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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 GCSE Pathway to Success

As your child enters their final year at Poltair School, we are dedicated to ensuring that they have all the support and wraparound care needed to help them achieve their very best. This letter provides an outline of the vast array of opportunities and programmes that are in place to maximise your child's success.

Masterclasses – starting NEXT WEEK:

Our masterclasses offer a comprehensive programme of after-school support specifically for Year 11. We recognise that exam preparation can be a challenging time for students, so the programme has been carefully designed to help students balance workload and maximise their wellbeing - both important factors for success. Building on feedback from students, this year's programme of sessions will focus on English, Maths and EBACC subjects. The sessions offer a different approach from lessons and are designed to support students to feel more confident with independent study, whilst providing opportunities to revisit knowledge and skills; further their coursework; and receive additional guidance and coaching in preparation for their upcoming examinations. By attending these sessions across the year, your child will be equipped with the resources needed to be successful.

Key to this success is a student's willingness to learn. We want our Poltair students to collectively choose to engage in their learning, as they recognise the future opportunities this affords. For this reason, all Year 11's are invited to an English masterclass on a Tuesday and a Maths masterclass on a Thursday. On these evenings there will be multiple sessions running to provide targeted and bespoke support in different aspects of their courses. On a Wednesday, students will be supported in EBACC subjects. Teachers will speak directly to students about which masterclass to attend.

To recognise and celebrate the efforts of students that do attend masterclasses, regular treats will be delivered to classrooms and students can collect tokens for a Dominoes pizza prize. Students will receive one token for every masterclass they attend. Once they or a group of friends have collected 36 tokens, they can trade these in for a pizza as recognition of their efforts.

Transport is provided after every session to ensure that no student misses out on this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding these transport arrangements, please contact poltairsecretary@poltair.celtrust.org.

Register And Revise:

Alongside our masterclass programme, the school day will continue to start with Register and Revise during tutor time. This session provides small group support three times a week, so that every student can revisit and consolidate their understanding of key knowledge and skills in English, Maths and Science. Students have been placed into bespoke tutor groups to allow for this more targeted and personalised support. This programme allows students to receive on average an additional 75 hours of learning, which will only support more success!

Year 11 GCSE Success Evening – Thursday 26th September 5pm – 7pm

You will have seen on the School Family Calendar that this year's GCSE Success Evening is taking place on Thursday 26th September from 5.00pm until 7.00pm. This is a fantastic evening where we invite you as parents/carers to share in your child's final school year. Teachers will provide top tips and resources to help your child in getting the best out of Year 11. The evening will focus on our key revision strategy SORT, essential information from English and Maths, Post 16 information and a marketplace to discuss all other subjects with the curriculum team leaders.

(You will be allocated a group on arrival)

	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.30	6.30 – 7.00
Group 1	SORT revision	Success in Maths	Success in English	Subject marketplace
Group 2	Subject marketplace	SORT revision	Success in Maths	Success in English
Group 3	Success in English	Subject marketplace	SORT revision	Success in Maths
Group 4	Success in Maths	Success in English	Subject marketplace	SORT revision

- **SORT revision** – Looking at how to use SORT strategies effectively, to prepare your child for examinations.
- **Subject marketplace** - The main hall will host information stations for all subjects alongside representatives from our local colleges and careers advisors. In addition, our safeguarding and wellbeing team will be available to advise on how to manage exam stress and maintain a healthy work-life balance.
- **Success in English and Maths** – A presentation by the curriculum leaders of English and Maths who will give an overview of the course students are following and explain how you can help support your child in completing home learning and revision.

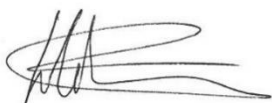
This August Poltair students celebrated the best results the school has ever seen with students achieving some of the highest results in the county and exceeding the national average. As you can see from the extensive programme above, we are dedicated to ensuring that the 'Class of 2025' achieve similar success. If you have any questions or enquiries regarding any aspect of the Year 11 GCSE Pathway to Success, please do not hesitate to email either:

Mr Adams - ladams@poltair.celtrust.org or Miss Dingwall cdingwall@poltair.celtrust.org

For any pupil premium student enquiries, please contact Miss Rebecca Rodgers rrodgers@poltair.celtrust.org and she will be able to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working together to ensure that every student fulfils their potential.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year 11