

GCSEs and Vocational Qualifications 2021

Welcome to the last edition of the KS4 bulletin for our current Year 11 students. In only a few weeks, they will have completed their time at Poltair. Within this newsletter we aim to give you the information you need to support your child in the next few weeks. If you have any further questions then please do email.

Mrs Kellow

Collecting Evidence

We are continuing to collect evidence on the performance of each student for each of their subjects. Please see April's edition for the full timetable of assessments.

It is vital that every student attends school everyday.

Each Head of Department is currently deciding exactly what evidence they will include to determine a holistic grade for the students. This evidence base must be the same for all students in the class or cohort. Hence, if a student misses an assessment and does not catch up their overall grade will be impacted.

Evidence Base and special consideration

All students will be informed of the evidence base being used for each subject. These will be published and emailed to them by 26th May.

Students will have until 7th June to inform us of any mitigating circumstances that had a demonstrable impact on their academic performance.

For example, mitigating circumstances could be bereavement, an injury or any unpreventable event that disrupted performance.

Any student who believe their has been mitigating circumstances and would like to apply for special consideration are to complete the following form by 7th June: [Mitigating circumstances](#)

Malpractice

Please be aware of the following scenarios that could constitute as malpractice:

- Students attempting to gain an unfair advantage by, for example, submitting fabricated evidence or plagiarised work—we are asking students to sign a declaration saying all the work they have submitted is their own.
- Students, or individuals acting on behalf of a student, such as parents/carers, trying to influence grade decisions by applying pressure to the school or their staffs.

To safeguard from any malpractice claims we are asking students to sign a declaration saying all the work they have submitted is their own. We would also like to ask parents/carers that if they have concerns over the grades of their child to please direct to the head of department, Miss Waters or Mrs Kellow.

Details of the last day in school

Year 11's last day is Friday 28th May.

Students are to be onsite and in tutor groups for 8.35am as usual. There will be a range of activities planned for the students during the day to help them remember and celebrate their time with us, to say goodbye and prepare for life after Poltair.

Students **do not** need to wear school uniform, however, students will be asked to bring a shirt into school for signing.

**Non-uniform
day!**

Year 11 students will finish at 2pm.

We will provide a space for those needing to use the school bus to stay until 3pm.

Week beginning 7th June

All students should be prepared to be called into school for the week beginning 7th June. This will be to ensure all students have all the desired evidence to be able to determine a holistic grade for each subject.

Whilst at home, students will be expected to use the provided resources to support their transition to post 16 provision.

All resources can be found in the folder:

<https://poltair.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/Students/>

[EtiHrAb53sVAnMd_C7sA1aIBsCcavqNjS9K3n05ZwL9g4Q?e=mY6999](https://poltair.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/Students/EtiHrAb53sVAnMd_C7sA1aIBsCcavqNjS9K3n05ZwL9g4Q?e=mY6999)

Truro and Penwith college have also provided us with resources for transition—please visit the Remote Access tab on their website <https://www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/>



Results Day



**Results Day will be on Thursday
12th August.**

Students are invited to collect their results in person during the time slots:

11PMA 9.00—9.10

11DBR 9.10—9.20

11LHA 9.20—9.30

11JWE 9.30—9.40

11RSP 9.40—9.50

11SBO 9.50—10.00

Students will need to sign in to the back entrance of the **sports hall** where they will be directed to the collection point.

There will be members of staff available to support the students if they have any questions or queries about their next steps.



Just got your GCSE results? Not sure what to do next?

Want help with your next steps?

Contact:

Careers4u Results Rescue Service

Phone: 0333 2224 099

Email: info@careers4u.org

Lines open: GCSE results day – 9am - 5pm

Our local Qualified Careers Advisers are waiting and happy talk to you on the phone or via email, to help in any way they can.

Exam queries

If you have any questions or queries regarding the awarding of GCSE and VTQ grades this summer please email exams@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk