

Bake Sale

On Friday 14th February, the Year 9 Junior Prefects will be holding a Bake Sale to raise funds for the up-keep of the defibrillator.

Any donations of cakes/buns gratefully received.

Thank you

Calendar Dates

February 8th

Ten Tors Training

February 12th

Immunisation Visit (Kernow Health)

February 17th - 21st

Half Term



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Ten Tors Training - Perranporth Sand Dunes



Saturday 25th January dawned with a different light and stillness than previous Dartmoor training days.

This session was a crucial part of the training programme, preparing the teams for the overnight training sessions they will face in the months ahead.

Josh Williams said: "At Perranporth, the first thing I noticed was, of course, the weather. Different from the contrasting conditions we have learnt to expect from Dartmoor, the sun was shining and a light wind from the sea blasted our faces - it was a welcome change! We started off with a full kit check, in preparation for the months of training ahead where we will be self-reliant throughout. Having re-packed our kit, we walked to the edge of the sand dunes and prepared ourselves for the Endurance Challenge. This was both a physical and mental challenge, to encourage us to work hard and achieve beyond what we believe is possible. Having strode up and down the sand dunes, we had a stove safety briefing before cooking our own meals. Micro-navigation training after lunch and before we knew it, it was time to come home!"



What is a Silent Starter?

All lessons at Poltair now begin with a “Silent Starter”. The starters last for a maximum of ten minutes during which time, students work in silence. While the tasks will vary among departments, the format will not. Some starters will be an opportunity for students to retrieve knowledge or skills they need, while others will be an activity which builds on developing their vocabulary.

With the knowledge and content of the curriculum becoming ever more demanding, these changes are intended to allow students to repeatedly remember, retrieve and apply factual information, vocabulary or skills that they will need at a later date.

The starters are intended to build confidence in our students’ knowledge of specific subject content. They will ensure that all lessons begin in a calm, orderly manner where learning is rapidly focused upon. Teachers can quickly assess if students have any misconceptions or gaps in their learning that they can help address.

Please do talk to your children about the silent starters they are doing and how this is improving their knowledge and skill retention. If you are the parent/carer of a Year 11 student, you could even use this idea to help support students’ revision at home by giving them a quick “10 Question Recall Quiz” once they have revised a topic.

Revision Tips for Parents of Year 11 Students

This Week’s Tip - Using GCSE Past Papers for Revision!

For AQA examinations

visit: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>

Step 1 - Select “Past Papers”

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Find past papers and mark schemes

Find past papers and mark schemes for your exams, and specimen papers for new courses.

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For EDEXCEL examinations

visit: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html>

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Year 11 revision booklets

Your child has been given a bespoke revision guide. These guides will help prepare them for their mock exams. Please see the link on the school website for more information:
<https://www.poltairschool.co.uk/Student/Revision.html>



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