# SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter



# HOUSE STARS



# **TEWINGTON**

#### Sam Currell 8LW

For being a top student, following the 5Ps, qualifying for the master chef final and for being a good member of the school community.

#### Jack Walker 10LKV

For always getting involved and supporting other pupils.

## Sam Couchman 7JHK

For being extremely helpful, for his excellent attendance, behaviour and positive attitude. He always demonstrates the 5Ps.

#### Scott McKenzie *911*

For his excellent participation in the numeracy challenge, for being extremely helpful and always demonstrating the 5Ps.

## Tamie Richards 7FG

For always working hard.

## Kate Walker **9KP**

For demonstrating the 5Ps consistently.

#### Billyjoe Masters 7CH

For being helpful.

#### Emily Trembeth 10 MG

For excellent performance in her Chemistry mock exam.

# spotlight on Maths

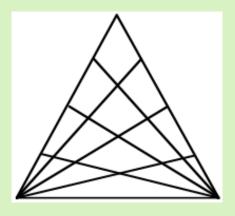
#### **Further Mathematics Support Programme**

On Tuesday 18 December some of our talented Year 10 mathematicians attended a conference at Cornwall College St Austell. The event was organised by the Further Mathematics Support Programme and featured workshops on careers in mathematics and statistics, the origins of mathematics, an experiment to find the centre of mass of a student and solving mathematical puzzles in competition with students from other Cornish schools.

Poltair pupils participated with enthusiasm and prizes were won by teams comprising Tori Marks, Jack Walker and Casey Mounce; Shane Francis, Callum Exell and Alfie Chambers; and Lauren James, Serina Hussain and Gemma Floyd -Norris.

#### Have a go.....

How many triangles and quadrilaterals are in this shape?

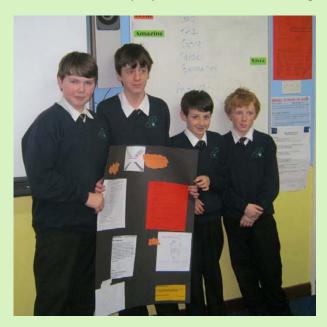


Correct answers given to your Maths

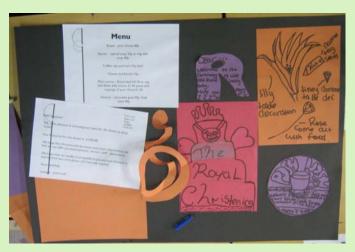
Teacher will receive 10 vivos.

#### **Year 7 Finance Day**

The Curriculum Enrichment Day held on Friday 1 February involved Year 7 pupils bidding for a catering contract for a meal celebrating the birth of the forthcoming Royal baby. They designed company logos and business cards, created mouth-watering menus and worked out total costs with the aim to stay within a strict budget, ensuring they could write a competitive bid. All companies presented their work to their peers and were judged on creativity, team work and financial skills. There were some fantastic ideas, creative displays and a lot of excellent group work – Well done Year 7!



L to R: Elliott Dodd, Alfie Adams, Sam Clapham and Bradley Brotherton



A display of pupils' work.

IMPORTANT KS4 MATHS EXAM DATES		
Friday 1 March 2013	Year 10 & Year 11 Mock Exam	
Tuesday 11 June 2013	Linear GCSE Non-Calculator	
Friday 14 June 2013	Linear GCSE Calculator	
Monday 24 June 2013	GCSE Statistics	
POLTAIR + (3.15 – 4	.30 pm)	
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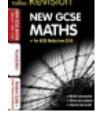
All pupils must have a scientific calculator for their Mathematics lessons. We have some for sale for £6.00 – please see Mrs Russell if you would like one.



We have revision guides and Maths Watch CDs to help support KS4 pupils with their GCSE exams.







Revision Guides £4

## **Numeracy at Poltair**

Numeracy is a set of skills that are developed in all subjects. It is more than an ability to do basic arithmetic. It involves developing *confidence* and *competence* in a variety of areas. Such as; number systems, measures, solving quantitative or spatial problems, data handling and many more.

#### **Design a Logo Competition**

We decided to hold a competition to allow the pupils to design a logo that represents numeracy at Poltair. This will shortly be advertised around the school and will represent mathematics seen in all subjects and in all aspects of life at Poltair School. The winning logo was designed by Jordan Niles.



Each fortnight tutors receive a Numeracy quiz to complete during tutor time.

#### Top 5 tutors to date are: 11SG, 10LKV, 7JHK, 11RP and 9LA

Prizes for the Best House, Best Year Group, Overall top 3 Tutor Groups and Best Tutor per year group are being discussed. If there are any preferences or suggestions please let Mr Sugden know.

If you have a Numeracy question you would like to give the school, please pass to your mathematics teacher or Mr Sugden.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tuesday 12 February	Year 8 Curriculum Evening - Main Hall 6—8pm Year 7 Tutors meet with Parents - Library 3.45-6pm
Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February	Half term
Monday 25 February Tuesday 5 March Wednesday 6 March Monday 11 March	Year 11 Cornwall College interviews
Wednesday 20 March	GCSE Drama Moderation
Thursday 21 March	Year 10 Parents' Evening - Main Hall 3.45-6.15pm
Friday 22 March	Trenance 24 Hour Charity Danceathon
Monday 25 March	GCSE Dance Moderation
Thursday 28 March	Whole School Charity Egg & Spoon Race School finishes at 1pm
Friday 29 March to Sunday 14 April	Easter Holidays

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SATURDAY 9 MARCH 10AM TO 1PM

