



Year 11 Newsletter

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The final countdown...

When students return from the half term break, there will only be eight and a half school weeks until the examinations start. The GCSE and BTEC examinations begin on **Monday 16th May** and run until **Tuesday 21st June**. Prior to this there will be some practical GCSE exams in workshops; such as **Fine Art and Art Textiles May 3/4/5th** and **Drama Unit 3 on 22nd and 29th April**.

For some students this can be a stressful time as the assessments get closer and closer. Solidarity is one of our co-operative values and students have discussed how they could work together to help and support each other. Their ideas included:

- Revise together to share each other's knowledge rather than alone
- Become a 'teacher' for your friend, helping them through difficult topics
- Complete past papers as a group
- Make revision cards and test each other
- Meet for a lunch time study session
- Revise with a friend/class mate
- Help someone that doesn't understand a particular topic that you are confident with
- Create a facebook group for a subject and post questions on it for others to answer
- Weekly morning meet in the common room before tutor time for a 'chill and chat' session
- Share revision notes and posters/ revision strategies with each other

After half term all of the tutorial sessions in the morning will be dedicated to either discovering new ways to revise or personal revision time. A good website to help plan revision timetables is:

<http://www.dayjob.com/content/revision-timetable-771.htm>

The study support sessions have been running this half term and will continue to do so until the examinations start. Students are welcome at the sessions below, but they are expected to bring work or problems to those lessons. Some students must attend and parents have been informed of this via a letter. Main study nights for some subject areas are detailed below. Other subjects will make more individualised arrangements.

Monday - English

Tuesday - Maths and IT

Wednesday - Geography and History,

Thursday - Science and Art

Fridays - Art

A reminder that there are more details on the arrangements for the summer examination on the College website on the Student page (<http://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/exam-timetables>). Here the complete external exam timetable can be viewed as well as a copy of the Exam Information Booklet 2015-2016, that contains valuable "What to do if" information.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS
DURING YOUR GCSE YEAR
DO NOT
BOOK A HOLIDAY
UNTIL AFTER THE
END OF JUNE

Student data on Pupilinfo

New student data will be going live on Pupilinfo on **1st March 2016**; the grades and teacher advice supplied are intended to support students to make progress. Pupilinfo can be accessed via the 'Parent' section of the College website by clicking on 'Parent Portal' or directly by typing pupilinfo.helston.cornwall.sch.uk into the internet browser address bar. Please use the usernames and passwords issued in the letters sent out during the Autumn Term. If you have any difficulties accessing the data or if you require a paper copy of the data please contact the College Reception.

Peter Pan



The recent Peter Pan production in College was a real pleasure to watch and made even more enjoyable by the many Year 11 students who had leading roles on stage and behind the scenes. Well done in particular to those with the lead roles, the Pirates and the Mermaids. Thanks also to those who helped out behind the scenes and with stage props.

Trust Vacancy

As you are aware, the schools in our area work together as part of the Southerly Point Co-operative Educational Trust. There is currently a vacancy for a **parent representative** on the Trust Board. The Board meet termly and, on occasion, more frequently should the need arise. The Board's role is to review the work of the Trust, ensuring that it meets its objectives in:

- Ensuring an ethos rooted in social justice and strong ethical, moral and spiritual values;
- Providing the best possible education for all children, young people and families;
- Taking collegiate responsibility for the education of all children;
- Raising aspirations and levels of achievement;
- Setting high standards;
- Sharing expertise, knowledge, understanding, skills and resources;
- Working in partnership for the benefit of all.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please email kteague@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk.

Thank-you.

End of Key Stage 4 signing out day

This is on the **22nd June** and will take place during **period 1**. Students should bring in all of their course textbooks and will need to get their teachers to sign their form before a brief assembly at the end of period 1. Students should be free to leave by break time.

Mark Quilter

(Head of Progress, Year 11)

The Year 11 Summer Ball



Date:

Thursday 23rd June 2016

Price:

£28, £32 with transport

Location:

Tregenna Castle,



Self Help Self Responsibility Equity Equality Democracy Solidarity
Social Responsibility Honesty Openness Caring for Others

