelly Drury	Alex Moreland	
Sophie Edwards	Josh Shepperd	Becky Scott	Tommy Tanner	
Kelly Ellis	Jessica Vassallo			
James Hammett	Ben Welland			
Bryony Hutchings	Chloe Witham			
Luke Holdstock	Amarni Willeits			
Nikki Kast	Amy Williams			
Abi Maude				

# FOCUS ON THE ARTS

## MUSIC

After winning the Atlantic FM 'Time for a Song' competition with 'Hallelujah', our four Year 11 singing stars and their mentor

Debbie Johnston have been approached by Mount Edgcombe Hospice to record a song to support their fund-raising. Debbie has written a wonderfully poignant and uplifting song which is now in the process of being recorded. The stars are Bryony Hutchings, Shauna Michael, Gemma Salter and Amy Williams.

**Year 9**  
Lily Richardson  
Derran Rylance  
Amie Scott

**Year 8**  
Alisha Armstrong  
Kyle Rickard  
Zach Tunstall

**Year 7**  
Libby Bazeley  
Ethan Green  
Darrian Lee  
Scott McKend  
Emily Trembeth  
Danielle Wright



## ART

### Tree of Life Art Workshop / Creative Steps, Falmouth

A hand-picked group of Year 9 pupils visited Falmouth College of Art, Tremough Campus on Wednesday 28 April. This was the follow-up visit to the very successful workshop that took place in February. Pupils were introduced to college life and given a design challenge to build a paper costume.

All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to themselves and the school.



## DRAMA

### 'Bugsy Malone'

The performances of Bugsy have been a resounding success. Audiences enjoyed a lively and entertaining production in which Poltair pupils excelled themselves through their singing, dancing and acting talents. We must not forget the massive teamwork that went on behind the scenes to make the production possible. Many pupils and staff have given of their time tirelessly in recent weeks so a huge 'thank you' to all who contributed from ticket sales to props, from refreshments to costumes, from sound and lighting to scenery. **Well done all!**



## Friday 23 April 'Mission Implausible 2010'

Shaken but by no means stirred. Our current Year 10 rose to the annual Mission Implausible challenge better than any other group before them.

Based with their Form Tutors the pupils were on the brink of entering the world of intrigue and espionage. All they had to do was pass the selection test...

Their first task was to complete a range of job search skills, followed by an application form and then they were coached in the all-important interview techniques. Then the prospective spies were put through their paces with psychometric tests and team leadership skills.

As if that was not enough, to cap a full and rigorous day, all the pupils were interviewed by adults drafted in from the world of work ranging from Imerys and local government to W.C. Rowe Bakery and the Rotary.

Mike Pascoe, President of St Austell Rotary, said "The day was thoroughly successful. The 'tongue-in-cheek' parody of spy movies was taken in good part by teachers, pupils and visitors alike. All the interviewers agree that the pupils really interviewed well and most of us would like to be able to employ some of them right away."

A proud Head of Year 10, Miss Owens, boasted "This year group is used to devoting themselves to whole day projects whether it is for Citizenship or Enterprise and they rise to the challenge every time."

Head of Business and Communication, Mr Jones, declared the day "great fun with lots of valuable learning taking place. With the job market becoming increasingly competitive such days help to give our pupils some advantage. We are extremely grateful to all who helped make this day such a success."

The outright winners of the day were Michael Barnell, Jamie Rickard for the boys and Jessica Birch, Gayle Holland for the girls.

However, many were highly commended during the day and they were:

### Boys

Carl Banfield  
Jon Porter  
Jordan Conroy  
Josh Gilbert  
Brandon Richards  
Stephen White  
Conner Pearce  
Oli Elston  
Ben Mace  
Stephen Bryant

### Girls

Jade Martin  
Rebecca McDonald  
Chaela Richmond  
Lauren Golley  
Mercedes Jennings  
Erin Cole  
Samantha Southey  
Paige Bastow  
Georgina Leaity  
Gayle Holland  
Chelsea Simkins  
Alex Moreland

## TOP TEN



**Mrs Rootes**

### 1) What exactly do you do at Poltair?

I am a Higher Level Teaching Assistant within the English Faculty, helping pupils through small group work. I support pupils to develop reading and writing organisational skills, completing coursework and the all important revision for GCSEs. I am also a Year 8 Tutor.

### 2) What is your favourite meal?

Fish and Baked Potato with garlic butter and cheese.

### 3) If you were not a HLT Assistant what would you be? A lawyer.

### 4) Who is your hero?

Gandhi.

### 5) Who is your favourite singer/band?

Robbie Williams and Muse.

### 6) Who is your favourite Author?

Iris Johansen a Forensic Scientist who writes books.

### 7) Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you? I have an A Level in Law.

### 8) What do you enjoy most about Poltair?

The pupils – seeing them grow and develop.

### 9) What do you treasure most? My children.

### 10) What one thing would you change in the world?

Attitude – I would add empathy and compassion and eliminate prejudice and hatred.



**Mission Implausible Day**

