



# SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

## Exciting news!

About a week ago, our BBC School News Reporters submitted a video of questions they would like to ask MPs about the changes in education to the BBC. Out of the hundreds of entries, our school was one of three chosen to take two students to the Houses of Parliament to interview

David Laws, Minister of State for Schools! Sarika Unadkat, Broadcast Assistant, said that our video was the most impressive of all the videos sent in!

So, on Sunday 23 March, Mrs Venables will be taking the students up to London, where they will stay in a hotel overnight. On Monday 24 March, they will travel to the Houses of Parliament where they will meet with the BBC reporters, work with speakers to prepare for their interview, have a tour of the Houses of Parliament, and then interview David Laws before returning back to Cornwall. This is a once in a lifetime trip for these hard-working students! After all, how many students get the opportunity to interview the Minister of State for Schools about the changes in education or get to work with various speakers on interview techniques? We are expecting the interviews to appear on the BBC News, either that evening, or the next day. **A MOST EXCITING trip!**

*We look forward to an update in next week's newsletter.*

## Curriculum Enrichment Day





Last Thursday saw our Year 9 students participating in world culture for the Curriculum Enrichment Day. In art we worked with Year 9 students looking at the Cornish artist Kurt Jackson, the link to culture was the Cornish cultural heritage and it's landscapes. Mrs Pearson and Mrs Whitbread-Abrutat led six combined workshops and delivered an understanding of the artist's style and techniques. The students then developed large combined group pieces showing the cultural landscape of the school.



### London Theatre Trip 2014

Pupils who have been successful in securing a place on this year's London trip to see Billy Elliot need to have paid their (non-refundable) £30 deposit and handed in their consent form to Mrs Russell in the school office, during first breaks, no later than **26 March 2014**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in places being allocated to those eagerly waiting on the reserve list.

 <b>HOUSE STARS</b> 	<b>TEWINGTON</b>	<b>TREVERBYN</b>	<b>TRENANCE</b>	<b>TREGREHAN</b>
	<i>Sophie Oliver</i> <b>8LS</b> For being such a mature, friendly and supportive member of the tutor group.	<i>Sam Couchman</i> <b>8JHK</b> For his participation in Sports Leaders and Lead Learners with Penrice.	<i>James Richards</i> <b>8FG</b> For his excellent contribution to tutor time numeracy quizzes.	<i>Jade Stead</i> <b>8DT</b> For her excellent behaviour on the humanities trip.
	<i>Brandon Bishop</i> <b>9LW</b> For settling well into the tutor group after a late start. For being funny and getting involved in all discussions and making valuable contributions. Also for listening to other people's opinions.	<i>Laura Reid</i> <b>9KL</b> For having a consistently positive attitude to learning and an outstanding 100% attendance.	<i>Victoria Heard</i> <b>9VW</b> For being positive and making efforts both at school and at home to do better!	<i>Brogan Cawley</i> <b>9ABR</b> For perseverance in Geography.

## FUTURE NEWS ITEMS

**Sports Relief**

**Bournemouth Symphony**

**Tag Rugby**

GCSE ART EXAMS - Years 10 & 11 (Art classrooms)		
Mon 31 March	LESSON 1	Y10 GCSE Art Exam <i>(Session 1 of 3)</i>
Tue 6 May	ALL DAY	Y10 GCSE Art Exam <i>(Session 2 of 3)</i>
Fri 9 May	LESSONS 1 & 2	Y10 GCSE Art Exam <i>(Session 3 of 3)</i>
Mon 31 March	LESSON 3	Y11 GCSE Art + Photography Exam <i>(Session 1 of 3)</i>
Mon 28 April	ALL DAY	Y11 GCSE Art + Photography Exam <i>(Session 2 of 3)</i>
Fri 2 May	LESSONS 1 & 2	Y11 GCSE Art + Photography Exam <i>(Session 3 of 3)</i>

# INFORMATION EVENT

Camborne Saltash St Austell Newquay Falmouth

**Saturday 22nd March, 10am - 12pm**

Drop in to find out more about our range of courses.







DIARY DATES	
Thursday 27 March	Year 8 Curriculum Evening 6—8 pm
Friday 4 April	Last day of term school closes at 1.00 pm (buses leave at 1.15 pm)
Saturday 5 April to Monday 21 April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 April	School returns



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Headteacher: Stephen Tong

20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear Parents / Carers

**Industrial Action, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

As you will be aware, the National Union of Teachers is currently in dispute with the government regarding proposed amendments to conditions of service, including pensions arrangements. Members of the union recently voted in favour of industrial action regarding this matter. Subsequently, members of the NUT at Poltair School have indicated their intended actions with regard to the above.

As a result of this process, the senior team, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, has decided that on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014, the school will only be open to pupils in Year 11 and Year 10.

This decision has not been taken lightly. With a significantly depleted staff team, we are not in a position to deliver a curriculum to any more pupils without compromising our duties with regard to safety and welfare of students.

Parents are advised to make appropriate arrangements for their children for this day. The school has endeavoured to inform parents of this decision as early as possible, enabling time to make appropriate provision. That said, it does regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

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