

Poltair Art Department

Our students continue to share their creative skills within the local community and the successful project 'Story Republic' which was held over Easter at Wheal Martyn, moved to a pop up shop in St. Austell Town last week for the public to view the work.



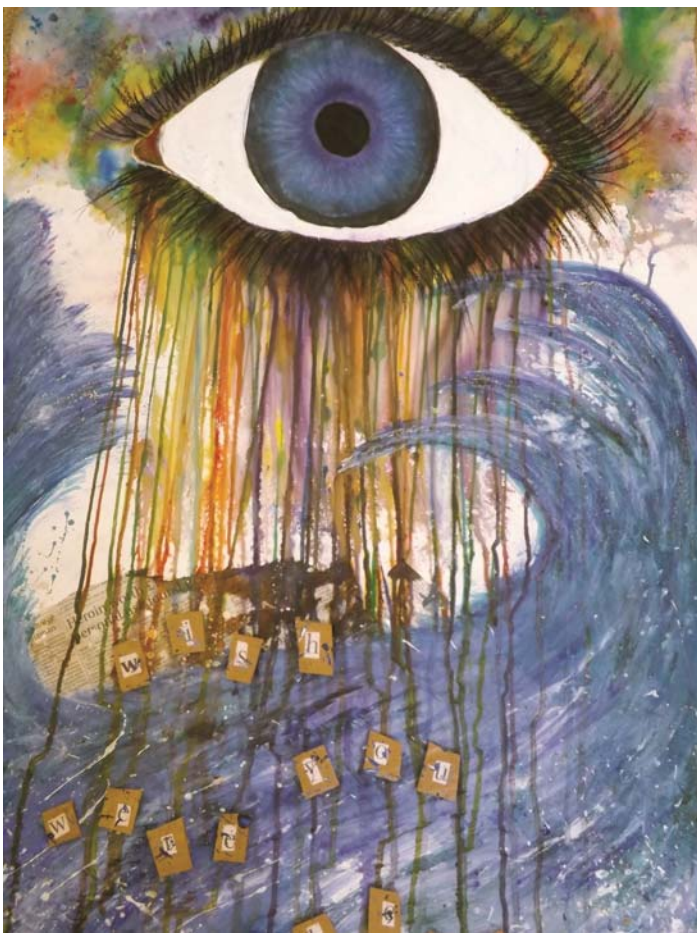
GCSE Art Exam

Once again our current year 11 students have worked really hard to complete their 10-hour Art exam - This year they presented a variety of visual art pieces.

Here are some of the completed art works by Georgina, Mariah, Amy and Shelby.



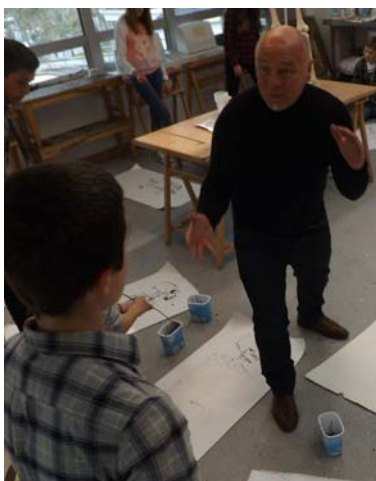
Look out
for the
Art exam
exhibition
in the
Cyber
Café.



Truro College Experience - Creative Industries

A group of students had the wonderful opportunity to visit Truro College Tregye Campus on Friday 22nd of April. The Year 9 and 10 students were able to experience practical art workshops within the FE course for Foundation art.

George, Carla, Harry, Shannon, Krystal, Hannah, Alfie, Erran, Tea, Tegan, Lucy, Jamie and Katy; have all shown an interest to future careers in the Arts.



Year 8 News Attendance Matters

Year 8 is consistently one of the best attending year groups in the school! Every student in Year 8 understands that we are a team, and we all need to play our part in ensuring our attendance is excellent.

Mr Robins, Year 8 Year Manager says: Poltair School supports all students to have the best possible attendance. This is to enable them to reach their full educational potential.

There is a strong correlation between excellent school attendance and achieving good grades. Students who frequently miss school may fall behind in their work which may affect their future prospects.

Excellent school attendance shows future employers that a young person is reliable. They are more likely to achieve well and to play a positive role in their community.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing even further improvements.

Interviews with Year 8 Pupils: What is different about Year 8?

Tyler - Year 8 has been different to Year 7 because we have chosen our options! We have had the chance to work with local universities, such as Falmouth University and lately we have been rewarded for good behaviour and attendance with a pizza and movie night. My top tips for choosing your options would be: Have a career in mind. This will make it easier to choose your subjects.

- Think about what would benefit you.
- Try and include a creative subject.
- Speak to your parent/guardians and teachers if you are unsure.

Matthew - Year 8 is better than Year 7 because you feel more confident because you know the teachers and a lot of the students. What I like about Year 8 is that teachers from our school and people from universities have helped us choose our options. We have had an options fair, options evening to help us. In Year 8 we get a lot of opportunities to go to fun things such as pizza and movie nights for having good attendance and low behaviour points.

Isla - Year 8 is very different from Year 7. We have been given lots of help in choose our options, and we have lots of people from Universities help us. Year 9 and 10's have helped us to make sure that we are making the right choices. We have had lots of fun activities like building shelters in English.

**Work hard
and be
nice
to people**



Face of Poltair

Next time you are at St Austell train station, you may see some familiar faces.... Daniel, Kenneth and Aiden from 8MK are currently welcoming train users to St Austell!

Congratulations!

A massive well done to all those involved in the athletics competition down at Par on the 20th April. Some truly remarkable efforts displayed

Year 8 Boys:

- Tom
- Lewis
- Ryan
- Troy
- Kenneth
- Sam
- Jack

Year 8 Girls:

- Tyler
- Courtney
- Victoria
- Ffion
- Chelsea



Meet the Year 8 Team!

How many of our Year 8 Team can you find?

- CARLIN
- CARPENTER
- HANCOCK
- KELLOW
- KING

- LIBBY
- PRICE
- ROBINS
- WALKER



Supporting Students With Medical Conditions

The following is an extract from our school policy "Supporting Students With Medical Conditions" which can be viewed in full on the school website under "Policies". It is important for parents/carers to be aware of this important policy.

At Poltair school we have a responsibility for the health and safety of students in our care. This includes students with special medical needs who may require support to access the curriculum. This may mean making special arrangements for particular students and making sure that relevant staff know about and are, if necessary, trained to provide any additional support that students with medical conditions (long or short term) may need.

The prime responsibility for a child's health lies with the parent/carer, who is responsible for the child's medication and must supply the school with all relevant information needed in order for proficient care to be given to the child. The school takes advice and guidance from a range of sources, including the School Nurse, Health professionals and the child's GP in addition to the information provided by parents/carers in the first instance. This enables us to ensure we assess and manage risk and minimise disruption to the learning of the child and others who may be affected (for example, class mates).

Our Aims

- To support students with medical conditions, so that they have full access to education, including physical education and educational visits
- To ensure that school staff involved in the care of children with medical needs are fully informed and adequately trained by a professional in order to administer support or prescribed medication
- To comply fully with the Equality Act 2010 for students who may have disabilities or special educational needs.
- To write, in association with healthcare professionals, Individual Healthcare Plans where necessary
- To respond sensitively, discreetly and quickly to situations where a child with a medical condition requires support
- To keep, monitor and review appropriate records

Expectations

It is expected that:

- Parents/carers will inform school of any medical condition which affects their child.
- Parents/carers will supply school with appropriately prescribed medication, where the dosage information and regime is clearly printed by a pharmacy on the container
- Parents/carers will ensure that medicines to be given in school are in date and clearly labelled
- Parents/carers will co-operate in training their children to self-administer medicine if this is appropriate, and that staff members will only be involved if this is not possible
- Medical professionals involved in the care of children with medical needs will fully inform staff beforehand of the child's condition, its management and implications for the school life of that individual

- Poltair School will ensure that, where appropriate, children are involved in discussing the management and administration of their medicines and are able to access and administer their medicine if this is part of their Individual Healthcare plan (for example, an inhaler)
- School staff will liaise as necessary with Healthcare professionals and services in order to access the most up-to-date advice about a student's medical needs and will seek support and training in the interests of the student
- Transitional arrangements between schools will be completed in such a way that Poltair School will ensure full disclosure of relevant medical information, Healthcare plans and support needed in good time for the child's receiving school to adequately prepare
- Individual Healthcare plans will be written, monitored and reviewed regularly and will include the views and wishes of the child and parent in addition to the advice of relevant medical professionals.

Administration of medicines

Only essential medicines will be administered during the school day. These will be only those prescribed by a doctor. Parents/carers must submit a written permission slip before any medicine is administered.

Please Note: In line with this policy we reaffirm that we will only administer prescribed medicines and will not accept and administer any medicines, including paracetamol, that have not been prescribed by a doctor/consultant.

Uniform Review Message for Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to inform all parents/carers that we are currently reviewing our school uniform. This is a process that will involve the views of students, staff and parents. It will also involve consultation with the school governors in ratifying any decisions made.

In the next 2 weeks there will be a survey with possible options for a change of uniform for all parents to consider and respond to, if you wish to do so.

A final decision will be made within the next 4-6 weeks and we will communicate this with all parents formally at this stage.

With the introduction of any new uniform, it would be our intention to have a phased introduction, starting with Year 7 students and giving a clear window for all other students to make the transition to the new uniform.

If you have any questions or suggestions at this stage, please direct them to uniform@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk and allow 48-72 hours for a response if you have posed a question.

Maths Revision Online Resources

<https://corbettmaths.com/revision/practice-questions/>

<https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse1/>

<http://online.justmaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/pupils.htm>

<http://studymaths.co.uk/>

<http://pinpointlearning>