

Parent Newsletter

April 2025



Message from Mr Cardigan

As we reach the end of another busy term at Poltair, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible opportunities we have provided for our students. From engaging Maths events to the launch of our new school production, from raising money for charity to inspiring careers events - there has been so much for our students to experience and enjoy.

As I write this, 20 students and four of our staff are exploring Peru, embarking on the trip of a lifetime, exploring the country's rich culture. Meanwhile, 62 of our students are preparing to head to France this Easter holiday for our annual School Ski Trip - I hope they have an incredible time on the slopes!



Closer to home, we remain focused on supporting our students. Over the Easter break, we are hosting Year 11 Revision Sessions, ensuring they feel confident and prepared as we get closer to the start of the GCSE exams in May. We are also excited to welcome Year 6 students for our Super Sixes programme, helping them build confidence ahead of their transition to Poltair. Additionally, we are pleased to be offering Time2Move holiday clubs over Easter, providing fantastic opportunities for young people to stay active, have fun, and develop new skills during the break. More details can be found within this newsletter.

Looking ahead to next term, we have even more exciting experiences for our students, including the fast-approaching Curriculum Enrichment Week, numerous sporting events, field trips, and, of course, the highly anticipated Year 11 Prom.

Wishing all our students, staff, and families a wonderful Easter break!

Richard Cardigan
Headteacher





Poltair Students Shine at Maths Feast!

A fantastic team of Year 10 students represented Poltair at the AMSP (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme) Maths Feast. They tackled a series of challenging maths problems and brain teasers, demonstrating incredible focus, determination, and problem-solving skills throughout the event.

Although this wasn't a competition, we're thrilled to share that Poltair was awarded the 'Great Teamwork' award!



End of Term Rewards Assemblies

We celebrated our brilliant students with our end-of-term Rewards Assemblies for each year group at the end of March. The assemblies started in style with an incredible performance from The Howlers, who wowed us all with their energy and talent!

A huge congratulations to everyone who was recognised for their outstanding efforts this term. Your hard work, dedication, and positivity.



The Addams Family Has Arrived!

Our newest whole-school production of The Addams Family launched in spectacular style, with over 70 students filling the room with energy, enthusiasm, and incredible talent!

Mr Richards and Mrs Mills were absolutely blown away by the turnout and how everyone jumped straight in, singing and dancing their hearts out to 'When You're An Addams'! From spooky moves to eerie harmonies, it's clear this is going to be a show to remember!



A Fantastic Science Week at Poltair!

From hands-on experiments to engaging discussions, students have had the opportunity to dive deep into the wonders of science and explore the exciting changes shaping our world as part of our incredible Science Week.

Students took part in a variety of activities designed to spark interest and inspire future scientific minds. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the week were truly contagious!

Poltair Turns Purple for Epilepsy Action

Poltair was a sea of purple at the end of March as students and staff came together to support Purple Day in aid of Epilepsy Action. The event, led by a group of dedicated Year 9 students, was a resounding success, with a special mention to Myya for her outstanding efforts in organising the day alongside the support of Mrs Baker and Miss Williams.



Students embraced the spirit of the event, proudly donning purple outfits and accessories, creating a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere across the school. A highlight of the day was a bake sale, which saw overwhelming support from the school community. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Miss Mounce and Chartwells for their generous contributions, helping to make the fundraiser a triumph.

Thanks to our amazing efforts, we raised over £350 - a remarkable amount for a worthy cause.

An Amazing World Book Day at Poltair!

We've had an amazing time celebrating World Book Day at Poltair! Our staff went all out, dressing up as characters from their chosen books within departments. From Matilda to Alice in Wonderland, The Very Hungry Caterpillar to Winnie the Pooh, and so many more - it's been fantastic to see the school filled with literary magic!

Throughout the day, students also took part in special reading sessions, immersing themselves in stories and celebrating the joy of books. It's been wonderful to see so many young readers engaging with literature and sharing their love of storytelling.



Poltair Medics: Year 7 & 8 Students Gain Lifesaving Skills

As part of Curriculum Enrichment Day, our Year 7 & 8 students took part in the fantastic Poltair Medics course, an engaging and hands-on session designed to equip them with essential first aid and mental health awareness skills.

From learning how to respond confidently in an emergency to understanding the importance of mental well-being, students explored key strategies that could make a real difference in their lives and the lives of others.



Year 9 Students Inspired at Careers Speedchat Event

Our Year 9 students took part in the Careers Speedchat session, an exciting opportunity to engage with over 30 professionals from a wide range of businesses and organisations.

During the event, students gained valuable insights into different career pathways, educational journeys, and the key skills needed to thrive in various industries. The fast-paced format allowed them to ask questions, explore potential futures, and gain inspiration for their own career aspirations.

A huge thank you to all the incredible guests who gave their time to share their expertise and experiences. Your support is truly appreciated, and the impact on our students is invaluable!



Sporting Success

Our U14 Rugby team traveled to Camborne for the County Cup Rugby 7's tournament, and what a performance they put on! The boys showed incredible determination throughout the day, securing 2 wins and 2 losses in their matches. Although they narrowly missed out on a place in the finals, their effort and skill on the pitch were truly impressive.



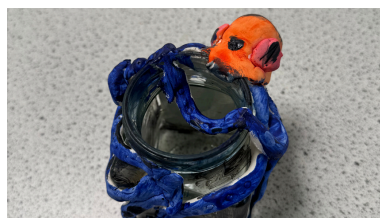
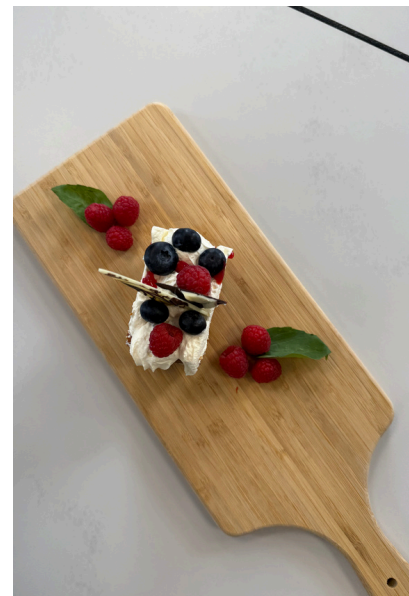
Our U12 Netball team showcased incredible skill and determination at the Netball Finals at Truro School, attended by 24 schools. Despite some tough losses, including narrow defeats to Truro School (6-5), Penryn (5-3), and Penrice (3-0), the team secured impressive wins, including a 9-0 victory against Newquay Tretherras and a 6-2 win over Pool School.

The Poltair team ended up in 10th across the County, an amazing achievement reflecting their hard work and resilience.

Serving Up Excellence in Hospitality & Catering Exam

Poltair's Year 11 students have highlighted their exceptional culinary talents in this year's Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam, producing a stunning array of expertly crafted dishes that wouldn't look out of place in a professional kitchen.

The exam, which challenges students to demonstrate their technical skills, creativity, and ability to work under pressure, saw an impressive display of talent and dedication. With a calm yet focused atmosphere in the kitchen, students worked methodically to produce restaurant-quality meals, each beautifully presented and full of flavour.



'Creatures of the Deep' Project

Our Year 7 students have amazed us with their creativity and artistic skills in their recent 'Creatures of the Deep' project. Inspired by Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem The Kraken, they created an impressive 3D display that captures the mystery of the legendary sea beast.

Bringing Tennyson's words to life, the students carefully designed their Kraken model with impressive detail. From curling tentacles to eerie underwater textures, every part of their creation shows their hard work and dedication.

Year 11 Compositions

This term, our Year 11 Music students have been presenting their creativity and compositional skills through an exciting project that challenges them to transform existing songs into entirely new genres. The task encourages students to not only arrange well-known pieces, but to fully reimagine them with the key stylistic traits of their chosen genre.

One student has taken Ariana Grande's chart-topping hit One Last Time and given it a fresh new identity as an Indie-Rock anthem, complete with the characteristic instrumentation and rhythmic drive of the genre. Another student has boldly transformed Clocks by Coldplay - originally a delicate piano ballad - into an upbeat House-Dance track, featuring pulsing rhythms and electronic textures that wouldn't feel out of place in a club setting.

These arrangements highlight the students' deep understanding of musical features, genre conventions, and their ability to apply this knowledge creatively. Their work is a testament to the musical talent and imaginative flair developing at Poltair.



Poltair to Peru










Our students have embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to Peru, immersing themselves in the country's rich culture while making a meaningful impact.

A highlight of the trip has been visiting our partner school, *Colegio San Antonio de Padua*, where students joined lessons and supported their peers in developing their English skills. Beyond the classroom, the group embraced Peru's natural beauty and environmental challenges. They played a hands-on role in reforestation efforts in the Amazon, contributing to the preservation of one of the world's most vital ecosystems. Their journey also took them to breathtaking waterfalls, the historic Lamas Castle and a chocolate factory. And, of course, no trip would be complete without indulging in local cuisine

This trip has been more than just an adventure - it has been a powerful experience of learning, cultural appreciation, and global responsibility. We can't wait to hear more about the students' experiences and the lasting impact of this unforgettable journey!



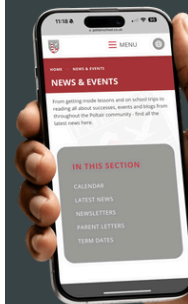
Coming up at Poltair

	Tuesday 22nd April	Students return to School - Week A
	Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
	Thursday 8th May	Year 7 Progress Evening
	Monday 26th May	Half Term begins
	Monday 2nd June	Students return to School - Week B
	Friday 20th June	Inset Day - Students not required in school
	Friday 20th June	Year 11 Prom
	Monday 23rd June	Inset Day - Students not required in school
	Monday 21st - Friday 25th July	Curriculum Enrichment Week
	Friday 25th July	End of Term

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

www.poltairschool.co.uk/newsandevents

Please note that our new Term Dates for 2025-2026 have been published.



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Holiday Activities Easter 2025



Take part in fun and exciting sporting activities! Meet new friends, get active and have fun.



Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April



10.00am - 2.00pm



Poltair School



For children in school Years 5, 6, 7 & 8



There is no charge for those students in receipt of Free School Meals, however, for all other students there is a charge of £10.00 per day.

A light breakfast & lunch is provided.

SCAN



<https://tinyurl.com/2b9ha89n>





Super Sixes Easter 2025

Free activities for our new Year 6 students joining us in September 2025.



Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April 2025

Engaging activities include Physical Education, subject taster sessions, creative arts, and a variety of other exciting options!

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www.poltairschool.co.uk/transitions2025





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Support Organisations



**In an emergency,
call 999**



Worried about a child?

Multi-agency Referral Unit (MARU)

0300 123 1116

Out-of-hours number 01208 251 300

multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk



Support for children and young people is available from

Cornwall's Early Help Hub

(01872) 322 277

earlyhelpclub@cornwall.gov.uk

NSPCC
0808 800 5000



Cornwall



Citizens Advice Cornwall who will be able to issue you with a **food bank voucher** - call **0800 144 8848** (closed 23 December to 01 January)

Financial support or advice for single parents
0808 802 0925
www.gingerbread.org.uk



YOUNGMINDS

Support young people with the tools to look after their mental health
Parents helpline (closed 25 - 01 January)
0808 802 5544
Young person - Text SHOUT to 85258



free, safe & anonymous advice at kooth.com

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"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123



0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men
open 5pm - midnight
www.thecalmzone.net

SAFER

FUTURES

Ending Abuse in Cornwall & Isles of Scilly

HOPELINE247
0800 068 41 41
TEXT: 88247



Support for young people aged 11 to 25
23, 24, 27, 30 & 31 Dec
3pm - 6pm

youngpeoplecornwall.org



0300 777 4 777
Mon-Fri 9am-8pm
Sat- 9am-1pm



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