

Thursday, 21st May 2020

Dear Year 11,

I hope you are all well and coping with this particularly tough experience.

I am writing to inform you that your last official day at Poltair School will be **Friday 22nd May**. Without the natural end of exams, it is important to give you a 'cut off' point and so after half term, there will no longer be any work set for Year 11. However, I want to emphasise to you all that as a school we will continue to be there to support you with information, advice and guidance if you need it. You will continue to have access to your school email and network until 31st August 2020.

It has been my privilege to be your Year Team Leader. You made sure there was never a dull day, the journey from you arriving as children and leaving as young adults has been incredible. Some of your journeys have been harder than others, but your resilience in getting up and carrying on has been admirable. I am so proud of you and the people that you have become, I metaphorically stand in front of you with the biggest smile on my face. You should leave Poltair with great confidence in yourselves, knowing that you can overcome any hurdles you may come across.

Results Day 2020

You will have seen that the government has announced that your exam results day will still be on 20th August 2020. We will write to you again nearer the time about the organisation of the day, with some possible questions and answers you may have. Teachers are following the guidance issued by the government on how to grade students and not allowed to discuss the grades they are awarding with you. I understand that this is very difficult for you all and that you have lost the opportunity to show how you would have done under exam

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conditions, but it is vital that this process precisely follows the guidance from the government and is a fair process for everyone.

Preparing for college

The Colleges are working hard to ensure they can offer you a smooth transition to Year 12.

Below are some links that are helpful in your preparation to starting college:

Truro& Penwith College	Callywith College	Cornwall Colleges
<p>https://www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/how-we-support-you/blog</p> <p>Tutors have created videos of what you can expect if you study there.</p> <p>https://digitalcampus.truro-penwith.ac.uk/login/index.php</p> <p>You can enrol on courses to get ready for what's coming next.</p>	<p>https://www.callywith.ac.uk/latest-news/year-11-learning-materials-and-resources</p> <p>A selection of resources and learning materials for the courses on offer.</p> <p>https://digitalcampus.truro-penwith.ac.uk/login/index.php You can enrol on courses to get ready for what is coming next.</p> <p>You can view a fantastic virtual tour of the Callywith Campus led by Principal Jon and Assistant Principal Lucy on Facebook here</p> <p>:https://www.facebook.com/callywithcollege/videos/599149040700624/</p>	<p>https://www.virtual.cornwall.ac.uk/my-career-college/</p> <p>My Career College is an online portal offering transition activities to support all year 11 students that have applied to study with us. Their phone number is 0330 123 2523 or you can use "Live Chat" on our web site (www.cornwall.ac.uk).</p>

I want to take this opportunity to thank the prefect team for their hard work in supporting the various charity events over the year. The Summer and Christmas Fairs would have not been able to take place without you. I would particularly like to thank our Head boy and Head girl. You both took on your roles with maturity and dedication and have worked tirelessly over the year to support the school in the vast number of events we have had.

I know that looking to the future can be scary, but it can also be exciting. We are constantly presented with new opportunities. Let us step out and take hold of those

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opportunities, even when we do not know how things will turn out. Change is constant, and life is a journey. Although there are bound to be tough times ahead, there are also going to be incredible moments that we could never have imagined. Take a leap of faith. Set out to do something you have always wanted to do. Look to the future with hope. Do not allow fear to hold you back, for a life filled with regrets of not chasing your dreams is a life unfulfilled. It is time to embrace what the future holds.

“Just because the past didn’t turn out like you wanted it to, it doesn’t mean your future can’t be better than you imagined.” Anonymous

I wish you the greatest of luck with the next stage of your journey, my record-breaking ‘**Class of 2020**’.

Very best wishes

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