



# SPOTLIGHT



Issue 2 Spring Term

Week ending 17 January 2014

Parents' Information Newsletter



Over the next three weeks we will be hosting our annual Masterchef competition.

Lynsey Toms, teacher of Design Technology and co-organiser of this year's event says "There seems to be a lot of excitement and friendly rivalry ensuing amongst the staff and the students, which is creating an air of enthusiasm around the school".

The competition is open to all students from Years 7 to 11 – the only rule is that students must team up with a member of staff and that member of staff must be in the same house as the student!

Last year saw a good number of entrants but this year's entries have already exceeded that number – the level of interest shown by the students (and staff!) has been fabulous and I am sure we will see our budding young chefs excel throughout the competition.

The teams will be provided with a tray of ingredients from which to create their master piece, although they will not be told what they are to cook until the competition begins. This ensures that nobody has had any essential practice time before the event!

The Years 7 and 8 heat takes place on Wednesday 22 January - after school, followed by Years 9, 10 and 11 on the 5 February. These will be judged by an internal bank of school staff before finalists are chosen to compete against each other in the grand finale on 12 February. The final will see guest judges coming to the school; these include Grant Mather, senior lecturer in catering at Cornwall College.

During the final there will be a great sense of friendly rivalry; this may be down to the fantastic set of prizes that we have up for grabs – these prizes have been kindly donated from local businesses and include a signed book from award winning local chef Nathan Outlaw – who sent his personal good luck messages to the teams, a free family pass to the Eden Project and gift vouchers for Frankie and Benny's restaurant amongst others.

Last year's overall winners were Miss Claire White and Callum Hancock. Miss White, Deputy Head at Poltair has re-entered the competition this year. The question is – can she retain her crown or will she have to relinquish the title of Poltair Masterchef to somebody else for this year? Watch this space!



Miss White and Callum Hancock's entry for Masterchef 2013!

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



**HOUSE STARS**



<b>TEWINGTON</b>	<b>TREVERBYN</b>	<b>TRENANCE</b>	<b>TREGREHAN</b>
<p><i>Bryony Annetts</i> <b>7RT</b></p> <p>For having excellent attitude and focus towards tutor time, and being a happy, friendly and smiley member of the tutor group.</p>	<p><i>Jess Allen &amp; Tegen Hooper</i> <b>7HV</b></p> <p>For both having 100% attendance and punctuality and a positive attitude to learning. Both are model pupils.</p>	<p><i>Rachael Hide</i> <b>7DBR</b></p> <p>For always smiling, demonstrating the 5 Ps and being helpful.</p>	<p><i>Harry Stanton</i> <b>7LB</b></p> <p>For following the 5 Ps.</p>
<p><i>Amy Baird</i> <b>9NH</b></p> <p>For raising over £80 for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice during the Santa run.</p>	<p><i>Shaun Harris</i> <b>11KW</b></p> <p>For having 100% attendance and a high number of Vivo Miles – the highest in his tutor group.</p>	<p><i>Danielle Wright</i> <b>11BRI</b></p> <p>For always having a positive attitude and offering her assistance to others when they need it.</p>	<p><i>Sam Cock</i> <b>11PM</b></p> <p>For helping others.</p>



NCS is National Citizen Service. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Year 11 pupils this summer that helps you build your skills for work and life, while you take on new challenges and meet new friends. NCS includes fun, challenging outdoor activities and gives you the opportunity to give something back to your community.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Call 01726 226511, email [ncs@st-austell.ac.uk](mailto:ncs@st-austell.ac.uk)

Year 11 pupils who have already expressed an interest in NCS should have received their enrolment forms via their tutor registers. Completed forms can be returned either to Poltair main reception or to Cornwall College John Keay House main reception.



# Share

Information, advice, counselling and mentoring for young people



Share offers young people confidential information and advice and will be in Student Services on Wednesdays at lunch time and between 3.00 and 4.00 pm.

Young people will be able to get sexual health advice including pregnancy testing, CCard registration, support to talk through issues for example:-

- \* I'm feeling really down
- \* Can I leave home?
- \* I think I may be pregnant

They also provide support to get the right agency to help a young person.

## COMMUNITY EVENT:-

### Bugle Pantomime Group Presents:-

### 'Red Riding Hood'

First matinee performance Saturday 25 January

Tickets available from:

Bugle Spar Shop from Tuesday 14 January

**Telephone: 01726 850512**

Come along and join the fun!

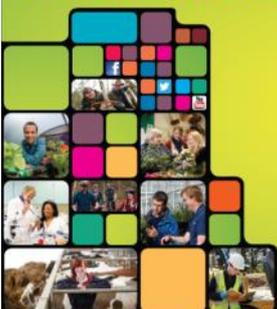
# INFORMATION EVENT

**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



**POLTAIR SCHOOL**  
**(Poltair +) Spring 2014**



DAY	CLUB	INFORMATION	STAFF/ROOM	
<b>MON</b> Break 2	<b>Chess/board games</b>	All years (Weeks A & B)	Library	
	<b>Volleyball</b>	Years 7 & 8	Mr Marshall	
	<b>Horrible Histories Hangout</b>	All years (Week A)	Miss Venn W1	
3.20 - 4.20	<b>Fitness Suite</b>	All years	Mr Shepherd	
	<b>Football</b>	Year 7	Mr Russell	
	<b>Polish your English for EAL students</b>	All years	Mrs Podlaska E9	
<b>TUES</b> Break 2	<b>Fitness Suite</b>	All years	Mr Shepherd	
	<b>Football</b>	Year 8	Mr Adams	
3.20 - 4.20	<b>Football</b>	Year 8	Mr Adams	
	<b>Girls' Football</b>	All years	Miss Owens/Miss Waters	
	<b>Trampolineing</b>	All years	Mrs Booth	
	<b>RE Revision</b>	For further details see Mrs Golding or Mrs Thomas	Mrs Golding W4 or Mrs Thomas W5	
	<b>GCSE Maths Clinic</b>	Year 11 (Foundation)	Mrs Kellow S15/Mr Sugden S14/Mrs Walker S8	
	<b>GCSE Maths Clinic</b>	Year 11 (Foundation) Week A Year 11 (Higher) Week B	Mr Butterworth S7	
	<b>GCSE Maths Clinic</b>	Year 11 (High Achievers)	Miss Fairweather S17	
	<b>Robotics/Electronic Club</b>	Year 8 (after half term) Week A	Mr King T4	
	<b>Homework Club</b>	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC	
	<b>3.15 - 5.30</b>	<b>Boys' Fixtures</b>	<b>See over</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>Fitness Suite</b>	All years	Mr Shepherd	
	3.20 - 4.20 <b>Netball</b>	Years 7 & 8	Mrs Booth	
3.20 - 4.20	<b>RE Revision</b>	For further details see Mrs Golding or Mrs Thomas	Mrs Golding W4 or Mrs Thomas W5	
	<b>GCSE DT Club</b>	Year 10	Ms Lobb T2	
	<b>BTEC Performing Arts &amp; GCSE Drama</b>	Support	Mrs Bond E6	
	<b>English Language Exam prep (WJEC)</b>	Year 11 (Invite only)	English staff/English rooms	
	<b>iGCSE English Language</b>	Year 11 - all welcome		
	<b>Coursework Improvement</b>	Year 11 (As required - invite only)		
	<b>Aiming for A in Literature</b>	Year 11 (Invite only)		
	<b>GCSE literature revision</b>	Year 11 - all welcome		
	<b>History Club</b>	All years (Week A only)	Miss Venn W1	
	<b>KS4 Geography Support session</b>	Years 10 & 11	Miss Hughes W2	
	<b>GCSE French Revision Support</b>	Year 10	Miss Obet E4	
	<b>GCSE Art Revision Club</b>	Years 10 & 11	Mrs Pearson/Mrs Whitbread-Abrutat	
	<b>Poltair News Team</b>	Years 7-9 Invite only (Week B only)	Mrs Venables E10	
	<b>Masterchef sessions</b>	Wed 22 Jan KS3 (Y7 & 8) Wed 5 Feb KS4 (Y9, 10 & 11) Final Wed 12 Feb	Miss Partis T7/Mrs Toms T8	
	<b>GCSE Catering Catch-up</b>	Years 10 & 11	Miss Partis T7	
	<b>DT Catch Up</b>	Years 10 & 11	Mr King T4	
	<b>Homework Club</b>	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC	
	<b>3.15 - 5.30</b>	<b>Girls Fixtures</b>	<b>See over</b>	<b>Various</b>

<b>THURS Break 2</b>	<b>Fitness Suite</b>	All years	Mr Shepherd
	<b>Football</b>	Years 9 & 10	Mr Marshall
	<b>Book Club with Miss Sushams</b>	Week A	Library
3.20 - 4.20	<b>Mymaths help</b>	All years	Mr Sugden S18
	<b>Girls' Maths help</b>	Year 10	Mrs Walker S8
	<b>DT Catch Up</b>	Years 10 & 11	Mr King T4
	<b>Science</b>	Exam Revision Years 10 & 11	Science breakout
	<b>Art Group (invite only)</b>	We are going to create a large scale art piece for the school community.	Mrs Pearson/Mrs Whitbread-Abrutat
	<b>Media Studies</b>	Revision, coursework and catch up session (Week A only)	Mrs Venables E9
	<b>Fitness Suite</b>	All years (Girls)	PE staff
	<b>Social Football</b>	All years	Mr Cooper
	<b>Homework Club</b>	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC
	<b>Literacy Club</b>	Improve your reading and writing	Mrs Webb SSC
<b>3.15 - 5.30</b>	<b>Boys' Fixtures</b>	<b>See below</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>FRI Break 2</b>	<b>Chess/board games</b>	All years (Weeks A & B)	Library
	<b>Rugby 7s</b>	Years 9 & 10	Mr Shepherd
	<b>KS4 Computer Coursework</b>	KS4 pupils - 'catch up'	Mr Fitzgerald E6
3.20 - 4.20	<b>History Controlled Assessment</b>	Years 10 & 11	Miss Venn W1
	<b>KS4 Geography Support session</b>	Years 10 & 11	Miss Hughes W2

Enhancement buses - run on all days of the week at 4.30 pm from the front of school

Don't forget your **ORANGE** bus slip

(Remember that you get 10 Vivos for attending an after school club from the teacher who runs the club.)

**PLEASE SEE THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT BOARD FOR POLTAIR+ ACTIVITIES**

#### First half of Spring Term 2014 (Fixtures boys & girls)

Day	Venue	Sport	Times are approx.
Wed 15 Jan	Par Fields	Primary Cross Country Event Y7-9	11.00 - 2.00 pm
Thurs 16 Jan	Penrice	Y10 Indoor Cricket (girls)	1.00 pm
Wed 22 Jan	Fowey	Y9 Netball (girls)	3.15 pm
Thurs 23 Jan	Penrice	Y8 Indoor Cricket	1.00 pm
	Newquay Tretherras	Y7, 8, 9 Football	2.30 pm (depart school)
	Poltair	Y10 Football (Cup)	3.15 pm
	Poltair	Y11 Football	3.15 pm
Mon 27 Jan	Poltair	Y7 Football (Cup)	3.15 pm
Wed 29 Jan	Fowey	Y8 Netball (girls)	3.15 pm
Thurs 30 Jan	Callington	Y8 Football (Cup)	2.00 pm (depart school)
Fri 31 Jan	Fowey	Y10 Indoor Cricket	1.00 pm
Wed 5 Feb	Par Fields	Primary Cross Country Event Y7-9	11.00 - 2.00 pm
Wed 12 Feb	Poltair	Y7 & 8 Table Tennis	1.00 pm