

Parent Newsletter

December 2024



Message from Mr Cardigan

As 2024 draws to a close and we arrive at the end of a very busy school term, I just wanted to write to you and pass on my huge thanks for all your continued support of the school.

It has been an incredible year, with record numbers entering the school, outstanding GCSE results placing us in the top schools in Cornwall and of course an amazing Ofsted inspection back in February. There has been so much to be proud of and to celebrate.

Your children have been superb throughout and just this week we have seen the positive community that really is 'Team Poltair'. Celebration assemblies, trips to the cinema, Christmas dinner, the Winter Concert and even a Reindeer Run!

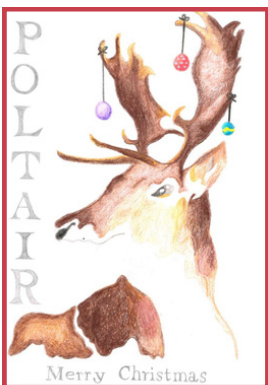
Please can I take this opportunity to wish you a restful break over the next few weeks, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th January.

With very best wishes,

Richard Cardigan
Headteacher



Congratulations to our Christmas Card Competition Winners!



Katelin, Year 11



Isobel, Year 9



Sanae, Year 8



Leyla, Year 7



Reward Assemblies

We kicked off the final week of term on Monday with a series of Rewards Assemblies that recognised the dedication, effort, and success of students across all year groups. These assemblies provided a chance to celebrate students' achievements and inspire them to continue striving for excellence.

The assemblies began on a high note with a beautiful musical performance from Poltair's very own school choir, The Howlers.



Cinema Reward Trip

The top 30 merit earners from each year group were rewarded with a trip to the cinema to watch the holiday classic Elf! Students were thrilled to head to White River Cinema in St. Austell, where they enjoyed popcorn, snacks, and the heartwarming antics of Buddy the Elf on the big screen. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and festive cheer as everyone soaked up the holiday spirit.



Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday 18th December, the Canteen provided a delicious, traditional Christmas meal. The canteen was decorated festively, with Christmas music playing, students and staff celebrated the end of term and shared a meal together as a school family.

To add an extra dash of fun, students were invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers for the day. "Christmas Jumper Day is always a highlight," said Miss Waters, Assistant Headteacher. "Its wonderful to see everyone looking festive and having fun!"



Hamper Appeal

Now a Poltair tradition, we brought students, staff and families together to support those in need within our local community. The Hampers contained essential items and festive treats to enjoy over Christmas.

Every tutor group across the school contributed to the appeal, collecting food, toiletries and seasonal goodies to help make each hamper special.

A huge thank you to everyone that donated, the hampers provided more than food - they offered hope, warmth and the message that no one is alone.

Winter Concert 2024

Our 2024 Winter Concert on Thursday was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible talent of our students and spreading festive cheer throughout the school community. The concert featured a variety of performances from students across all year groups.



Throughout the concert, students performed on a variety of instruments, from piano and guitar to drums and strings. There were also solo vocal performances that showcased the incredible talent and hard work of Poltair's musicians.

Mr Richards, Head of Music and Performing Arts said: "The Winter Concert was a wonderful celebration of the incredible talent we have here at Poltair. It's fantastic to see our students share their passion for music with such enthusiasm and dedication."

Reindeer Roundup

The School was filled with festive cheer and community spirit as every single student took part in the annual Reindeer Run, a special event dedicated to supporting Cornwall Hospice Care.

Decked out in antlers, students from all year groups enthusiastically walked, jogged, or sprinted their way through the school's specially designed "Reindeer Course," raising vital funds for an important local cause.

Thanks to everyone's incredible efforts, the Reindeer Run raised an impressive amount for Cornwall Hospice Care.



Children In Need

Students and staff were challenged to walk, run, cycle or row 1km as part of our Children in Need fundraising. Year Groups took on the challenge during tutor time with a walk outside, while individuals could boost their distance but cycling or rowing in the canteen at breaktime and lunchtime.

We're incredibly proud to have raised £250 for this fantastic cause!

A special shout-out to Mr. Bate for organising such a brilliant week of fundraising activities.



Tell Us

At Poltair, we're committed to building an inclusive culture where every student feels safe, secure, and supported. As part of this, we're pleased to launch our new reporting form, Tell Us.

This form provides a way for students to report any concerns related to Child on Child abuse or harmful sexual behaviour, whether experienced personally or observed with a friend.

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Remembrance Day 2024

Our entire school community gathered on the courts to honour and remember those who have served. Led by Mr. Cardigan, with Isobel and Joshua playing a moving rendition of the Last Post, we observed a two-minute silence in reflection.

Each tutor group created a unique wreath, laid by tutor representatives, symbolising our collective respect and remembrance.

We are especially proud of our students in uniformed services, who wore their uniforms with pride.

Thank you to all our students and staff for coming together in such a meaningful tribute.



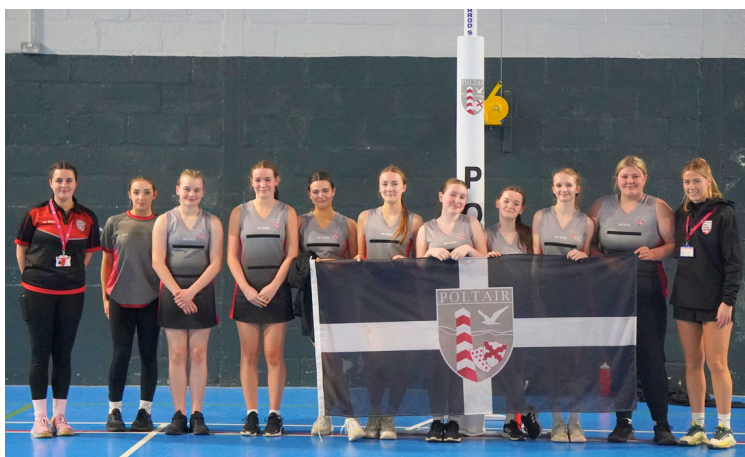
CELT Cup

During the last week of term, Poltair proudly hosted the exciting CELT Cup, welcoming teams from CELT Secondary Schools for an action-packed tournament of Rugby and Netball.

The event showcased incredible teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship as students competed for the top spot.

Congratulations to Newquay Tretherras and Bodmin for their impressive win in the Rugby and Newquay Tretherras for winning the Netball.

A huge thank you to all the schools who participated, the staff who organised the event, and the supporters who cheered from the sidelines.




Primary Dance Showcase

In November we hosted an electrifying Primary Dance Showcase, bringing together talented pupils from St Mewan School, Pondhu Primary School, and Mount Charles School.

The event, organised by the Poltair School Sports Partnership Team, featured workshops led by an instructor from Studio 4 Dance. Students learned new techniques, boosted their confidence, and performed dazzling routines for a live audience.

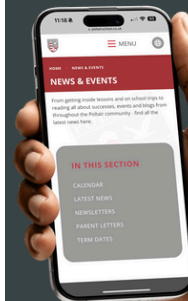


Coming up at Poltair

	Monday 6th January	Students return to School - Week A
	Thursday 16th January	Year 11 Progress Evening
	Thursday 30th January	Year 9 Progress Evening
	Saturday 1st February	Plymouth Argyle Trip
	Friday 7th - Saturday 8th February	London Art Trip - Residential
	Thursday 13th February	Year 8 Progress Evening
	Monday 17th February	Half Term begins
	Monday 24th February	Students return to School - Week A

For term dates and the school calendar, visit our website -

www.poltairschool.co.uk/newsandevents



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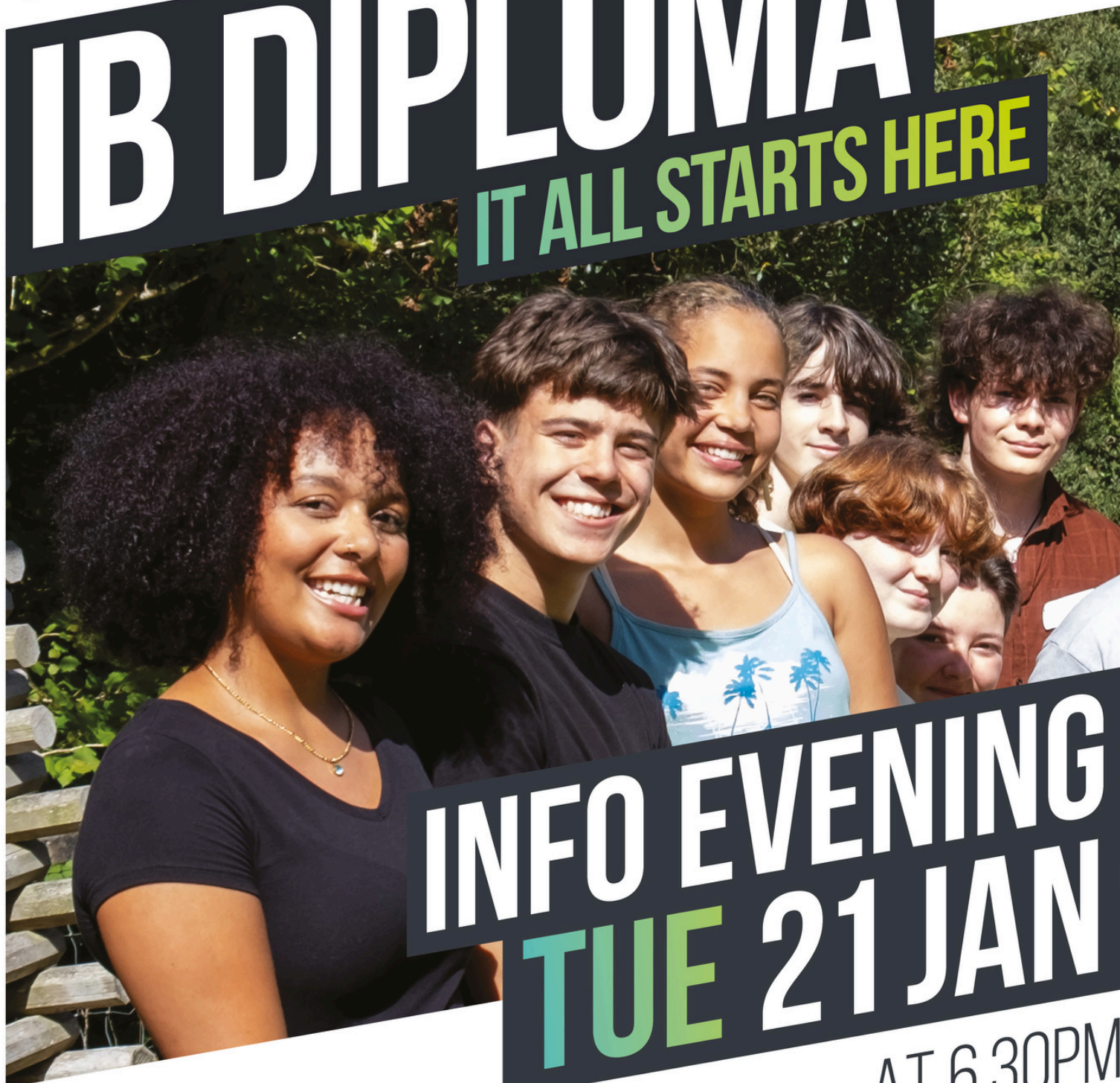
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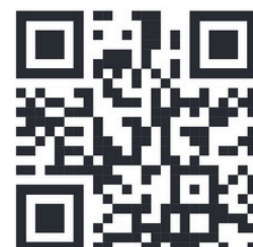
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