



Prospectus 2021-22

POLTAIR SCHOOL

Believe & Achieve

Welcome

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It is my great privilege to welcome you to the New Poltair. Poltair school is steeped in history and is at the heart of the St. Austell community. What makes Poltair a special place is its young people; this is a school where children thrive & grow. **Our mission is to ensure that every child reaches their potential - we will challenge them to be the very best that they can be and encourage them to **believe** in themselves to ensure they **achieve**.**

We expect the best from our students. We expect them to be model citizens in every way, from the way they act to how they dress. We instil in them the confidence and resilience that will set them up for the very brightest of futures.

Mr Mark Everett, Headteacher





Why Poltair?

Poltair has been through a rapid transformational journey since joining the Cornwall Education Learning Trust. Poltair now offers a truly unique and exemplary provision for the families in the St. Austell region.

Poltair is a school where so much is happening. We're currently undertaking a considerable refurbishment in order to upgrade the learning environments and facilities available to our students.

We have also introduced some exciting and pioneering changes to our teaching & learning offer.

A child's experience in school is more than just what is taught. We have designed our curriculum to provide opportunities for creativity and success, whilst ensuring that students are adequately challenged. To develop a child's resilience in an ever-changing world, it is important that they have the chance to make mistakes in a supportive environment. We aim for our students to grow and develop into valued members of society, who are prepared to take on challenges, unafraid of failure, with the determination and perseverance to make the most of life.





Teaching & Learning

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Teaching and learning are at the heart of everything that we do at Poltair. Our innovative and celebrated model of ExCEL ensures that every child does just that - excel in their learning. We are passionate about teaching and ensuring that every child, no matter of their ability or starting point, makes progress and achieves.



Co-curricular (P5)

One of the unique features of Poltair is our co-curricular provision. We are very aware that children missed a lot as a result of Covid and want to do all we can to bridge any gaps to learning. We are the only school in Cornwall to address this by extending our school day, over three days per week. Through carefully planned experiences and opportunities, we are not only filling those gaps but also ensuring students benefit from positive, exciting learning experiences - many of which they missed because of the pandemic. We believe that a child's experience at school determines their future and we are committed to making that experience the best it can be - preparing them for their next step in education and future careers.



POLTAIR PLUS

FREE
Enrichment
Opportunities

Tuesday - Friday

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Enrichment

On top of our unique co-curricular model, we also offer a vast range of additional, after-school activities for children to get involved in. A sample of the activities on offer is listed below, with more and more added as staff or students suggest them. Wherever possible, we provide additional transport for these.

Rugby, Football, Cricket, Athletics,
Netball, Gym, Fitness, Basketball

Duke of Edinburgh & Ten Tors

Book Club, Games Club, Drama
Club, Film Club, Debating Society,
Journalism, Problem Solving, History
Club, African Adventure, Science Club

Choir, School of Rock, School
Productions



Special Educational Needs:

Some students require additional support to ensure they are able to reach their full potential. For some, this may be an identified learning need, for others it might be a social or emotional need. Whether students require short or long term support, the interventions are tailored to the individual needs of the student.

Pastoral Support:

Our pastoral system is designed to ensure that every child gets the support and challenge they need, when they need it. Meeting the needs of the children is paramount to their success. Sometimes, the support may be about ensuring they try their best - our behaviour system is very clear, to ensure that every child works to maintain the calm and focussed learning environment we have. Sometimes it may be support in confidence or other areas that is needed. Whatever it is, the pastoral system is there for them, to make sure their experience of school is positive and they feel safe.

Before your child even gets to Poltair, our transition team will be working with their primary school, to make sure they are known before they even set foot in the building.





Transition

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Selecting a Secondary School, and then making the move from Primary to Secondary, can be a daunting process for many children and their parents/ guardians.

That's why we feel it's really important to help Year 6 pupils be as prepared as possible for the move. At Poltair, we hold several welcome events throughout the school year. There are two 'Welcome Afternoons' (for parents and students) and two induction days where the young people will spend time in their new tutor groups and school setting before the summer holiday and their start in the September. We produce a welcome pack for the pupils and their parents, as well as online content, to answer any questions and address any concerns. The term starts with a Year 7 induction day, focused on helping the students build new friendships and learn their way around, followed by an activity day.

Find out more and apply

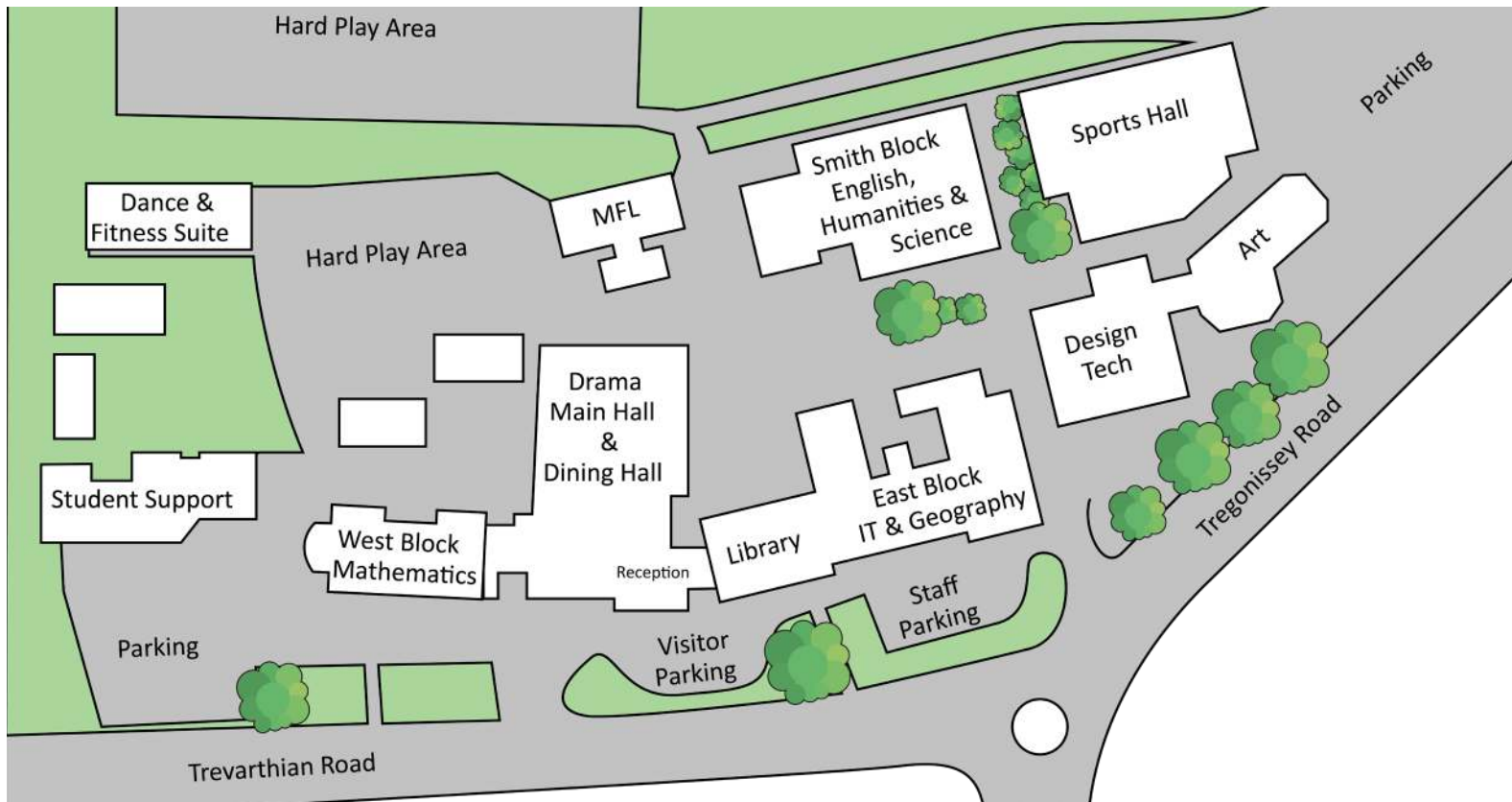
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We would be delighted to welcome you into the school for an in-person visit. Our Open Evening on Thursday 30th September will give you an opportunity to have a look around the school, visit the departments, meet the students and staff and ask any questions you might have.

Daytime tours of the school can also be arranged to suit you. Please email the Headteacher's PA to arrange: head@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

To apply for a place at Poltair, please follow the local authority's application process.





If you have any questions, or would like to visit, please do get in touch:

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