



End of Spring Term Parent Bulletin



At the beginning of this month, Year 6 students received their secondary school placement offers.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new cohort into our school community!

We have some exciting activities taking place over the coming months, including our popular Super Sixes Programme - a fantastic opportunity for our soon-to-be Year 7s to form new friendships, prior to officially starting at Poltair in September!

A Message from the Headteacher

As we fast approach the Easter break, I would just like to thank all of you for the immense support you have given the school over the last term.

I am not sure that I have ever seen it rain as much as it has done over the past few weeks, but despite that, we have still seen some brilliant after-school sporting events, with students fully committed and engaged with their sporting endeavors - something that I believe is a measure of the strength of character and confidence that they are developing.

As you are aware, we had OFSTED visit us at the end of February. We are awaiting their report which we will then share with you, it may appear over the Easter break, but I am hoping that it will be with us just after Easter.

As usual, the feedback that we have had from all visitors, as well as from when the students have visited other places, has been fantastic! Your children have, at every opportunity, demonstrated character in the way they present themselves and in the way they work with others. They are displaying confidence in everything that they do, you should be incredibly proud of them, just as we are.

I would like to wish you all a very restful, and hopefully dry, Easter break.



Some of this Half Term's Highlights...

Science Trip

At the end of February, a group of our GCSE Science students embarked on a fascinating journey through the realms of knowledge, at the Science Museum and Natural History Museum in London.

From delving into the depths of the universe to exploring the wonders of our own planet's history, our students immersed themselves in a world of discovery and inspiration.

At the Science Museum, they marveled at the ingenuity of human innovation - from the earliest inventions to cutting-edge technology which is shaping our future. Meanwhile, at the Natural History Museum, they encountered the awe-inspiring diversity of life on Earth, coming face to face with ancient fossils and majestic specimens from across the globe.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm and engagement throughout the trip.

Practice on the Slopes

Earlier this month, a group of students hit the slopes at Plymouth Snowsports Centre.

The aim of the session was for them to get some training in, ahead of their upcoming ski trip to the French Alps in April. It was a brilliant evening, filled with laughter, learning and plenty of practice.

Our students showed incredible enthusiasm and determination as they honed their skills. We can't wait to see them shine on the French slopes next month!

A Day at the Zoo

On 6th March, Year 7 students had an unforgettable adventure at Paignton Zoo.

Surrounded by the wonders of the animal kingdom, it was incredible to see the excitement and curiosity on the faces of our students, as they learned about conservation and the importance of protecting our planet's diverse wildlife.



Curriculum Enrichment

Earlier this month, our Year 9 students took part in a Careers Day, as part of our Curriculum Enrichment Day.

We were thrilled to host a dynamic Careers Speed Meeting session, where we had the privilege of welcoming 30 incredible employers to Poltair. They engaged with our students, sharing invaluable insights about their career paths, the steps they took, their experiences during school and the essence of their professions. It was an enriching experience, aimed at guiding our Year 9s as they gear up to select their options.

Mental Health Talk

Last week, our Year 10 and 11 boys actively engaged in an insightful male mental health talk, led by Mr. Pyle. In a world where societal pressures often dictate what it means to be a "man," it's more crucial than ever to redefine and celebrate positive male image.

The session delved into breaking stereotypes, embracing vulnerability and fostering open conversations about mental health. Mr. Pyle provided students with invaluable guidance on what to do if they're ever feeling overwhelmed or worried. From seeking support to practicing self-care, our young men were equipped with the tools to navigate through any challenging moments. The boys' mental health talk served as a powerful reminder of the importance of addressing mental health issues among young men. By promoting a positive male image, delivering uplifting messages and providing essential support resources, the initiative empowered Year 10 and 11 students to prioritise their mental well-being.



World Book Day

As is tradition here at Poltair, we celebrated the magic of storytelling and the power of books on World Book Day.

Students shared their love for reading, by donating used books to the school - for others to enjoy. For each book the students donated, they received a merit. New for 2024, was our Masked Reader competition, which ran throughout the day. Each lesson started with a Masked Reader from each Year group. The students' task was to guess each reader throughout the day, based on their voice alone – not an easy task, but one our students thoroughly enjoyed.

As always, our staff embraced the spirit of the day, by dressing up as characters from some of our favourite books - can you spot the different books/themes?



Brewery Visit



This month, a group of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit St Austell Brewery, as part of National Apprenticeship Week.

It was an enlightening experience; our students got to meet and interact with the talented apprentices at St Austell Brewery. They delved into many aspects of the business, including hospitality, finance, marketing, trade quality and engineering. From learning about the intricate processes behind brewing the perfect pint, to understanding the crucial role of marketing in promoting a beloved brand, our students were immersed in a world of possibilities and career opportunities. This hands-on experience has undoubtedly sparked curiosity and ambition in our students, as they consider their future paths.



RNAS Culdrose Trip



Last Tuesday was an exciting day for a group of our Year 7 & 8 students, as they embarked on a journey of discovery at RNAS Culdrose, courtesy of the Jon Egging Trust programme.

Immersed in a world of careers and STEM, the students gained hands-on experience, saw awe-inspiring aircraft and engaged with real-life professionals...

A fantastic experience that has certainly fueled their passions for the future!





A Day of Celebrations and Rewards



Across all year groups, we have witnessed outstanding achievements and remarkable efforts this term, so last Friday was all about celebrating student success here at Poltair, and what an incredible day it was!

Each year group had their own Rewards Assembly.

The assemblies each started with an incredible performance from our very own school choir,

The Howlers, who left everyone in awe with their rendition of "Titanium". by David Guetta.



Throughout the day, there were...

- Over 150 cinema tickets awarded
- 30 high street vouchers presented
- More than 170 subject reward badges proudly distributed to students who have shown outstanding progress and dedication
- 5 Head of Year award badges presented to those who have exhibited exemplary behaviour, leadership skills and dedication
- 35 Tutor Award badges given to students who have consistently demonstrated kindness, support and encouragement within their year groups
- 10+ Leadership and Contribution badges awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond
- 50 Sparx Award badges handed out, to recognise those who have embraced challenges with enthusiasm and determination

Congratulations to all of our award winners, we are very proud of each and every one of you!



Cinema Reward Trip



On Wednesday, the top Merit earners, in each year group, were treated to a trip to White River Cinema, to watch the new Ghostbusters movie,

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

As always, behaviour was excellent and a great time was had by all!





COLOUR YOUR WORLD PURPLE AND TAKE ACTION FOR EPILEPSY

On Tuesday, we turned the school PURPLE, in support of Purple Day for Epilepsy Action.

From head to toe, our students decked out in shades of purple, not only raising awareness of epilepsy research and support, but also raising much needed funds for the charity.

A massive round of applause and “Thank you” to Myya, Molly, Aimee and Milo, for organising this fantastic day, along with the incredible support from Mrs Baker and Ms Williams. We would also like to give a special shoutout to Charlotte, for her incredible fundraising efforts, raising nearly £200 through her sponsored run!

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated, donated and supported this worthy cause.





Poltair Sport



Rain Didn't Stop Play

On 14th March, we had the pleasure of hosting the U13 County Netball event, right here at Poltair, and it was nothing short of amazing!

With over 25 schools from across the county, and more than 300 talented netballers on-site, the energy and enthusiasm on the court was truly inspiring - despite the very wet conditions. Well done to everyone involved



On 18th March, we welcomed over 200 primary school students to Poltair. The talented students joined us from all over Mid-Cornwall, for the Inter-Area Cross Country Qualifier - hosted by the Poltair School Sports Partnership.

It was an action-packed event, full of determination and sportsmanship, with some serious running skills on display! Well done to everyone that took part





We are thrilled to share the exciting journey of one of our outstanding former students, Dexter.

Currently in his final year studying Production Arts & Live Events at college, Dexter recently embarked on the leg of a UK tour with renowned comedian, Peter Kay, working alongside his main lighting crew. This included working at the iconic O2 Arena in London and various other venues across the UK. Last summer, Dexter supported at various festivals, including working the main stage at Board Masters and the Great Estate festival!

As Dexter prepares to graduate, he's been asked to join big production companies on more tours/events. He said, "From the moment I received my first disco light at 3 years old, after seeing the DJs setup at my parents' wedding, my passion for lighting ignited. Despite not excelling academically, and facing numerous challenges, I kept going, never letting go of my dreams - if you remain dedicated to them, they will eventually become a reality."

Thank you, Dexter, for inspiring us all with your dedication and success. You're a shining example of the incredible potential within our Poltair family.

If you're a former student, and would like to share your post-Poltair successes with us, we'd love to hear from you!

Head to the Alumni section on our website to find out more information:

<https://www.poltairschool.co.uk/alumni>

Poltair Prom, 2024

Prom Donations

Do you have any pre-loved dresses, shoes, shirts, suits or accessories?
We are gratefully accepting donations, which can then be loaned to our students for their upcoming prom. Donations can be dropped off at our reception area between the hours of 9am and 3pm, Monday through Friday.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

Easter Holiday Activities

Open to students in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8

This is the perfect chance to make new friends, stay active and have a blast!

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8th - 12th
April

From 10am
until 2pm



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On behalf of all the staff here at Poltair, we would like to wish you all a very...

We look forward to welcoming all students
back to school on **Monday 15th April**



Happy
Easter

Building Confidence & Character