



# SPOTLIGHT



Issue 1 Summer Term

Parents' Information Newsletter



## Young Composer Fanfare Competition—Success for Daniel Hall

Talented musician Daniel Hall in Year 11 has beaten 200 other young composers to become just one of 10 national winners for the annual Young Composer Fanfare Competition sponsored by the Royal Opera House.

Daniel travelled to London on Wednesday 27 March with his parents to visit the Royal Opera House where his composition was orchestrated and recorded by the Opera's own orchestra and then will be played to opera audiences as the signal to take their seats before a performance.

Daniel explained: 'The challenge was to compose a short and attention-grabbing piece of music. The judges came from both opera and ballet backgrounds and chose their ten favourite fanfares from the 200 entries.' You can listen to Daniel's successful composition 'Heaven's Shower' by following the link [www.roh.org.uk/news/listen-fanfare-competition-2013-winners](http://www.roh.org.uk/news/listen-fanfare-competition-2013-winners).

Daniel's national success has already attracted local media attention with an interview from Radio Cornwall and as an accomplished musician Poltair is very proud of his achievements.

## Charity Egg and Spoon Fun Run Charity Event 2013

On Thursday 28 March Poltair School held their annual Charity Egg and Spoon Fun Run with approximately 300 pupils and staff taking part. Pupils and staff 'dashed' against each other, 'hopped' over and 'burrowed' under obstacles whilst wearing bunny accessories and carrying an egg and spoon. The fun run was a 'cracking' way to finish the term and the sun even made an appearance. Poltair School would like to thank pupils, parents, carers and the community for their continued support and generosity. The school collected more than £2,150 which will go towards our quest of raising £10,000 for our four charities; Children's Hospice South West - Little Harbour, Mount Edgecumbe Hospice, Help for Heroes and WaterAid. Pictures and footage from the day will soon be available on the school website under the Poltube tab.



**Q: What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?**

**A: A hot cross bunny!**

**DATES FOR DIARY**

Thursday 25 April (lesson 1)	<b>Junior Maths Challenge</b> (this involves 35 of our Gifted mathematicians from Years 7 & 8)
Tuesday 30 April	<b>House Quiz Event 3.15—4.15 pm in the Main Hall</b>
Tuesday 7 May	<b>Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.45—6.15 pm</b> (new online booking system - details to follow)
Wednesday 8 May Thursday 16 May	<b>Poltair's Got Talent—semi final</b> <b>Poltair's Got Talent—final</b>
Saturday 11 May and Sunday 12 May	<b>Ten Tors Challenge 2013</b>
Thursday 23 May	<b>Fine Dining Event</b>
Friday 24 May	<b>Whole School Balloon Race</b>
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	<b>Half Term holiday</b>

**EXAMS  
INFORMATION**



**SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES**

The deadline for final orders of GCSE Science Revision Guides is **24 April:-**

Revision Guides            £3

Exam Question books   £3

We highly recommend all GCSE students have these books.

Orders and more information from the Science technicians.

**Summer Term English Revision**

For Years 11 and 10 students who are taking the exam in November – you need to sign up by Friday of the week before the revision session. (Sign up on the noticeboard or with your English teacher). A text reminder will then be sent out on the day before the revision session.

<b>Years 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Literature</b>
Wednesday 17.04.13			About a boy
Wednesday 24.04.13	<b>Extracting and retrieving questions</b>	Planning and gathering ideas	About a boy
Wednesday 01.05.13	<b>Question 4 Comparing texts</b>	Technical accuracy – don't miss out on the C!	An Inspector Calls
Wednesday 08.05.13	<b>Impressions Question 2</b>	Structuring writing	An Inspector Calls
Wednesday 15.05.13	<b>Question 4 Comparing texts 2</b>	Planning – openings and endings	Of Mice and Men
Wednesday 22.05.13	<b>Impressions Question 3</b>	Technical accuracy – don't miss out on the C!	Unseen poetry

**Please also check the Poltair<sup>+</sup> timetable attached for revision/catch up sessions in other subjects.**

DAY	CLUB	INFORMATION	STAFF/ROOM	
<b>MON</b> Break 2	Games Club	All Years (1st & 2nd Break)	Mrs Hancock	
	Football	All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro	
	Table Tennis	KS3 pupils	PE Department	
	GCSE Drama	Years 9 & 11	Mrs Bond	
<b>MON</b> 3.20 - 4.20 3.15 - 4.15 4.15 - 5.30	Social Football	All years	Mr Cooper Astro	
	Fitness Suite	All years	Mr Shepherd	
	Ten Tors '35 miles'	Years 9 & 10	Miss Blackburn T1	
	Ten Tors '45 miles'	Year 11	Miss Blackburn T1	
<b>TUES</b> Break 2	Fitness Suite	All years	Mr Shepherd	
	Football	All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro	
	Badminton	Year 7 (invite only)	Miss Bailey	
	Cricket	Years 7 & 8	PE Department Astro	
<b>TUES</b> 3.20 - 4.20	DT Catch Up	Years 10 & 11 (up to half term)	Ms Lobb T2	
	Cricket	All years	PE Department Astro	
	Maths revision	Year 11 Foundation Maths Year 11 Higher Maths	Mr Butterworth/Mr Sugden Mrs Kellow	
	GCSE History Intervention Revision	Targeted intervention group Years 9 to 11 pupils will be invited	Miss Venn W1	
	ICT OCR	National Coursework Catch up and support Years 10 & 11	Mr Fitzgerald/Mr Jones E7	
	English Booster Clinics	Year 10 (all welcome)	All English staff	
	GCSE Spanish	Year 11	Miss Obet E4	
	Homework Club	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC	
	<b>3.15 - 5.30</b>	<b>Boys' Fixtures</b>	<b>See next week's Spotlight for Fixture dates</b>	<b>Various</b>
	<b>WED</b> Break 2	Football	All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro
Computer Club		KS3 pupils	Mr Fitzgerald E7	
<b>WED</b> 3.20 - 4.20	Maths Revision	Year 10 Foundation Maths Year 10 Higher Maths (invite only)	Mr Butterworth Miss Fairweather	
	Fitness Suite	All years	Mr Shepherd	
	Young Enterprise	Year 10	Mr Jones E8	
	Dance	All welcome (boys and girls)	Mrs Hulbert Dance Studio	
	Art Club	KS4 pupils (up to half term)	Mrs Pearson/Mrs Whitbread- Abrutat	
	History Horror Club	All Years (Week A only)	Miss Venn W1	
	Travel and Tourism	Assignment Catch Up	Miss Hughes SC3	
	Athletics	All years	PE Department	
	Bowls	Years 7 & 8 (invite only)	Mr Adams	
	English Revision	Years 10 & 11 (Wed - 17 April to Wed 17 May)	English Department	
	GCSE French Clinic	All years	Miss Obet/Mrs Hancock E4	
	GCSE Product Design	All years (up to half term)	Mr King T4	
	Homework Club	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC	
	<b>3.15 - 5.30</b>	<b>Girls Fixtures</b>	<b>See next week's Spotlight for Fixture dates</b>	<b>Various</b>
	<b>THURS</b> Break 2	Fitness Suite	All years	Mr Shepherd
Badminton		Year 8 (invite only)	Miss Bailey	
Football		All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro	

<b>THURS</b> 3.20 - 4.20	STEM Club	For pupils in the STEM Year 9 group to build their formula 24 car ready for the race in June.	Miss Brader, Mr Martin S7 Mr Sugden
	Science	Exam Revision Years 10 & 11	Science breakout
	Mymaths Clinic	All years	Mr Parsloe S18
	Geography	Unit 3 Tourism Revision	Miss Hughes SC3
	Travel and Tourism	Assignment Catch Up	Miss Hughes SC3
	GCSE History Revision	All years	Miss Venn W1
	Media Studies	Revision, coursework and catch up session (up to exams on 13 June)	Mrs Venables E9
	Computer Club	KS3 pupils	Mr Fitzgerald E7
	GCSE Spanish	Year 11	Miss Obet E4
	GCSE Catering	Revision for Years 10 & 11	Miss Partis T7
	Rounders	All years	Mrs Booth
	Volleyball	All years	Mrs Crawford
	Homework Club	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC
	Literacy Club	Improve your reading and writing	Mrs Webb SSC
<b>3.15 - 5.30</b>	<b>Boys' Fixtures</b>	<b>See next week's Spotlight for Fixture dates</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>FRI</b>	Games Club	All years (1st & 2nd break)	Mrs Hancock
Break 2	Football	All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro
3.20 - 4.20	BTEC Intervention	Years 9, 10 & 11	PE Department
	Geography	Unit 3 Tourism Revision	Miss White W2
	Travel and Tourism	Assignment Catch up	Miss Hughes SC3
Enhancement buses - run Monday to Thursday each week at 4.30 pm and Friday each week at 4.45 pm from the front of school			
Don't forget your <b>ORANGE</b> bus slip (Remember that you get 10 Vivos for attending an after school club from the teacher who runs the club.)			