SPOTLIGHT Parents' Information Newsletter Summer Term 2009

Dear Parents and Carers

MOVING THROUGH THE YEARS

We have nearly reached the moment when our most senior pupils will sit their GCSE exams and move on to pastures new. As a school, however, there is precious time for us to pause and reflect on this; other year groups remain and new ones need to be prepared for.

It is our practice that after May Half Term, Learning Managers take over responsibility of their new year groups in preparation for the new academic year in September. Many of you will already appreciate that whilst we try to ensure that form tutors stay with their groups throughout a five year secondary school experience, our Learning Managers focus their work on particular year groups. This year we have added two more staff, known as Assistant Learning Managers, to support this very important work. They are Mrs Bond who will assist Mrs Pascoe (Learning Manager for Years 7 and 8) with a particular focus on the new Year 8 (current Year 7); and Miss Owens who will assist Mr Pope (Learning Manager for Years 10 and 11) with a particular focus on the new Year 10 (current Year 9). Mr Hatt (Learning Manager for Year 9) will shortly take up the reins with the current Year 8 pupils and continue to work with them throughout Year 9.

Good luck to Poltair's participants in the 35 and 45 mile Ten Tors competition this weekend. We hope that the weather conditions will be kind to them and that they successfully complete the challenge.

Best wishes



Stephen Tong Headteacher

Sam YEAR 8 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For good work in MFL



Alex YEAR 9 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For good work in Music



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 15th May

Year 11 Final Assembly and Year 11 pupils leave school at 12.45 pm

Saturday 16th May

The "Lift Off" Dance Event at the Minack Theatre. (Pupils attending have been notified.)

Thursday 21st May

Year 8 Parents Evening 3.15 to 6.15 pm (Year 8 pupils will receive appointment sheets shortly.)

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May Half Term Holiday

"Le Grand Défi"

On Tuesday 12th May, twenty-six Year 7 pupils will take part in a French Language Competition organised by Linguascope. It is a great opportunity for our pupils to put their linguistic skills to the test. There are fantastic prizes to be won such as laptops, games consoles, iPods and CD-Roms. Every participant will receive a certificate and a prize. To practise online pupils need to go to www.GrandDéfi.com We wish them good luck.

Miss G Obet (Subject Leader for MFL)