

Year 11 Parent Bulletin 1.12.23



Well done Year 11!

The recent Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) have just finished. They were incredibly successful, with all our students behaving impeccably, taking the exams seriously and really trying their best.

Two of the strategies we employed for the PPEs was to provide cushions for their chairs and to give all students a PEP talk prior to each exam.

Student voice has been really positive and they have given us some insightful and constructive feedback that we will use to improve their experience in the next PPEs.

Teachers are currently marking the exams and will be giving students detailed and personal feedback before the Christmas holiday.

We will also give students a progress report that will detail their current working grade and their engagement with learning.

If you have any feedback you would like to give following the PPEs, please email Mrs Kellow -

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Keyworker Support Programme

Monday 4th December sees the launch of our Keyworker Support Programme. Each student will be allocated a member of staff who will support them in their Year 11 pathway to success. This may be their tutor, one of the pastoral team or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

The programme encompasses:

- Keyworkers having a weekly meeting with students to make sure they are finishing their homework and staying on top of their revision.
- Ensuring that students are following revision schedules and assisting students in organizing their time and workload for the upcoming week, which includes attending masterclasses.
- Encouraging #revise50.
- Keyworkers monitoring students' behaviour and attendance, and when needed, assist them by removing any obstacles.
- Celebrating accomplishments.
- Assistance with managing exam anxiety and general well-being.

In addition, students will be encouraged to carry out independent revision during tutor time every Monday.

Save the date!

Prom Launch 2024

We have officially launched the countdown to Prom with Year 11 students!

The 2024 Prom celebration will be held at The Alverton Hotel, Truro on Friday 28th June 2024. Timings to be confirmed.

Students will have a three-course meal, a disco and a photobooth.

This will be a wonderful end of year celebration, where students will get to celebrate their time at Poltair and the conclusion of their GCSE exams.

The cost of the prom ticket is £50. We are aware that there is currently a cost-of-living crisis, so this is already live on ParentPay and the total cost can be paid in installments over the next 7 months. Please note there is no obligation for parents to pay before Christmas.

Currently all students are invited to attend this celebration, however, behaviour and attendance in school will be taken into consideration.

Year 11 Progress Evening

Thursday 18th January

This evening will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teachers.

Appointments will be in school between 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Further details on how to book appointments will be emailed to all parents.

CELT Cup

Friday 8th December

Good luck to all the students taking part in the CELT Cup on Friday at Tregorrick Park. Netball starts at 5.00pm and Rugby at 5.30pm.

Masterclasses

Tuesday 5th December

Art - PPE Completion of Final Outcome

Hospitality - **Let's Make a Difference** – *practical in preparation for coursework.*

DT & Engineering - **Engineering** – **Solving Engineering Problems**

English - **Unseen Poetry (English Literature Paper 2)**

Wednesday 6th December

French foundation – **Picture based task, developing answers.**

French higher - **Picture based task, developing answers.**

Spanish foundation – **Picture based task, developing answers.**

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English (open) – **drop-in student support**

Thursday 7th December

History – **Cowboys and cattle industry**