



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter



On Friday 19 December hundreds of Santas took part in the Santa Fun Run through the school grounds in support of Cornwall Hospice Care. Despite some very wet, windy and generally miserable days before, the event was completed without the decorated Santas getting a soaking!

Amazingly, in just two years, through various fund raising events the pupils of Poltair School have raised over £20,000 for our nominated local, national and international charities. Clearly this could not have been achieved without the generous support of parents, carers and other members of the community and for this we thank you on behalf of the recipient charities.

Can we please ask parents/pupils to return any outstanding sponsor money and sponsor forms (the forms are needed to send off to the Cornwall Hospice Care to ensure they can take full advantage of the gift aid contributions). Pupils were reminded that today was the deadline!



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



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POLTAIR SCHOOL 2014 MASTERCHEF COMPETITION

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR COOKING?

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT JAMIE OLIVER OR GORDON RAMSAY?



QUALIFYING ROUNDS
YEARS 7 & 8 – 22 JANUARY (3 PM- 4.20 PM)
YEARS 9, 10 & 11 FEBRUARY (3 PM- 4.20 PM)



FINAL
12 FEBRUARY (3 PM- 4.20 PM)

YOU WILL NEED TO CHOOSE ONE MEMBER OF STAFF FROM THE SAME HOUSE GROUP
TO MAKE YOUR TEAM.

REGISTRATION FORMS TO BE COLLECTED FROM MRS TOMS (AND RETURNED ASAP)

* INGREDIENTS WILL BE PROVIDED * PRIZES FOR THE TOP WINNING TEAMS

Science Revision Guides

We will be placing a further order for Science revision guides on Wednesday 15 January, this will be the last opportunity to purchase these guides through the school at the discounted rate. These books are highly recommended to all KS4 pupils (except those studying BTEC Science). Orders can be made with advanced payment to the Science Technicians during tutor time or at the start of first break and pupils must check with their Science teacher beforehand to make sure they are ordering the correct books they require. Please feel free to phone and speak to Mrs Haley if you have any further questions.

All revision guides are priced @ £3.50 and work books @ £2.50

Revision guides and work books are available for Core Science, required by most Year 10 pupils and Additional Science, required by most Year 11 pupils – these books cover all the biology, chemistry and physics units for these qualifications. For those pupils studying Triple Science qualifications, three separate revision guides and work books are required.

TRURO COLLEGE
OPEN EVENT
For an outstanding future choose a really outstanding college

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY
5PM TO 8PM

Part of
Truro and
Penwith
College

The poster for Truro College Open Event features a collage of photos showing students and staff. The text is in white and green on a dark background.

INFORMATION EVENT
At Duchy College
STOKE CLIMSLAND AND ROSEWARNE
Saturday 25th January,
10am - 12pm
Drop in to find out more about
our range of courses.

THERE'S MORE TO
DUCHY COLLEGE

The poster for the Information Event at Duchy College features a colorful grid of small photos showing various activities. The text is in pink and black on a green background.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

With winter fast approaching we would like to remind parents of the procedures the school has in place with the County Council if the school needs to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or an emergency.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SCHOOL WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES NOTIFY OF CLOSURES VIA SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES.

If the School is closed PRIOR to the start of the school day.

A decision will be made by the Head Teacher in conjunction with the Council and the Bus Companies as early as possible.

This decision will be given to the Council who will notify Radio Cornwall, Heart FM & Pirate FM who will broadcast the fact that the school is closed on a regular basis during their breakfast shows.

The closure details will also be put on the County Council website and the School Website. Additionally we will send a text and/or email to all parents for whom we hold these details.

If the schools remains closed for a subsequent day (or days) the procedure outlined above will be repeated.

If the School is to be closed DURING the school day.

A decision will be made by the Head Teacher in conjunction with the Council and the Bus Companies as early as possible.

Pupils will meet with their tutors and be asked to contact parents by mobile phone (or school landline) to gain permission to leave the school early. Once **the tutor has confirmed that permission has been granted** the pupils will be dismissed from school to travel home by bus, on foot or be collected by parents. IF PERMISSION CAN NOT BE CONFIRMED BY A TUTOR THEN THE PUPIL(S) WILL REMAIN AT SCHOOL UNTIL THE PARENT CONTACTS THE SCHOOL TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THEM TO LEAVE.

School staff will remain on site until ALL pupils have been collected.

For Poltair Students who are on College Courses.

If the College closes before the start of the day the pupils will be notified as above.

If the College closes during the day the students will return to Poltair where practical or will be dismissed from the college after contact has been made with the parents **BY THE COLLEGE STAFF.**



DIARY DATES	Wednesday 8 January to Friday 17 January	Mock Exams
	Thursday 9 and Friday 10 January Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 January Friday 17 January	Careers Interviews for Year 11
	Wednesday 22 January	MasterChef Round 1 (Years 7 & 8)
	Friday 24 January	<u>Training Day—no pupils in school</u>
	Wednesday 5 February	MasterChef Round 1 (Years 9, 10 & 11)
	Thursday 6 February	International Maths Challenge
	Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day
	Wednesday 12 February	MasterChef Final
	Thursday 13 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening & Curriculum Evening 3.45—7.15 pm
	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February	Half term