



On Friday 12th October, 8EPE held a bake sale to raise money towards the school's defibrillator campaign. They raised a total of £63.60
Well done to all involved!

Calendar Dates



November 3rd
WW1 London Art Trip



November 8th
Poltair Remembers

November 9th
Remembrance Assembly

November 17th
Torchlight Carnival

November 22nd
Awards Evening



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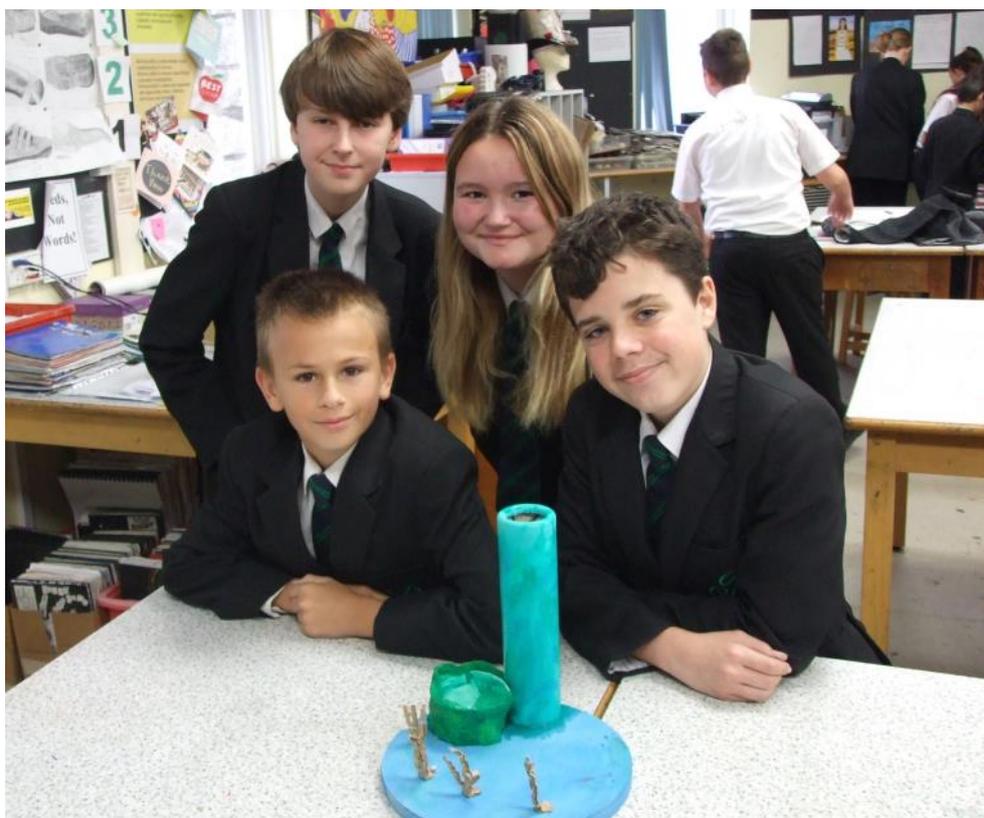
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Curriculum Enrichment Day - 18th October



Year 7

Year 7 spent their day learning all about how to be resilient. After identifying what resilience really means, they worked in teams to build bridges that would support some heavy weights! The bridges were designed with recycled materials in mind, they then had the opportunity to make the bridges and to test their strength. Each Tutor Group built a selection of bridges. The strongest two from each Tutor Group went into the final where the winning bridge (7 CBE) was chosen.



Year 8

Year 8 students took part in an enterprise day focusing on the theme of Dragons Den and the importance of upcycling. All students had to design, construct and pitch a recyclable item to be used on a desk. Students presented their ideas to their tutor groups and the tutor group selected the best designs, products and pitches to present to our very own "Poltair Dragons".

All six groups of students confidently presented to the year group and the Dragons.

The winning tutor group was 8EPE.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

Year 9

“Healthy Body, Healthy Mind” was the theme for our Year 9 students. Their day comprised of lessons on mindfulness & relaxation, healthy eating and fitness testing. The healthy eating proved to be really popular with the students sampling healthy breakfast alternatives. In the afternoon all the students took part in an alternative sports day, with an emphasis on enjoying physical activities. The alternative sports day included tug of war, skipping races, a dressing up relay and a hula hoop competition. We very much hope that the students enjoyed the day and picked up some useful healthy lifestyle ideas.



Year 10

The Year 10s worked alongside Brook who delivered a bespoke educational package in sex and relationship education. The aim was to help them develop important life skills such as resilience and self-confidence alongside improving their knowledge on key topics. The students were actively engaged in different workshops where they were able to voice their opinions and questions in an open forum and were given honest and precise responses. They finished the day by focusing on their work experience letters, compiling information about suitable placements. A lot of students are now well underway with finding a placement for the forthcoming Work Experience.



Year 11

As Year 11s now only have 132 days remaining at Poltair, the focus of their Enrichment Day was “Life After Poltair”, in particular - college applications. Students were required to research different colleges, explore different courses on offer and their entry requirements. Throughout the day, each student completed an application form and developed their CV.

Over the coming weeks these college forms will be processed, sent to colleges and then college interviews will commence. It’s an exciting time for Year 11 students as they look to their future!



Ten Tors Selection Training

On Saturday 13th October, students from Years 9 and 10 travelled to Dartmoor to experience the moor in one of its true colours. It was rough and wild for new recruits who are preparing for the upcoming "Ten Tors Challenge" in May 2019. They walked efficiently as a team while experiencing some challenging weather conditions. They learnt the basics of navigation and how to cross rivers safely.

"It was amazing. There were ups and downs (hills in particular!) but when we got to the top of the hill and saw the finish it was great!" Tamsin Goodrich.

"The first day of training was really fun but the weather conditions were definitely tough. It was a challenging walk, but every time we could see our target it was an amazing feeling. We pushed ourselves hard and at the end it was totally worth it!" Gwen Olsen.

Theory training will continue in the classroom until the next training on Saturday 3rd November.



Art Mural

In the summer of 2018 9A Art started work on a mural for the MFL Department.

They chose this department as they felt the East Block (where languages are based) needed some colour.

Over the course of the hot summer term the pupils researched, developed and completed the large scale mural which is now on display in one of the East Block corridors. They worked diligently to ensure its completion in time for September's Open Evening.

The completed mural has imagery from two European countries, can you guess which two?

Thank you to the Site Team who have framed the mural and of course a huge thank you (and well done) to the students, and staff, involved...

It is looking great!

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Inspiring our pupils to *Believe & Achieve*