

Year 11 Parent Bulletin 10.1.24



Welcome Back

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Students have now been issued with their PPE results. The report gives their current working grade and their engagement with learning. Over the next couple of weeks, students will be completing tasks during directed improvement and reflection time in lessons, so they are aware of what they need to improve and how to do this before the next set of PPEs begin at the end of January.

This can be a challenging time for students so Keyworkers are on hand to support students with any questions or concerns they may have and help them organize their revision and home learning in the forthcoming weeks.

If you have any feedback you would like to give following the PPEs, please email Mrs Kellow, Assistant Headteacher - jkellow@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

Masterclasses

We had a positive start to the Masterclass programme last term with 76% of students attending the sessions. Thank you for your support in ensuring that students take advantage of the additional time with their teachers. We have now completed a student voice survey on how we can improve the offer for this term. More details will follow next week.

The next wave of Masterclasses will begin on Tuesday, 23rd January and students will receive letters outlining the sessions towards the end of next week.

However, the Further Maths sessions on a Thursday will continue as normal.

If you have any questions regarding the masterclass programme, please contact Miss Westley, Assistant Headteacher - jwestley@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming you in school on Thursday, 18th January from 3.30pm-6.30pm. The evening will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teachers. Please book in using the following link: [SchoolCloud - Poltair School](#)

Year 11 Summer Exams

All exam boards have now confirmed the dates of the final GCSE examinations. We will issue all students an exam timetable in the Spring Term, but in the meantime please see below for links.

Exam Board	Subjects	Link
AQA	DT English Geography Science	May/June 2024 exam timetable GCSE, AQA Certificates, ELC, FCSE and Projects
Edexcel	English French History Maths Spanish	GCSE - Summer 2024 Final Timetable (pearson.com)
OCR	Computing	Key dates and timetables (ocr.org.uk)
WJEC	Engineering Hospitality	Key Dates & Timetables WJEC

Year 11 PPE 2

For your information, the next Year 11 PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) commence on Monday, 29th January 2024. Please see below the timetable.

Week 1 (A)	Monday 29 th Jan	Tuesday 30 th Jan	Wednesday 31 st Jan	Thursday 1 st Feb	Friday 2 nd Feb
Start 8.30am			Spanish Listening	French Listening	Computer Science
Start 11.00am	Biology	English Language	Chemistry	Geography	

Week 2 (B)	Monday 5 th Feb	Tuesday 6 th Feb	Wednesday 7 th Feb	Thursday 8 th Feb	Friday 9 th Feb
Start 8.30am	Mathematics		French & Spanish Reading	Mathematics	French & Spanish Writing
Start 11.00am	History	English Literature	Physics	Hospitality & Catering	DT & Engineering

Year 11 Knowledge Organisers

All students have been issued with a new knowledge organiser for Learning Cycle 2.

You can also find copies on the school website [Poltair School - SORT](#)

Dates for the Diary

Thursday, 18th January - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 25th January – Year 10 and 11 Career's Fair

Saturday, 27th January – Callywith College Open Event (click [here](#) to register)

Careers

Poltair Careers Fair - new date: Thursday, 25th January - 5:00pm – 7:00pm

We are pleased to announce the new date of our School's Careers Fair. This is an important event for our Year 11 students and families to attend even if a student feels they are now placed with a college/sixth form - it's a good opportunity to explore pathways after college/sixth form or meet employers to explore apprenticeship or future career paths. Exhibitors include specialist training providers at 16+ for SEND and EHCP, the region's colleges, sixth forms and universities, public and private sector employers from Cornwall and beyond in a wide range of occupational sectors, careers advisors and apprenticeship experts and more!

Parents must book via the booking form on emails and the website in the Parents, Careers area. Please complete a new booking form even if you booked for the original event that was cancelled last month due to weather conditions. Below is the link to the booking form:

<https://www.poltairschool.co.uk/careersfair2024bookings>

College and sixth form applications

If your child has not yet made a college/sixth form application, the college and sixth form websites hold so much information and include their online application forms which your child will need to complete and submit to get an interview for their chosen course. College open events are advertised on their websites too.

If your child is unsure which course to choose, they can apply for more than one college and course once they narrow down their choices and if they are very unsure about their pathway, please encourage them to use the Careerpilot website to explore courses and the careers where they might lead to. There is also a Parent Zone on Careerpilot packed with advice on the steps for our young people www.careerpilot.org.uk.

We can also provide additional support in school as necessary.

Year 11 Applications morning – Wednesday, 10th January

Students who are struggling to make a college application have been supported to explore the courses with the region's colleges and six form staff on site at Poltair who have helped with the completion of online applications. Students who have already applied for a full-time college/sixth form course have taken part in an Application and CV workshop, essential for those wanting to apply for an apprenticeship and for all as an essential part of the careers programme.

If you have any further questions regarding these events, or careers in general, please contact Ms Turner, Careers Lead - ltturner@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk