



Student of the Fortnight

Year 7: Kenzie Williams

Year 8: Gracie Philp

Year 9: Grace Latham

Year 10: Evie Lelo

Year 11: Oliver Talbot

Calendar Dates

December 18th

Last day of term - School closes 12pm

January 4th/5th

Inset Days - School Closed

January 6th

First day of Spring Term

January 14th

Year 11 Parents Evening

A message from Mrs Pengelly

Year 7

What Went Well?

Year 7s have continued to maintain their high standards of uniform and behaviour.

Well done, let's continue this next year!

Even Better If

Please remember to continue to be as Covid secure as possible. This includes wearing your facemask, sanitising your hands and maintaining distances.

A message from Miss Dingwall

Year 8

What Went Well?

Year 8s have demonstrated exceptional generosity in terms of donations for the Christmas food hampers.

Well done!

Even Better If

Please ensure that you have all of your equipment on a daily basis, including a face covering.

Year 9

What Went Well?

Year 9s have continued to display excellent conduct and maturity around the school site.

Students have responded maturely to early Options choices discussions.

Even Better If

Continue the good work by ensuring that you demonstrate STAR behaviours across all lessons and across the school site.

A message from Miss Waters

Year 10

What Went Well?

Year 10 are continuing to grow in confidence and are demonstrating what it takes to become determined and versatile learners.

Even Better If

When in lessons, please make sure you demonstrate the STAR behaviours consistently and contribute to the lessons with enthusiasm and interest.

This will allow more productivity and lead to greater achievements.

Year 11

What Went Well?

Year 11s have had a good attitude towards their learning following the exams. Even when tired, they are all still persevering, well done.

Even Better If

Make sure you complete all your remote learning tasks and are sending them in to your class teachers. You can still be awarded merits and be in the running for a merit badge at the end of term Celebration Assembly.

Updates/Reminders

ClassCharts

All Student ClassCharts data will be reset over the weekend.

This will mean Merits and Behavior Points will be reset back to zero...
a fresh start for all students.

We will again be giving out rewards next term for the top performing students in each Year group.

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

As we move into the Christmas holiday period, it is important to remember that help and support is always available for challenging situations:

Multi Agency Referral Unit:
0300 1231 116

Out of Hours Duty Social Worker
Non-Emergency: 0300 1234 101

Emergency: 01208 251300

Emergency Services
999

Non-Emergency Crime Reporting
101

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Doing December Differently

Finding ways to occupy our time during the holidays can often be tricky. This year, Cornwall Council have provided an activity booklet which offers some new, fun and interesting ways to help us stay busy - should we want to.

So, if you are:

- Arty/Crafty – like making things
- Green – want to look after our planet
- Sporty – like to jump around a bit
- Outdoorsy – like being outside
- Cooky – fan of Bake Off or Masterchef

or a fab person who is all of the above, why not check out the booklet by clicking [HERE](#)

Final Week of Term's Festivities

Celebration Assembly

Monday 14th December
(extended Tutor Time)

Christmas Lunches

Years 7 & 10 - Monday 14th December
Years 8 & 9 - Tuesday 15th December
Year 11 - Wednesday 16th December

Friday 18th December

Non-School Uniform Day

Christmas Assembly (extended Tutor Time)

Santa Fun Run (money needs to be in by Thursday 17th at the latest)



Ten Tors, 2020

At the beginning of the year, participants were full of hope of challenges to come. On reflection during COVID-19 in March 2020, the participants of the 35 mile Ten Tors team acknowledged;

'Ten Tors has allowed me to push myself further than what I could have ever imagined; in mindset and physical ability. I had not experienced what it was like to feel so accomplished with myself and have such pride as what I feel now when stepping out and pushing myself to my limits during training. Ten Tors has taught me how unpredictable and powerful nature is and can be. I have learnt navigational, leadership and team building skills throughout. My experiences are something that will stick with me throughout life.' *Tia Townsend*

'Ten Tors is a part of me. It is what I enjoy and what I love; every walk and every meeting I go to, I learn. To me, walks on Dartmoor are an opportunity to be faster than last time and an opportunity to show leadership, courage and determination. Ten Tors is a great experience. Out on Dartmoor, when you are with your team, they become your best friends; your family. You tell them everything - they practically become part of you. I trust my team with my life. It is a great way to socialise and build life skills. I am proud of taking up the challenge of Ten Tors.' *Rohan Cuesta Dunn*

On the other side of Lockdown in October 2020, a window of opportunity presented itself to the participants of the Bronze DofE team. A weekend to complete their Qualifying Venture.

'The Year 10 Bubble faced so many challenges before stepping out on expedition, but with strong bonds we got back on track. Even having had time apart, we worked well as a team and used each others' experience and intellect to pull through. As well as doing the walking part of the venture, we enrolled on the John Muir Award. We worked as a team to put our research together and present it using team spirit. We all achieved the award we worked so hard for and waited so much longer for. Completing DofE is possible for anyone who puts their mind to it - you will pick up from where you left off and soar forward!' *George McIntyre*



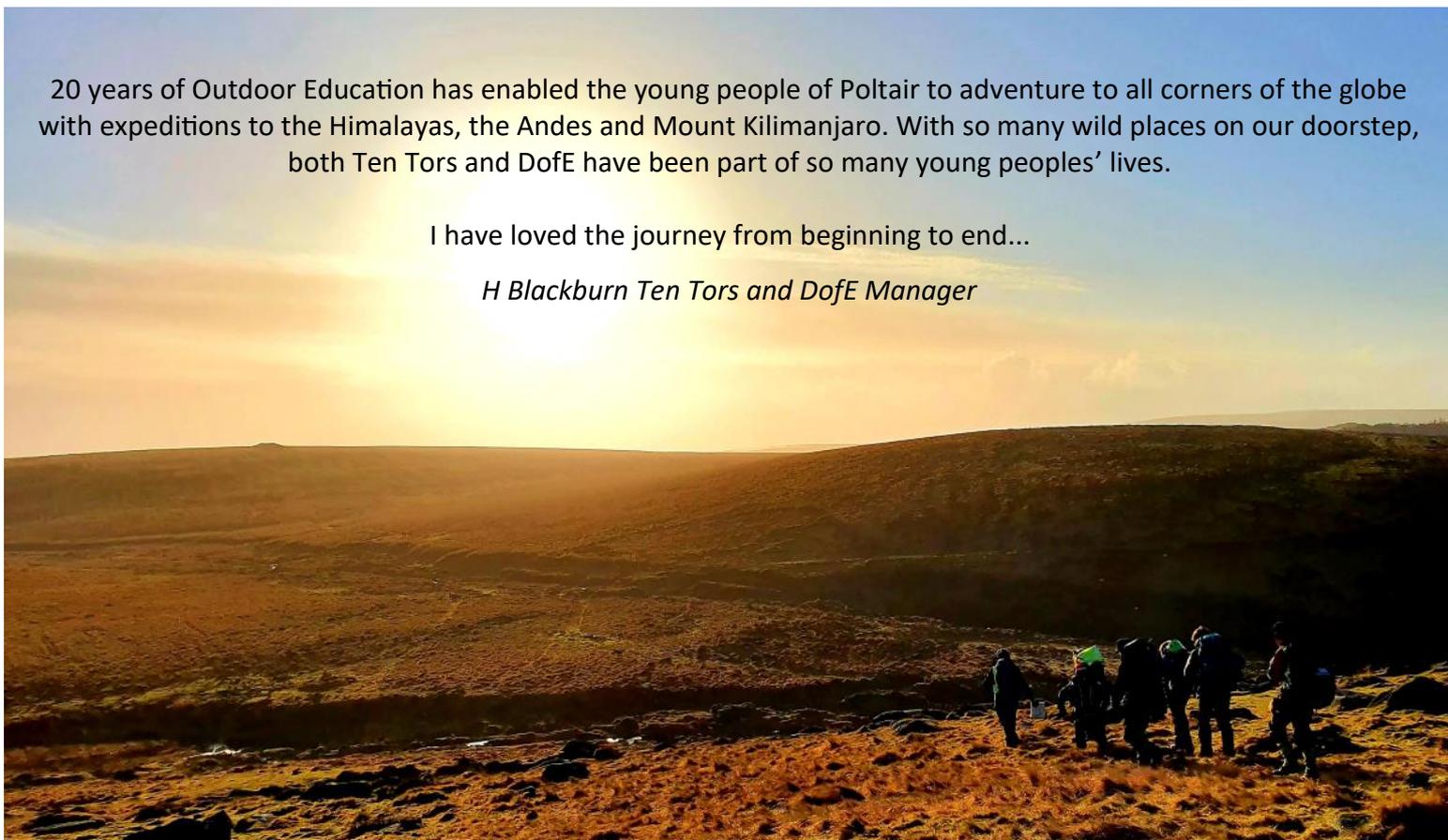
I am proud of all the participants who stepped up to Ten Tors and DofE 2020. You showed resilience, commitment, adaptability and endeavour.

H Blackburn Ten Tors and DofE Manager

20 years of Outdoor Education has enabled the young people of Poltair to adventure to all corners of the globe with expeditions to the Himalayas, the Andes and Mount Kilimanjaro. With so many wild places on our doorstep, both Ten Tors and DofE have been part of so many young peoples' lives.

I have loved the journey from beginning to end...

H Blackburn Ten Tors and DofE Manager



“Farewell” to a Poltair Legend

After working at Poltair for 32 years, Verona Mayhew (or “V” as she is fondly known by staff), is hanging up her Poltair apron.

Last September, Verona had a bad fall whilst in her garden. Never one to do anything by half, she managed to break her leg, her wrists and one or two ribs, and ended up needing to stay in hospital for a few months.

A true fighter, Verona has made a remarkable recovery and is well on the way to being back to full mobility, which we are thrilled to hear.

What with the accident, and now a global pandemic, Verona feels that the time is right for her to say a fond “farewell” to Poltair and to take time to relax, spend time with her family & friends. She said, “I am really going to miss everyone - not just the staff, but the children as well. I have some wonderful memories and have made some lovely friends over the years. One of the highlights for me was when I used to see former pupils on Parents Evenings, but with them there as parents!”

Verona initially started work at Poltair as a Lunchtime Supervisor, or Dinner Lady as they were known back then. Over the years her role changed and she worked as a Technician in various areas of the school. In addition to this, Verona “manned” the staffroom where somehow she managed to memorise how every staff member liked their tea/coffee. She would see the top of someone’s head walk towards the staffroom door and before they had even got inside, she had their preferred beverage ready! Never one to forget someone’s birthday, Verona would go out of her way to buy cakes for the staffroom on special occasions - and then there’s her infamous end of term staff raffles!

Verona is a true trooper, always willing to get stuck in... she showed this year after year with her willingness to get involved with the end of term assemblies. It became a bit of a tradition that staff would put on a “Stars in their Eyes” type show in the Christmas assembly. Verona was a key part in not only organising this, but also in the shows!

She has graced the stage as various characters over the years (including Honey “V”)

but is most known and loved among the students as being “Eminem” - as you can see from the pictures, it was quite an impressive transformation!

Verona is a genuinely lovely woman who will do anything for anyone. She will be very sorely missed here at Poltair, she has been here for so long that she is practically part of the furniture. Unfortunately we are unable to give her the proper send off she deserves, at the moment, but we will as soon as we are able...

In the meantime, on behalf of all staff and students, we would like to wish her a very happy (and definitely well-earned) retirement...

