



Student of the Fortnight

Year 7: Carly Miles
Year 8: Jake White
Year 9: Joshua Caust
Year 10: Mylo Haskayne
Year 11: Hollie Rowe

Calendar Dates

November 16th - 20th
Anti-Bullying Week
(Tutor time activities to be completed)

November 30th
Year 7 Tutor Evening (more info soon)

January 2021
Year 9 Options process begins

May 2021
Year 10 Work Experience

A message from Mrs Pengelly

Year 7

What Went Well?

Year 7 are continuing their journey of being excellent students. Many teachers have praised students' attitudes to learning and commented on the standard of the work they have produced. Well done Year 7, keep the effort up!

Even Better If

You are now being set homework in all your subjects. Please make sure that you check ClassCharts every day, complete the homework to a high standard and hand it in on time.

A message from Miss Dingwall

Year 8

What Went Well?

Students have continued to maintain a high standard of uniform and presentation. Most are incredibly engaged and motivated in lessons; which is great to see!

Even Better If

We need to reduce the number of 1 point sanctions for low-level disruption, as these are escalating. Students need to work on correcting this at the verbal warning stage.

Year 9

What Went Well?

Students are continuing to show excellent behaviour for learning, both in the classroom and in and around the school site.

Many teachers have praised year 9 students for their conduct and work ethic.

Even Better If

Let's continue to keep up the high standards of uniform. Remember, skirts need to be pleated and students should only wear one small stud in each ear.

A message from Miss Waters

Year 10

What Went Well?

Students are starting to develop much better habits in lessons, which enables all students to access their learning and progress at a good rate. It was fantastic to see that so many of them already know what they want to do for Work Experience.

Even Better If

Keep persevering when things get tough in lessons. Remember, the teachers are here to challenge you and make sure you achieve to the best of your ability.

Year 11

What Went Well?

Students are rapidly becoming mature young adults, fixed on working extremely hard towards future assessments. Staff are commenting on their studious attitudes and their determination to beat whatever hurdle is coming their way.

Even Better If

Make sure you get the home learning right. Have you got somewhere quiet to work and revise? Do you know how to revise? If not, ask at school and we can support you further.

Updates/Reminders

Uniform

Plans for all students to wear shoes and not trainer-style shoes have been put on hold until September 2021. This is to support the school community during these unprecedented times. We are extremely appreciative of your support in ensuring uniform standards are high at Poltair; students are looking exceptionally smart this year!

Covid Communications

Please can you continue to ensure that any test results, positive or negative, are shared with us by emailing: safeguarding@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

If your child has been off school for COVID-19 related isolation, then they should not return unless this information is shared with us and a conversation has been had.

Safeguarding

Updates to our policy and key information/staffing can now be found in the Safeguarding section of our website, [click here](#) to view.

There is also guidance to help support you in your understanding of online safety and mental health.

Please get in touch if you feel your child requires specific support.

A reminder on how Poltair School continues to operate safely during the current period...

Arriving to/leaving school

- Students **should not be on site before 8.15am**. This is important to stop pupil groups gathering in mixed bubbles in front of school when they arrive earlier than this time. The East and West Site gates are opened at 8.15am.
- Students **should not be on site after 3.15pm** unless they have an after-school detention or Intervention session (on Tuesday or Thursday only). No other afterschool clubs are running during the current period - this includes Sports clubs and fixtures. We are, of course, continuing our PE classes as timetabled for all Year groups during the school day.
- Student drop-off and collection must take place outside of the school gates.
- We have slightly staggered finish times to allow students to remain socially distanced from those not in their bubble. As with the morning, please discourage students from meeting others once the day has finished to avoid 'cross-bubble' interaction.
- We have additional school buses to transport our students, but these need to park in the bus bay on the main road - please refrain from parking there when on pick-up or drop-off.
- Students should be ensuring that they wear face masks if they are in taxis, on school buses or public buses.

Access to School Site

- No parents/visitors will be permitted on school site without prior arrangement.
- Any concerns regarding your child's welfare should be raised initially with their tutor as first point of contact.
- For health and safety reasons, we have to limit the number of people who access the school site during the day. School staff will communicate via email or phone and any meetings that are to be held will be essential only and at the discretion of school staff.

Equipment

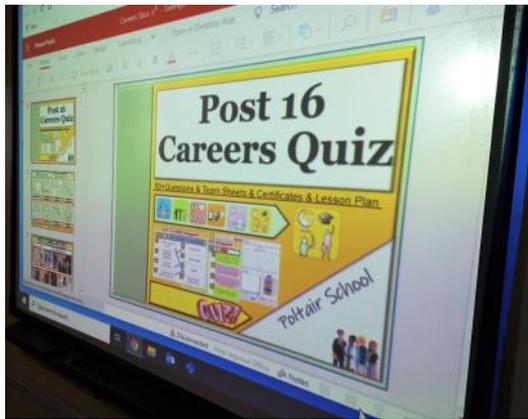
- We ask that pupils come to school with full equipment including facemasks and PE kit for timetabled lessons.
- We are unable to accept any items at Reception to pass to students throughout the day (should they forget any of their belongings such as PE kit, packed lunch, drinks, ingredients for food lessons, mobile phones etc).

Communication with pupils during the school day

- Telephone messages can only be relayed to students if it is an **emergency**, so please ensure all arrangements for appointments or leaving school at the end of day are made in advance with children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Curriculum Enrichment



Personal Development is an important subject at Poltair School, it helps students to prepare for a happy and successful adulthood. As part of our Personal Development curriculum, on Tuesday 3rd November, all students were involved in a Curriculum Enrichment Morning. The morning's activities were carefully planned to develop students' understanding/knowledge of important, age-related topics. Students worked within their tutor groups, with each Year group focussing on a different topic (see below):

Year 7 - *Internet Safety & Cyber Bullying.*

Year 8 - *Puberty & Changes in Relationships*

Year 9 - *Sexual Health & Relationships*

Year 10 - *Raising Aspirations (Work Experience Letters)*

Year 11 - *Future Steps (College Application Forms)*



Pictured left: Two of our students testing their knowledge in a Careers Quiz, one of Year 11's activities.

Remembrance Day 2020

Last Sunday, Mylo Haskayne (10CPR) represented the 169 Squadron of Air Cadets by laying a wreath of remembrance in Tywardreath, as part of this year's Remembrance Service.

Mylo said that he feels "very proud and honoured to lay the wreath", and really enjoys the activities in Air Cadets, which include flying around Newquay and Plymouth as part of his training.

He has completed his flight training and looks forward to working with the Air Cadets further.



2nd Dan for Kyle

Last month, Kyle Dawe (Year 10) travelled to Torbay for a grading in Tae Kwon Do; a sport he has been practicing for 7 years. Kyle trains twice a week at Richards Tae Kwon Do, Falmouth. He also attends squad training sessions on Sundays.

His love of the sport has seen him travel to London and Bath, on several occasions, to compete - he has also attended seminars with the Grand Master of Tae Kwon Do.

It takes 2 years to train for a 2nd Dan, which also incorporates a theory test as well as the practical element.

We are thrilled to hear that his hard work and dedication to the training has paid off!

What an excellent achievement, Kyle - well done!



Cornwall Winter School Games

Following the success of the Cornwall Summer Virtual School Games, our students are taking part in the Cornwall Winter Virtual School Games during PE lessons - we hope to win just as many awards this time around!

The main focus is Sports Hall Athletics, where groups have been taking part in Long Jump, Chest Push and Relays.

Mr Adams said, "It's great to see Cornwall School Games again being rolled out to the schools in Cornwall, with the hope to raise physical activity levels in all young people. At Poltair, we are proud to be taking part again."

Poltair Lockdown 2.0 Challenges

Every weekend, our PE Department are setting individual challenges for our students and their families to take part in. The challenges are fun and accessible for people of all abilities.

All details of the weekend's challenges will be posted on ClassCharts on Friday afternoons, demonstration videos will be available to view on the Poltair PE Youtube Page and there will also be lots of information about the challenges shared on the the Poltair PE Facebook Page (links below).

If you have any questions, please email Mr Pascoe: LPascoe@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

Click on the logos to head straight to the websites:



Here are the results of the GYM FIT Challenge...

Year 7 Winners: **Josh C & Izzy R**

Year 8 Winners: **Freddie K & Kayla T**

Year 9 Winners: **Luke V & Emily S**

This week's stats...

Over **3000** Mountain Climbers!

Over **2500** Skips!

3516 Star Jumps!

3456 Jump & Twists!

