



SPOTLIGHT



Issue 1 Autumn Term

Parents' Information Newsletter

Week ending 6 September 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

FIFTH YEAR OF RECORD BREAKING EXAMINATION SUCCESS AT POLTAIR SCHOOL

On Thursday 22 August, pupils from Year 11 joined staff and governors at Poltair School in order to find out their examination results. The atmosphere was busy, excitable and celebratory. For the fifth consecutive year, examination results at Poltair have set new records for the school.

We are all delighted with the results achieved by pupils at Poltair School. The rise in standards achieved across the school and the very many individual pupil success stories are due reward to the focus, attitude and commitment of the pupils in our school as well as the hard work put in by our staff to teach, guide and support them. We are proud of the pupils' achievements not least because it means that they can take on the future challenges of young adulthood, with some real tangible success, confidence in themselves and a belief that through hard work, achievement is always possible.

Initial calculations indicate that 49% of pupils achieved the threshold of 5A*-C grades including English and Mathematics, a rise of 5% on the previous year. In addition, 69% of pupils secured 5A*-C grades, a rise of 6% on 2012. There were some remarkable improvements in individual subject areas too. In Mathematics, 61% of pupils secured an A*-C grade, an increase of 15% on the previous year.

There are many remarkable individual achievements deserving of mention, commendation and celebration. However the best examination results were secured by Nicole Gilbert with 13 GCSE A*-C passes (including 10 A*/A grades), Amy Hollins with 12 GCSE A*-C passes (including 7 A*/A grades), Casey Job with 13 GCSE A*-C passes (including 6 A*/A grades), Kyle Rickard with 13 A*-C passes (including 6 A*/A grades), Victoria Hooper with 12 A*-C passes (including 6 A*/A grades), Robbie Copping with 11 A*-C passes (including 6 A*/A grades), Abby Crane with 13 A*-C passes (including 5 A*/A grades) and Tom Tyrrell with 12 A*-C passes (including 5 A*/A grades).

Biometric Data - Consent Required for School Catering System

In July 2013 we provided you with information regarding the use of biometric data held about your child. This is used as part of an automated (i.e. electronically-operated) recognition system introduced at Poltair School in 2011 for the administration of our catering system. Following Government consultation new guidance has been provided which advises schools that from September 2013 they will require parental consent for this information to be obtained and used.

It is important that we receive this consent as soon as possible. If you did not return the signed data collection sheet/ consent form in July 2013, please can you ensure you do so now. For our Year 7 pupils this consent would have been given by the completion of their Poltair School Admissions Forms. If you need another copy of the information sent in July 2013 please access the school website or contact school on 01726 874520/email secretary@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk.

Stephen Tong **Stephen Tong**
Headteacher

DIARY DATES	Wednesday 11 September	Individual School Photos
	Thursday 12 September	Year 10 College Courses start today (1.00 to 4.15pm)
	Wednesday 18 September	Year 6 Taster Day Poltair pupils' remote learning day
	Thursday 19 September	Open Evening 6.00 to 8.30 pm
	Wednesday 25 September	Year 11 Group Photos

Safeguarding

This is a polite reminder to parents that the school has a duty of care towards pupils and may make a referral to social care or other agencies when appropriate.

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<p>AUTUMN TERM 2013 (73 days)</p> <p>4 September – 20 December (Half term 28 October – 1 November)</p>	<p>STAFF TRAINING DAYS</p> <p>(No pupils in school)</p> <p>Wednesday - 4 September 2013</p>	<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</p> <p>Christmas Day 25 December 2013</p> <p>Boxing Day 26 December 2013</p>
	<p>Monday - 4 November 2013</p> <p>Friday - 29 November 2013</p> <p>Friday - 24 January 2014</p>	<p>New Year's Day 1 January 2014</p> <p>Good Friday 18 April 2014</p> <p>Easter Monday 21 April 2014</p>
<p>SPRING TERM 2014 (60 days)</p> <p>6 January – 4 April (Half term 17 – 21 February)</p>	<p>Thursday - 24 July 2014</p> <p>YEAR 6 TASTER DAY</p> <p>Wednesday—18 September 2013</p>	<p>Early May Holiday 5 May 2014</p> <p>Spring Bank Holiday 26 May 2014</p> <p>Summer Bank Holiday 25 August 2014</p>
<p>SUMMER TERM 2014 (62 days)</p> <p>22 April – 24 July (Half term 26 – 30 May)</p>		