



# SPOTLIGHT



Issue 3

Parents' Information Newsletter

Summer Term 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

Later this week we will complete the formalities in wishing our Year 11 students the very best for the future. The occasion will be marked by a special assembly on Friday with an early finish for this year group and the opportunity for students to spend some informal time with each other and their tutors. As I explained to them on Monday, they are really on 'THE THRESHOLD OF THEIR LIVES' and we hope they are properly prepared for the challenges of the adult world and that Poltair School has contributed to that readiness. As a year group they are held in high regard, both in terms of their manners and their application to work. We, of course, wish them every success for the summer and for the rest of their lives.

However, as we continue to remind the students, they still have the major part of the exam season to face. This is their opportunity to show what they know and get due reward for five years' hard work. The basics still matter; arriving early for examinations, having the right equipment, being dressed in full school uniform (regardless of the sun shining) and revising properly. It would be fantastic if on August 24th we were to be overwhelmed with smiling faces clutching opened envelopes, containing exam results that reflect all of the hard work.

Best wishes.

*Stephen Tong*

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Headteacher

## DATES FOR INFORMATION

Tues – 11 May	County Bowls Festival Years 7 to 9
Mon – 17 May	Year 8 Charming Chaps
Tues – 18 May	Year 10 Careers in Science Day
Tues – 25 May	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Mon – 31 May to Friday 4 June	HALF TERM

### Unwanted Items of school uniform

If you have any clean unwanted items eg sweatshirts, shirts/blouses or trousers these would be gratefully received. Please pass in to the school reception.

*Ethan*

YEAR 7  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



For positive contribution to the school.

*Sarah*

YEAR 8  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



For dedication and hard work during the Bugsy Malone Production.

### Guide Dogs for Blind - Stamp Appeal

We continue to collect postage stamps for this worthy cause.

Can you please send in any of your used postage stamps (with approx. 1 cm of envelope left) to the school reception.

Thank you.

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)

## TOP TEN



**Mr Hewitt**

- 1) **What exactly do you do at Poltair?** I am the Director of Children and Family Services. I also teach Media and Photography at GCSE level.
- 2) **What is your favourite meal?** Bass filets with Tuscan herbs and Tzatziki with a greek salad.
- 3) **If you were not a teacher what would you be?** A chef or a late night radio presenter but I always wanted to be a famous artist (I still do).
- 4) **Who are your heroes?** Three Eric's – Eric Sykes, Eric Morecambe and Eric Clapton. My Mum was my greatest hero.
- 5) **Who is your favourite singer/band?** Bob Dylan for poetry, Van Morrison for mystic mood and LOUD Punk!
- 6) **What is your favourite book?** 'The Great Gatsby' by Scott Fitzgerald.
- 7) **Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?** Underneath the greying hair is a really good looking man! \* See below!
- 8) **What do you enjoy most about Poltair?** The children, especially my GCSE groups.
- 9) **What do you treasure most?** The people I love.
- 10) **What one thing would you change in the world?** BT's answering machine system.

"Was this the good looking man Mr Hewitt was referring to?"



## URBANIZED DANCE PROJECT

Young people from across Cornwall are now able to try their hand at an exciting range of different sports activities as part of the third year Sports Unlimited Programme, launched by the Cornwall Sports Partnership.

'Sport Unlimited', a £36 million national initiative funded by Sport England, and being implemented in Cornwall by Cornwall Sports Partnership, aims to get more children and young people taking part in sports that interest them most outside of school.

The programme will enable 6,500 more young people each year in Cornwall to choose from a range of greatly discounted and often free activities, from kayaking and mountain biking to street dancing and swimming.

Tim Marrion, Cornwall Sports Partnership Services Manager, explains: "Sport Unlimited is a fantastic opportunity for Cornish kids to try out something new and have some fun! Specifically for those who may ordinarily shy away from a number of sports because of the level of competition; the clubs we've facilitated through Sport Unlimited offer a completely level playing ground and should hopefully see talents emerge as everyone learns and enjoys together."

One new programme, introduced and funded through the scheme, is Urbanized Dance Project. Designed for ages 7 to 19, the programme includes Cheerleading (Stunts, Cheers and Tosses), and Street dance.

Petra Rowden-Harvey, Urbanized Dance Project organizer, said "It's hard to encourage teenagers to stay fit and healthy when cross-trainers and rowing machines in the gym seem so unappealing. "Urbanized Dance Project has evolved from my personal love of sport and dance, you can often find me dancing around the house to the latest r & b tunes. Teenagers often lack in confidence and I hope that by trying new hobbies it will give them the opportunity to discover talents and skills that will be a real boost to their self-esteem. I am lucky enough to have on board some amazingly talented professional instructors.

Helen Martin is a talented professional dancer who has danced for stars including LL Cool J, Sugababes, Rachel Stephens and Shapeshifters plus appeared in pop promos for Black Eyed Peas, Miss Dynamite, Lemar and Groove Armada.

Alice Walker founded 4 Funx Sake Street Dance Crew. Alice's choreography and hard work led them to come 2nd at the World's Street Dance Championships at Blackpool last August in the 'Under 18s Newcomer' and 2nd in the South-west Street Championships on the 29 November 2010.

Jenny Stanton has just finished four years at DMU University cheering alongside the DMU Saints Cheerleaders an extremely talented squad.



The ten week project with a performance at the end costs £15 and will take place on:

Mondays at Saints Gym - (St Austell Rugby Club) - 5.00-6.00: **Street Dance Starts 10 May 2010**

Tuesdays at Saints Gym - (St Austell Rugby Club) - 5.00-6.00. **Cheerleading Starts 11 May 2010**

Fridays at Saints Gym - (St Austell Rugby Club) - 5.00-6.00. **Street Dance Starts 14 May 2010**

Places are limited! To book on to the sessions, please contact Petra on: 07789991391

email [inspirational\\_fitness@hotmail.com](mailto:inspirational_fitness@hotmail.com).

Check out the website [www.inspirational\\_fitness](http://www.inspirational_fitness)

There are a number of different Sport Unlimited clubs on offer across Cornwall, some are already running and others are due to start soon. Sport Unlimited will make a significant contribution to the Government's target of giving children and young people the opportunity to do five hours of PE and sport a week at school and in the community. The funding is part of the additional £100 million investment in sport for young people announced by the Prime Minister in 2007.

Visit [www.cornwallsportpartnership.co.uk](http://www.cornwallsportpartnership.co.uk) to find out more and to get involved!