

School Emergency Closures

With winter upon us we would like to remind parents of the procedures the school has in place with Cornwall 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 Cornwall 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.

Introducing the New Poltair News Team!

Poltair News Team is an after school club that runs in E7 every Tuesday Week B from 3pm to 4pm Mrs Venables and Ms Hyett work with students to write articles for Spotlight about school events, participate in the annual BBC School News Report, and enter writing competitions for the BBC and other organisations.

We have an exciting new team this year and we wanted to introduce ourselves. If you know of any school events that you would like covered, please let Mrs. Venables or Ms. Hyett know, and we will be in touch.

Jess, Senior Editor

Hobbies: Playing on the Xbox, reading and listening to music

Favourite Song: "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana

Favourite Subject: Media Studies and English

Favourite Computer Game: Minecraft

Favourite Book: The *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth

Dream Job: News reporter or English teacher

Wish for the Future: To travel to Italy

Favourite Food: Pasta and Roast Dinner

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: So I could help report news in Poltair



Ben, Senior Editor

Hobbies: I play guitar and spend time with my family

Favourite Subject: History without a doubt!

Favourite Song: "Everlong" by Foo Fighters (Dave Grohl is an absolute legend!)

Favourite Book: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon (It's a must read!)

Favourite Food: Fish and Chips from Rex's in Bugle!

Dream Job: A Teacher or Journalist

Wish for the Future: World Peace and free McDonalds for everyone...

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: I have a passion for writing and documenting events that happen around the school

Keagan, Assistant Editor

Hobbies: Gaming and playing/using computers

Favourite Subject: Media because it is a good subject with an amazing teacher!

Favourite Song: Whatever, Whenever

Favourite Sport: Cricket because it's a good game of strategy.

Favourite Book: *Maze Runner* by James Dashner

Favourite Food: Pasta

Dream Job: Graphic designer because I like computers and editing things.

Wish for the Future: Good family and well paid job.

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: If I can't get my dream job, I would love to become a reporter.

Harry, Photographer/Reporter

Hobbies: Playing the ukulele, photography and gaming

Favourite Song: Depends on my mood

Favourite Subject: Photography

Favourite Game: Dodgeball

Favourite Book: *Game of Thrones* by George R. R. Martin

Favourite Food: Pizza

Dream Job: War photographer, to inform the world on affairs and to do something I truly love: journalism and photography.

Wish for the Future: Travel most or all of the world

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: It will look good on my CV and because I'll learn skills that will help me with my dream job.

Daniel, Reporter

Hobbies: Playing on Xbox and cooking

Favourite Subject: All subjects (safe answer so I don't get detentions from my teachers!)

Favourite Song: "Picking up The Pieces" By Paloma Faith

Favourite Computer Game: Minecraft

Favourite Book: Minecraft Handbooks

Favourite Food: Biscuits and Pasta bake

Dream Job: IT technician or actor

Wish For the Future: To create a popular game

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: To work well in a team and to become a journalist.

Willow, Reporter

Hobbies: Baking and Swimming

Favourite Subjects: Art and Science

Favourite Song: Random

Favourite Sports: Swimming and Basketball

Favourite Books: *Harry Potter* and *The Fault in Our Stars*

Favourite Food: Cupcakes

Dream Job: Professional Baker

Wish for the Future: To be a Professional Baker and run my own bakery

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: I joined the Poltair News Team to become better at English.

Emily, Reporter

Hobbies: Swimming

Favourite Subjects: PE, Maths, Science

Favourite Song: "Hello" by Adele

Favourite Sport: Triathlon

Favourite Books: *Twilight*, *Hunger Games*, *Harry Potter*

Favourite Food: Brownie

Dream Job: Scientist

Wish for the Future: To live in France

Why I Joined Poltair News Team: So I could become better at English and I like Mrs Venables.

UKMT International Maths Challenge

Thursday 4th February 2016

Match Reports

Handball

The Year 10 Squad enjoyed a very good start to the season on Tuesday 19th January and showed their versatility on court. The girls were happy to play in different positions to create the strongest combination to aid the match. Our defence stayed strong with the likes of Kerry Hipwell and Ellie Gibbons swapping in and out of goal and continuing to play well outfield with Ellie scoring the opening goal. The same squad previously qualified for the Cornwall School Games but have vastly improved since then, playing as one and displaying a high level of team work. The goals kept flowing ending in a win of 6 - 4 with other goal scorers being Cita, Amber and Aimee. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Holly and Lauren in the midfield area, working solidly in defence and attack.



Netball

The U12s have had a promising start to their netball careers at Poltair School. Our strong defence of Callie and Willow have developed throughout the season and have both made excellent progress. Emily and Jessica have improved their shooting technique and our central attacking players have learnt many new skills and tips. We have had a successful win against Fowey winning 4 - 1 and thoroughly enjoyed their first match. Many of the girls are lucky enough to be going to watch the players within the Junior League at the Ben Ainsley Centre in Truro on Sunday 24th January.



Our Year 9 and 10's also played against Fowey but unfortunately lost but they all played well and have dedicated a lot of time and commitment to netball over the past 4 years. Well done to Amber, Cita, Aimee, Holly, Emily R, Emily J, Georgia, Angelina and Molly.

Number Day

Friday 5th February 2016

Poltair +

DAY	CLUB	INFORMATION	STAFF/ROOM
MON Break 1	Chess/board games	All years (Weeks A & B)	Library
3.20 - 4.20	Maths Homework support	All Years	Maths Faculty
	High Starters Maths	Year 11	Mrs Walker S17
	Science Revision	Year 11	Science Faculty
	Dance Club	All Years	Miss Lee Dance Studio
	Fitness Suite	All Years	Mr Russell
	BTEC Catch Up	All years (Invite only)	Miss Waters
TUES Tutor	Girls' Academy	Year 10 (Invite only)	Miss Waters
3.20 - 4.20	Fitness Suite	Year 10 (Invite only)	Mr Foster
	Football	All Years	Miss Owen
	Football	Years 7 & 8	Mr Adams
	Poltair News Team	Years 7-9 Invite only (Week B only)	Mrs Venables E7
	Mathematics Intervention	Year 11 only	Maths Faculty
	ICT/Computing/Business Studies	Years 10 & 11 Catch up Club	ICT Faculty E7,E8
	BTEC Performing Arts	Years 10 & 11 Catch up/Revision	Mrs Bond E6
	French Club "Speak like a Tourist"	Years 9, 10 & 11 (Week B only)	Mrs Hancock E3
	CA Clinique	Year 11	Miss Obet E4
WED 3.20 - 4.20	Netball	Year 7	PE Faculty
	GCSE Art Workshop	Years 10 & 11 (Invite only)	Mrs Pearson/Mrs Whitbread-Aburatat
THURS Tutor	Girls' Academy	Years 8 & 9 (Invite only)	Miss Waters
3.05 - 4.15	Ten Tors	Years 9 & 10	Miss Blackburn T1
3.20 - 4.20	English Controlled Assessment Improvement/Completion	Year 11	English Faculty
	Fitness Suite	All Years	Mr Russell
	Netball	Years 8-11	Miss Waters
	Media Revision	Media studies and controlled assessment catch up invite only	Mrs Venables E10
	Mymaths help	All Years	Maths Faculty S18
	High Flyers Art Club	Years 7, 8 & 9 (Invite only)	Mrs Pearson T11
FRI Break 1	Chess/board games	All years (Weeks A & B)	Library
3.20 - 4.20	Handball	All Years	PE Faculty
	Fitness Suite	All Years	Miss Waters
	Football	Years 9 & 10	Mr Foster/Mr Vaughan

STUDENT SERVICES CLUBS

MON - FRI 8.00 - 8.25	Breakfast Club: '5P's - get prepared for the day	All Years	Student Services - SS staff
MON 3.00 - 4.00	Spelling Club	All Years	Student Services - Mrs Bristow
WED/THURS 3.00 - 4.00	5P's Club: Independent Study, including homework support	All Years and for all subjects	Student Services - Mrs Bristow

PLEASE SEE THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT BOARD FOR POLTAIR+ ACTIVITIES

PLEASE SEE THE PE STAFF FOR SPRING TERM FIXTURES

Enhancement buses - run on Monday to Friday 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.)