



End of Half Term Parent Bulletin



A Message from the Headteacher

It has been another exciting and rewarding half-term, with lots of news to share with you.

As a result of the most recent Ofsted inspection, we were invited to host a Department for Education visit. Alongside the DFES, we welcomed CEOs from Cornwall Multi-Academy Trusts, the Regional Schools Director and Baroness Barran, the Minister for the School System and Finance, to Poltair. The Minister, her entourage and the Regional Director toured the school, meeting staff and students.

We were really proud of the way our students conducted themselves, one comment from a visitor, which made me feel incredibly proud, was: *"If I lived in Cornwall, my children would be coming here"* - now that is a true testament to our school community as a whole.

The culture in the school does not happen by accident, the attitude to learning from the children is, in my opinion, always a result of the partnership between children, staff and parents/carers. You play a vital part in this culture of success and we want to thank you for all the support that you have given, to both the school and to your children.

As we enter the last half term of the year, Year 11 are mid-way through their external exams - one of the most stressful times for a young person. Our Year 11s are approaching these examinations with exceptional character and confidence. No matter what the outcomes are at the end of this process, their families should be rightfully proud of the way they are conducting themselves and the way they have engaged with revision sessions - giving up weekends and after-school time to strive to achieve the very best they can. They really are setting a fantastic example for the rest of the students in the school.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing half-term break, fingers crossed for some more of the warm weather that we have seen recently. Please enjoy reading the rest of this Bulletin, which showcases just a few of the fantastic things that have happened here at Poltair since Easter.

Some of this Half Term's Highlights...



SPARX Success

Poltair students have collectively answered TWO MILLION Sparx questions this year!

Since kicking off Sparx Maths in September, our students have shown incredible determination and ambition, leading to this amazing achievement. On average, each student has tackled 2,500 questions through homework, XP boost, Target and independent learning. This hard work has helped us maintain our world ranking within the top 4%.

Travel Training

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have recently completed their Travel Training.

Throughout the programme, they've grown in confidence and resilience, while gaining valuable insights into career paths within the travel industry.

Students particularly enjoyed their recent visit to The Headland Hotel, Newquay, one of Cornwall's most renowned hotels.

Here they are, talking with one of the chefs in the hotel's "Renmor" restaurant, which has recently undergone a refurbishment.



Baroness Barran had the chance to explore our school firsthand, speaking to staff and students, alongside our Headteacher, Mr. Everett. It was an honour to showcase the strides we've made in transforming our school into the exemplary learning environment it is today.

Baroness Barran's Visit

It was a privilege to welcome Baroness Barran, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the School System and Lords Minister for the Department for Education, to Poltair earlier this month.

The day was filled with insightful discussions, as the Baroness and The Southwest Regions Group spent time with CEOs from 7 secondary school Cornish trusts, delving into the remarkable journey of CELT's school improvement efforts.



Oliver Jr.



Rehearsals for our much-anticipated production of Oliver JR. are in full swing.

Our dedicated students have been putting in tremendous effort, under the guidance of our Creative Learning Team, and are bringing this timeless musical to life with every rehearsal.

The performances are scheduled for July, we cannot wait to showcase the hard work and talent of our students. It promises to be an unforgettable experience for both the cast and the audience!

Last week, the cast went to watch the dress rehearsal of The Addams Family Musical, at Cornwall College, St Austell. The production was fantastic, and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. It has made them even more excited to take to the stage themselves!



Jon Egging Trust Project

The Jon Egging Trust (JET) Project is a fantastic project, designed to help young people, who face barriers to learning, build their confidence, resilience and self-belief to succeed.

Last month, our "JET" students hit the waves at Fistral Beach, Newquay, for an unforgettable surf lesson. With the sun shining, students had great fun attempting to catch a few waves.

Earlier this month, they paid a visit to Spaceport Cornwall, where they embarked on an out-of-this-world adventure. From discovering the inner workings of the Spaceport, to crafting their very own rockets, our students delved deep into the wonders of space science. They were immersed in hands-on activities and gained invaluable insights into the groundbreaking work being done there.

A huge thank you to the Jon Egging Trust, for providing our students with these incredible opportunities.





Poltair Sport



Year 7 Boys' Football



What a journey it's been for our Year 7 Boys' Football Team! They've conquered East Cornwall as champions and played in the County Final against Penair.

Despite the tough battle, our team showcased incredible spirit and sportsmanship throughout. Although Penair took the lead early on, our team never lost heart. Despite a final score of 2-5, our boys fought till the last minute, displaying true determination and skill.

Congratulations to Penair on their victory, and a huge shoutout to our Year 7 team for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship.

We are proud to call them East Cornwall champions and the 2nd best team in all of Cornwall.

A Week on The French Slopes

What an unforgettable adventure "Poltair Ski 2024" was for the students who embarked on this trip of a lifetime.

Students had an absolute blast, as they spent a week on the slopes of Montgenevre. It was fantastic to see their skills develop as the week progressed. There were a few slips and trips along the way, but they got back up, brushed themselves off and were straight back to it, determined to master their skills on the slopes.

This truly was the trip of a lifetime, but it would not be possible without our incredible staff who made it happen - from the meticulous planning to their enthusiastic participation, they ensured our students had an amazing trip.

Let's not forget Colin and Malcom, our fantastic coach drivers, for ensuring a safe journey both ways.





Our Prom Pop-Up Shop is officially open!

Whether you're looking for the perfect dress, a sharp suit, stylish shoes or stunning accessories, we've got you covered.

Come on down to Student Services for everything you need to look fabulous for the Year 11 Prom.

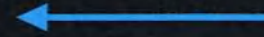
STREET FOOD

MAINS
Firecracker Beef Box
or
Sweet and Sour Quorn Box
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DESSERT
Loaded Chocolate Cookie

On Thursday, 6th June, our canteen provider, Chartwells, will be transforming the Poltair dining experience with a "Street Food" themed day!

Here's the menu, we can't wait!



Keep up-to-date with all the latest news, events and success stories!

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Term Dates



Return to School
Monday 3rd June

End of Summer Term
Friday 26th July



Building Confidence and Character

