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LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

Where do I start? What a first half-term it has been! We've held Parent Information Evenings for all year groups at the start of term; Parents' Evenings for our older students; GCSE Meet the Examiner events for English; we have after-school revision and catch-up sessions already running; we held the most amazing Jazz Band Leavers' Concert in September, had auditions for our school production; we've organised Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions and presentations; we've started new GCSEs in Photography and Marine Engineering; and of course, there's been a whole range of clubs, trips and fixtures taking place at lunch or after school. We've also re-launched our Student Leadership programme and begun the very exciting roll-out of iPads to students in Years 7 to 11. As I write this, 32 students are making their way to a very cold Iceland to explore the amazing geology it offers. We can safely say that this academic year has started with a bang!

If that wasn't enough, on the back of the most incredible 4-week expedition to Peru (our feature article this month), we have launched another life-changing opportunity for students to go into the heart of Africa in 2026, exploring Tanzania's wildlife and supporting some of the local communities. I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about what our students got up to in Peru.

May I take this opportunity to say a massive well done to the students not just for showing great resilience whilst in South America, but for their incredible efforts fundraising to enable them to go in the first place. Really amazing stuff.

This month's edition seems to be dominated by sport, with lots of examples of individual and team success. PE continues to thrive across the school and we want as many students as possible to join one of the clubs running either at lunch or after-school. We know how much physical health can support mental health, so seeing so many students taking part in physical activity is wonderful.

Talking of physical activity, building on the RNLI Challenge we undertook in July, we are delighted to announce that after half-term we will be launching a student challenge to continue our fundraising for this great charity. It will be something that every student in the school can get involved with. With their participation, we are hopeful we can achieve our very ambitious target of raising enough to buy an in-shore rescue boat.

With best wishes,

Alex Lingard

Head Teacher



Important Messages and Updates

Attendance

May we thank parents and carers for their continued support with regards to supporting high attendance. Our attendance data shows that our students are now attending slightly more than the average for schools in England. Whilst this is great to see, there is still more to do to support all students so that they can be in school as often as possible. As mentioned at the Parent Information Evenings, if a student has 3 broken weeks* in a term, they will be placed onto Tier 1 support where parents will be contacted to say we will be closely monitoring their attendance. If attendance doesn't improve, students will be placed onto Tier 2 support, where we ask parents/carers to attend a meeting in school to discuss any support that might be needed. Please can we stress that these are just supportive meetings to consider anything that may need to be actioned to prevent absence getting worse. We know that working with parents/carers directly has the biggest impact on improving attendance.

*a broken week, is a week where students have not been in school for the full week.

Equipment

Please ensure your child has everything they need with them each day. Please use the half-term break to re-stock pencil cases. Every student needs to bring with them every day the following items:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Yellow highlighter
- Green highlighter
- Green pen for making corrections and improving work
- Calculator
- Fully charged iPad and charger

iPads

Unfortunately, we have been let down with the delivery of some of the iPads, so the roll-out to students in Years 10, 9 and 8 will now take place after half-term. It has though



been an exciting launch for Year 7 and Year 11. As well as using them in class, Year 11 students have a Showbie class set up specifically for revision, containing the mock exam



preparation kit - everything they need to prepare them for these important assessments.

Obviously, there are a few rules associated with the iPads, including the 3 below:

- Students must keep the iPad in the case provided
- Students must only use the camera function as directed by the teacher
- Students must keep them safe in their bags at break and lunchtimes

We look forward to seeing how creative staff and students will be in getting the best out of these devices and apps to enhance their learning!

RNLI Challenge 2024

So far, the staff have raised **£3245** for the RNLI after taking on the challenge of visiting every Lifeguard Hut between Godrevy and Porthleven over two days in July. After half-term, it will be the turn of students when we launch an exciting challenge for them all. There will be something for everyone, so no excuse for anyone not to do their bit! Watch this space for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

25th 3.15pm Break up for half-term

November

4th Inset Day

5th 8.40am Back to school!

18th Y11 Mocks

30th PTFA Christmas Fair 11am - 3pm NS Hall

December

4th Post 16 Open Evening

12th Christmas Concert, 6.30pm SS Hall

17th Y11 Taster Day

18th Carol Concert, 6.30pm at St Michaels Church

20th 3.15pm Break up for Christmas

January

6th Inset Day

7th Inset Day

8th 8.40am Back to school!

8th Y11 Mock Results

14th Y11 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 4.30pm

29th UCAS Deadline

29th Y9 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 4.30pm

30th P16 Apprenticeship Fair

February

6th Y9 Options Evening

11th Y8 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 4.30pm

14th Break up for half-term

24th 8.40am Back to school!

24th P16 Mocks

2024-25 Term Dates are available to view on the College website.

ABSENCE – Important Notices for Parents and Carers

If your child is absent from College, please can you call the College every day of their absence before 8.30am. Please leave a message with specific detail as to why they are unable to attend. Please can we also ask you to let us know of any medical/orthodontist appointments in advance. This helps unnecessary phone calls being made.

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM COLLEGE

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

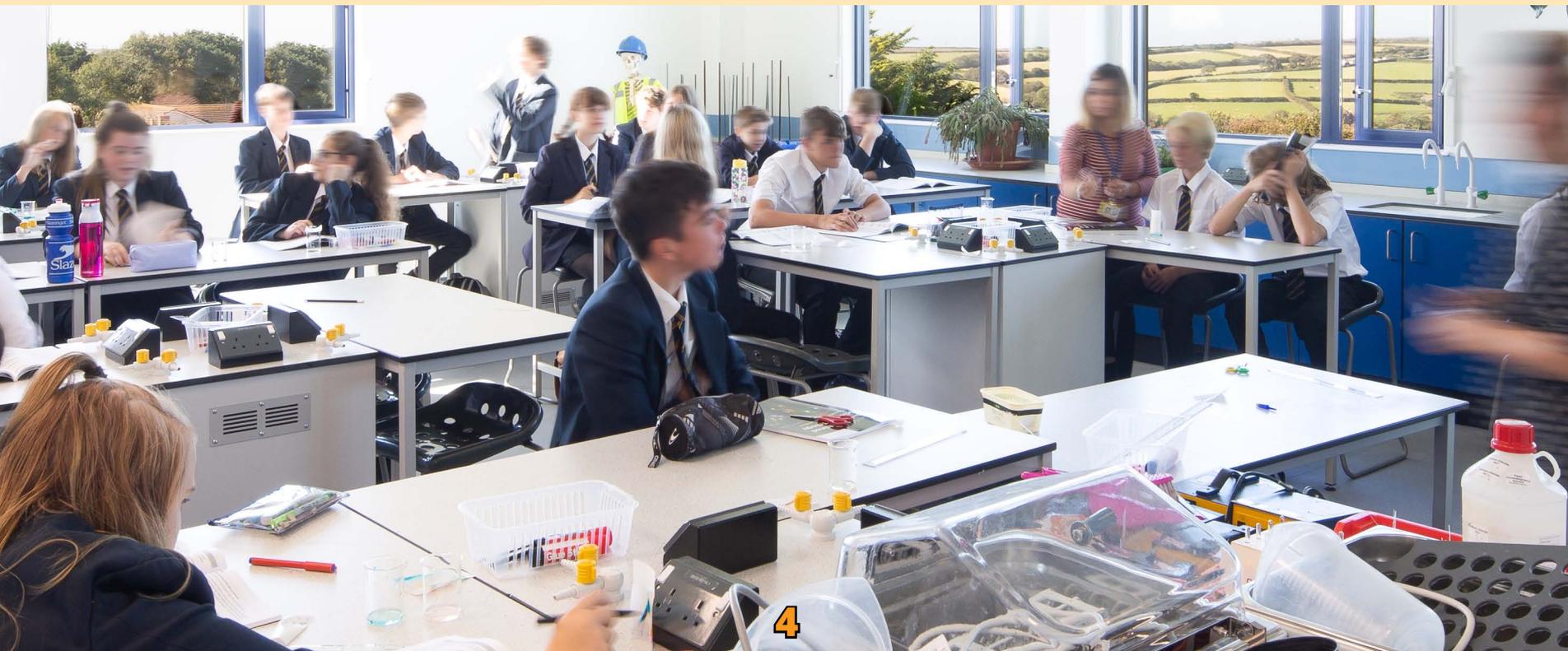
Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government. 'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any

person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

The Department for Education does not allow Headteachers to grant any leave of absence for children during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional, please complete the form on the College website.

<https://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/web/attendance/672277>

A response from the school will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.



Peru Trip - July 2024



On Friday 19 July (When lots of you were on your last day of activity week or work experience) a group of three staff Samantha Phillips, Melany Mugford and Felicity Groseley and 26 fabulous students, departed from HCC coach park on a long journey to the country of Peru in South America.

This trip had lots of highs (Machu Picchu 2430 metres) and not so many lows (cold showers and hand washing our clothes in cold water) but as a team we adapted and overcame the challenges, over lots of evening chats whilst drinking copious amounts of bottled water (4 to 5 litres a day to aid acclimatisation to altitude) and games of carbo (a card game we all grew to love). During these 30 days lots of new friendships were made and as a group this period was very special and was an experience that we are all very lucky to have had.

So, you may be wondering what did this group of 29 people get up to?

Day one

We set off from HCC at 0930 arriving at Heathrow airport at approximately 1800 here we met our camps leader Cam Treble, who was to prepare and support us through the challenges ahead. Cam had a fab repertoire and considered himself a seasoned explorer, visiting places all over the world, climbing, paragliding and motor biking to name a few of his hobbies and having worked with people such as Ben Fogle and Bear Grylls on previous adventures, we knew we were in safe hands.

We boarded the plane at 2130 and had a nine and a half hour flight to Colombia followed by a three hour flight to Cusco, arriving the next day at 1130 local time (six hours behind the UK). We boarded the coach and had a 2-hour drive to our first camp Sacred Valley.

Sacred Valley

Set in the mountains, with the most glorious sunrises and sunsets. Sacred valley really was a beautiful location. The local people welcomed us by performing traditional dances in beautiful costume. On the first evening we ate the local delicacy which is trout, and this was delicious.

There were lots of activities for the students; Spanish classes, a dance lesson, friendship bracelet making, pizza making and campfires under the jewel lit sky.

On day 2 we were all straight into project work, where we split into two groups to aid two different irrigation projects.

Project 1 was clearing a natural water channel through a field, linking to lots of little channels providing water for the crops. This field smelt amazing, it was full of cilantro and as you walked down the field and the leaves brushed your legs, releasing the aroma in the air which smelt divine. This area was also surrounded by towering Eucalyptus trees.

The second project was similar but was made from granite stone and cement the stream was redirected to this field, so it took a lot more work.

The students worked so hard in the heat, at altitude and morale was boosted by Dirty Dancing re-enactments, singing to Sweet Caroline and varying types of dances mainly performed by Jacob.

At this camp there was also a small track to a beautiful waterfall. On the 25th of July we said goodbye and continued our journey in Peru.



Peru Trip - July 2024



Camp Moray

The coach travelled through tiny little villages, where dogs roamed freely on the streets and looked wiser than any previous hound we had encountered in UK. Mountains towered in the background and the coach slowly began to leave the urban area heading towards dusty dry soil fields, passing the odd person miles from civilization walking with their cattle and carrying their harvest on their back.

We all became acutely aware during this journey of the change in altitude. When we arrived, we were greeted by Peruvian ladies in traditional cloth (beautiful Reds Blues and purples) singing to welcome us. We struggled with our heavy luggage and were offered help by these women, some elderly and about the height of five foot. We were quite surprised when they just whipped the bags on their backs and walked off, with a fast pace up the hill to the camp.

Here we camped in small tents and although it was warm in the day it was in the minuses at night. The Andes Mountain range dominated the view with large glaciers sitting majestically on the top.

Here the students built toilet blocks, learning the skills of mixing cement and laying bricks. They also helped with smaller jobs in the community centre.

Football is the most popular sport in Peru and here matches were held taking on the locals and of other schools.

The students also completed several treks at altitude, building their fitness in preparation for the trek to Machu Picchu.

We washed with buckets of warmed water, heated on a fire. This was a luxury at this camp and also made us realise how much we take for granted back in the UK.

Unphased by all of the challenges the students enjoyed sitting down to a hearty meal of one of Peru's finest dishes 'Guinea Pig' complete with claws.

Camp Moray was set in truly beautiful surroundings where we saw the typical Agricultural life of the Peruvian farmer.

We watched how the animals and people were not trapped with boundaries but were free in so many ways, groups of cattle stayed in areas without being

penned in, chickens scratched freely. And young toddlers tended the fields with their parents and grandparents (The babies being carried on the back of their mothers in Peruvian cloth. Quite often the locals joined us at the end of the day for mealtime).

Even with the language barrier, we chatted to the locals about Guinea pigs and how we kept them as pets in England which the locals found this very funny.

They shared their knowledge of medicinal plants and an elderly man ran up a hill in an instant, eager to bring back a bunch of Muna, 'This is to alleviate sickness from altitude' he told us. It smelt amazing and it is what we call mint in the UK. The Peruvians chew on the leaves or have in their tea and also have coca leaves for altitude.

A food delivery turned up at the camp on the back of a donkey pulled by an elderly lady.

Cusco (3400m)

We travelled to the city where we had two nights in a hostel.

Here we enjoyed hot showers, Woohoo!

The city is beautiful, buzzing with life, houses are packed in from the centre square right up to the mountain tops. Cusco was once the capital of the Inca Empire up until the Spanish Conquest in the 16th century, which is why the main spoken language in Peru is Spanish but the remote communities also speak Quechuan.

'Viva El Peru Glorioso' is written on the hills and overlooks the city 'Long live Glorious Peru'.



Peru Trip - July 2024



The students enjoyed seeing alpacas in the street, restaurants, a trip to the museum, a walking tour and exploring the small, cobbled streets and spending money in the souvenir shops.

Camp Tara Wasi.

We travelled (on coach once again) to the next camp to the community of Limatambo.

Here the students completed one of their final practise treks to Limatambo Inca Archaeological Site (Remember - not a ruin!).

The project work was based in and around the grounds of a school, this included making polytunnels, building a tool shed, teaching the school children English and various painting and cleaning tasks.

Here the students prepared mentally for the challenge that lay ahead - The five day trek to Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu (2430m)

United as a whole group, we entered the site of one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

When we entered, the cloud cover was heavy. We sat and listened to the tour guide for 40 minutes. As the sun climbed higher in the sky the clouds began to disappear and the views were really magical.



We headed down to the town of Aguas Calientes and explored the markets (Baby Alpaca/Maybe Alpaca?) before returning to Cusco for the final time.

The journey home seemed easier than that very first day when we left HCC, and of course coming from the best county in the world Arlo let out an 'Oggy, Oggy, Oggy' and we all replied 'Oi, Oi, Oi' as we crossed the Tamar, to Cornwall our home.

THERE IS A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART FROM CAM TREBLE ON THE HELSTONIAN WEBSITE PAGE...

Exciting times for our GCSE Marine Engineering Students!

We are thrilled to share that our GCSE Marine Engineering programme in partnership with Falmouth Marine School is off to an amazing start!

Helston is incredibly fortunate to be the only school with pre-16s in the country who have access to this fantastic government-funded course!

Last term, our students demonstrated their dedication and commitment through rigorous interviews to secure their places in this unique opportunity.

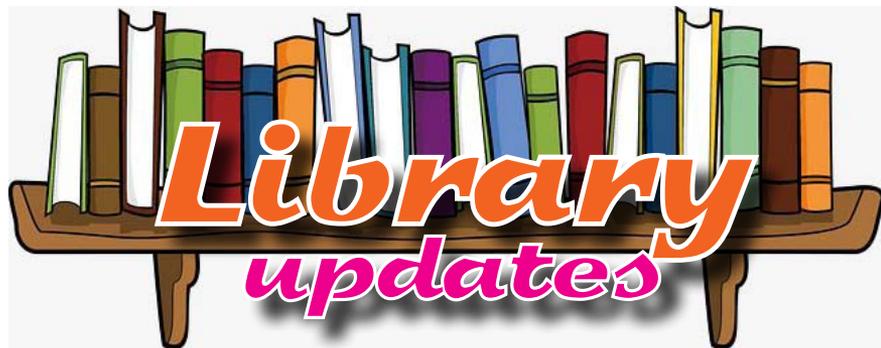
Their hard work is truly inspiring, and as a school, we want to ensure they make the most of this exceptional chance to thrive in the field of Engineering. As they embark on their GCSE journey, we hope many of them will continue their studies with us at A Level after their exams, paving the way for further education in this exciting field.

Each week, our students leave class promptly on Mondays from their P3 lesson to catch the minibus to Falmouth, not returning until after 4:30pm! This truly demonstrates their commitment to their studies.

Here are some photographs taken at the end of their first half-term. If you know one of our budding engineers, please ask them about their course! Let's celebrate their journey and support our young engineers!



#MarineEngineering #FutureEngineers #FalmouthMarineSchool #STEMEducation
#HelstonSchool #CommitmentToExcellence



What a busy and successful start to the year the Library has had! From the start of the year until the 11th October, we have had 781 books borrowed from the library!

We are running a Year 7 tutor competition for the most books taken out during the autumn term. Here is the leader board totals so far:

Tutor Group	Total No. of Issues
7A	23
7B	86
7C	49
7D	29
7E	30
7F	47
7G	29
7H	114
Totals	407

And as always, we run our competition to have Beatrice (the library chick). Each week any tutor, throughout the school, who takes out the most books gets to have Beatrice in their room the following week. 7H and 7B have been dominating this competition. A special mention goes out to 'the staff' group who won week starting October 7th.



We are supporting Birmingham City University - Future Writers competition. This has categories for Year 7-9, year 10-13 and a category for aged 18+ (for any parent or staff who fancy themselves a budding author). Prizes include 2 tickets to the Birmingham Literature Festival, 2 tickets to The REP, Birmingham, Amazon Kindles with vouchers and bookshop vouchers. The deadline for this competition is 11th of November. Scan the QR code on the poster for rules and more details.

And finally.....E-books are on their way!! As soon as all students get their iPads and we sort a few technical issues, students will have access to e-books through the library system. More information about this wonderful resource will be available soon.



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BCU PRESENTS

BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

FUTURE WRITERS

In celebration of the life and rhymes of BCU Honorary Doctorate and national treasure Benjamin Zephaniah, who was an extraordinary poet, a passionate writer and a Birmingham icon.



BCU's new competition

With support from Benjamin's wife, Qian Zephaniah, and Poetry Birmingham Literary Journal, the competition will encourage all ages to submit poetry and short stories to win a range of prizes. There are six categories, including one dedicated for BCU staff, students and graduates.

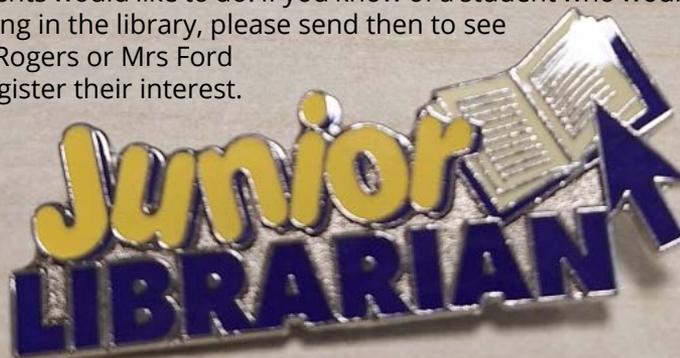


Scan the QR code to find out more and enter today or visit bcu.ac.uk/future-writers.

Contact us - futurewriters@bcu.ac.uk

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11 NOVEMBER

We are also considering having student Librarians for our library (for the first time in many years) but are unsure if this is something students would like to do. If you know of a student who would fancy helping in the library, please send them to see Mrs Rogers or Mrs Ford to register their interest.



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PTFA Christmas Craft Fayre

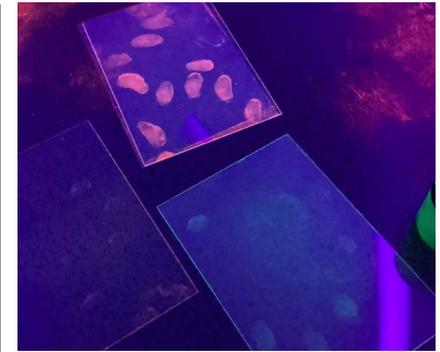
Refreshments, hot food,
childrens crafts, and an array
of delightful festive stalls

Saturday
30th November
Time 11am-3pm
North Site Hall



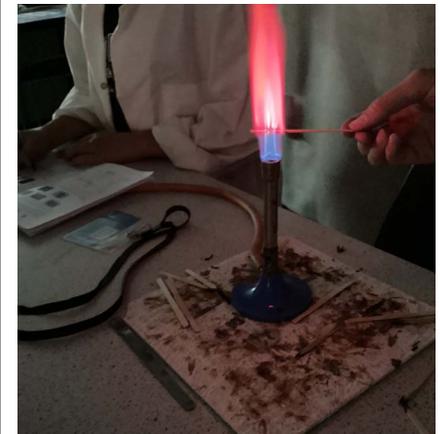
Macmillan Cancer Support

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all Year 7s who took part in the European Day of Languages cake bake . We now know that you raised £133 pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support which is fantastic. Prizes for the top four will be heading to you in assemblies as will certificates for taking part. We are so proud of everyone who took the time to join in and help this very worthy cause! Year 7, you are amazing!!



Science Detectives

Photo's from the Science Detective Activity last term. Teachers involved: Mrs Armstrong, Mr Hesdon and Mrs Venter.



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INTERACT CLUB - BAKE SALE

The Interact Club ran a bake sale on Tuesday 22 October in FO1 at lunchtime. We raised over £55 for The Mustard Seed. Thank you to all who bought cakes!



Fashion Club



Mx Marsden's Fashion Club spent last year up-cycling second - hand clothes for a local charity fashion show, organised to raise money for new seats at our beloved Epworth Hall.

They all worked hard on producing highly individual garments to show what can be done with an old piece of clothing plus a bit of imagination! The Fashion Show was organised by the wonderful Fisherman's Mission in Helston, who also showed off many of their fantastic clothes, and was held in the Methodist Chapel.

Our very professional students and parent models strutted their stuff in front of a large and enthusiastic audience, and we all had a great time!

Mel King, Manager of the Fisherman's Mission, emailed to say;

"A huge thank you to you and your gorgeous models for showing their amazing creations. The Mission and Epworth Seats both made £111 each, and the shop sold £176 of clothes that were either modelled or from the £1 rail.

We hope to do another event like this next year, and it would be lovely to be able to include the school again. Thank you all so much for being involved. The models were brilliant."



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EXETER CHIEFS SUPER SATURDAY!

KS3 rugby players were able to have an unforgettable experience on Saturday, 15th October, as we headed to Exeter for an exciting day with the Exeter Chiefs. The day kicked off with a Super Saturday training session, where we had the opportunity to work with the Chiefs' players and coaches in a training carousel.



Following the morning training session, we enjoyed a comprehensive tour of the Chiefs' state-of-the-art facilities as well as seeing what goes in the rehab of the players including England international Henry Slade. In the afternoon, we watched an exhilarating clash between the

Exeter Chiefs and the Bristol Bears in a south west derby along with 16000 other fans. It was a pulsating game that Exeter were in control of until the 64th minute where the Bears scored four tries in 10 minutes to sway the match in



their favour. Following the game the boys were lucky enough to be able to get the autographs of numerous Exeter players including England winger Immanuel Feyi-Waboso.

It was an amazing day that was enjoyed by everyone involved!



YEAR 8 COUNTY RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP



The Year 8 rugby team showcased exceptional skill and determination as they secured third place in the county rugby championship. During the pool stage, they faced opponents, including Penryn, Poltair, and Saltash and finishing with an unbeaten record.

Their impressive performance enabled them to qualify for the top pool, where they encountered some of the toughest teams in the county. In this stage, they played against Penair, Richard Lander, Penrice, and Truro School. Each game was a testament to their hard work and teamwork, as they competed fiercely and held their own against these top-tier teams. It was commented on by other teachers the quality of rugby the boys played and the resilience and team work they played with.

HCC SPORTS TEAM OF THE MONTH



SWIMMING - JUNIOR GIRLS
SEPTEMBER 2024

SPORTS SUCCESS STORIES



Congratulations Kenzie!

Kenzie competed at the Worcester WUMA Kickboxing Competition and won Gold in 'Points Advanced for her height', Gold in 'Points Advanced for her height above', Silver in 'Continuous Advanced' and Gold in 'Team Tag Team'. Kenzie is now at the top of the leaderboard for the Competition.



Well Done Emily!

Emily had a very successful Summer of sport. Firstly she was selected to represent the Cornwall County team at the South West Athletics Championships where she became South West Champion for 70m Hurdles and also gained a silver medal in the long jump. Then competing for Hayle Surf Lifesaving Club she became double National Champion winning the Beach Flags and Beach Sprint events at the National Championships in Bournemouth against all the clubs throughout the UK. Her club Hayle SLSC also achieved 2nd place overall.



Farraday Challenge 2024

On Friday 27 September, Helston Community College hosted the annual Institute of Engineering & Technology (IET) Faraday Challenge 24/25. The event saw teams of year 8 students, collaborate & compete against others to solve real world issues. The IET are the organisation behind the event, & part of their aim is to provide opportunities for young people, to engage in the world of engineering. We were joined by teams from 4 other schools, Cape, Hayle, Mullion, & St Ives. Students got to work collaboratively, to inform & engineer designs & functioning prototypes. Teams worked hard throughout the day on their designs & had to pitch their ideas to the rest of the audience & judging panel. With a great concept & team work, the team from Cape Cornwall School were overall winners of the 24/25 challenge.

Students who took part were: Leo B, Theo C, Corey J, Oliver K, Thomas M, Archie N, Issy S, Eliza Y

Congratulations Megan!

Megan achieved her Shodan grade with Doryoku Ryu Karate. The grading took place in Plymouth from 4.30am and lasted 4 hours, after which she attended a chief instructor seminar, and at the end of this was presented with her Shodan grade belt (black).



If you have had any sporting successes that you would like to share with us, please email your articles to: enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org

Farraday Challenge 2024





Exercise Mountain Storm 2025

I've been chosen as one of only 22 cadets nationwide to take part in this incredible opportunity!

This experience is about more than just climbing mountains – it's about pushing limits, building leadership, and working as a team. I've worked hard to get here, completing two 10 Tors challenges (35 and 45 miles) and continuing to work for my Gold Duke of Edinburgh. To make this adventure possible, I need your support to help cover the costs.

Keep an eye out for my upcoming fundraising event.

Thank you in advance for your support.

George Bosence

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Your help will make all the difference! Donate here: <https://gofund.me/d3b44e12>

Praise Points



Leaderboard

Year 7



Skye W	7B	83
Henry W	7D	62
Daniel P	7D	60
Ellyott M	7H	59
Reece W	7A	55
Alice G	7D	54
Oscar S	7D	49
Devon R	7C	48
Ana-Maria C	7G	47
Eloyse H	7A	47

Year 8



Aaron I	8F	91
Emilia R	8E	77
Jesse H	8F	69
Millie N	8F	69
Isobel P	8E	68
Polly R	8G	68
Leo B	8F	67
Maya B	8G	59
Theo C	8B	58
Archie N	8C	58
Daniel W	8B	58

Year 9



Elodie H	9H	77
Kenie M	9E	72
John C	9B	62
Courtney K	9E	61
Poppy F	9B	60
Jacob S	9B	60
Jen F	9H	59
Frederick W	9E	58
William D	9E	57
Jonah F	9G	57

Year 10



Tyler P	10A	87
David S	10A	66
Charlotte H	10G	57
Elijah C	10D	54
Lily B	10G	50
Tamsin M	10A	48
Oscar P	10H	48
Reuben R	10H	48
Isaac A	10D	47
Anya E	10D	47

Year 11



Andrew D	11C	39
Daisy S	11H	39
Leah H	11C	37
Alfie C	11D	36
Florence S	11D	36
Joel	11B	34
Grace G	11C	33
Poppy G	11G	33
Casey S	11C	33

Year 12



Finn A	12E	13
Phoebe J	12B	12
Alistair S	12E	12
Emily P	12A	10
Imogen S	12E	10
Jessica G	12B	9
Maya S	12B	9
Lilly-Mai T	12E	9
Jack W	12D	9

Year 13



William W	13B	12
James R	13D	9
Daniel W	13A	9
Harrison M	13A	8
Daniel M	13D	8
Cyen B	13B	7
Daisy W	13D	7
Ashley D	13B	6
Cameron L	13D	6
Phoebe R	13B	6

Well Done!

(Praise Points as of 22.10.24)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

September - October

Year 7

Eloyse H

Nominated by Ms Hawksworth for fantastic effort and engagement in geography, Eloyse is also one of our new Y7 Student leaders. She is a great community citizen and is incredibly kind!



Year 10

Stanley F

In an impressive three weeks, Stanley became the first student to complete 100% of the Tassomai course, achieving an exceptional 97% accuracy. His dedication and hard work truly deserve this recognition! Well done!



Year 8

Evie D

Nominated twice, firstly by Mr Studd for being an enthusiastic, confident, reliable, adaptable Sports Leader, but also by Ms Pryor for her outstanding effort and enthusiasm in PE and in extra curricular clubs. Both consider Evie to be an 'exemplary role model'!



Year 11

Ava J

Nominated twice, Ava has had a great start to Y11. Mr Gillman says she has been really focused and engaged in English and Ms Hocking has been super impressed with her work ethic in Business, achieving an outstanding average of 81% on Smart revise!



Year 9

Ashley M

Nominated by Ms Spink for outstanding effort in Year 9 Drama Lessons, but also by Mr Lovelock for just being a genuinely lovely student who is always polite and respectful. Ashley contributes hugely to the school as one of our great student leaders too!



Post 16

Phoebe R

Nominated by Mr Dudley for her outstanding work in Psychology, showing real in depth thinking and detailed analysis, and also by Ms Hocking in Business for her brilliant effort and consistently high work ethic.



Well Done

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nominations

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Amber F	10	Enthusiastic and supportive Sports Leader. Exemplary role model.	T Studd
Aulay M	10	Excellent contributions and involvement in RE.	G Parekh
Ben H	10	Outstanding commitment this month! With consistent effort on Tassomai, Benjamin achieved an impressive 79% accuracy. Keep up the fantastic work!	L Hocking
Charlotte H	10	Excellent contributions and involvement in RE.	G Parekh
Charlotte H	10	For careful work, energy and commitment to her GCSE Media Studies course.	E Stevenson
Chase R	10	Kind, respectful and working hard in RE.	G Parekh
Elsie R	10	Excellent contributions and involvement in RE.	G Parekh
Ethan J	10	For demonstrating all the qualities we ask for from new GCSE Media Studies - engaged, contributing and asking all the right questions.	E Stevenson
Gabriel P	10	Excellent engagement and contributions to discussion in Geography.	J Stuteley
James B	10	Excellent engagement and effort in lessons.	D Gillman
Jasmine K	10	For working incredibly hard both in class and with your outstanding homework's for health and social care.	J Robertson
Jess A	10	Outstanding effort and contribution to GCSE drama.	M Spink
Kateryna K	10	Great effort getting to grips with History 'Around Us' GCSE Questions (Pendennis Castle).	K Trevithick
Lewis W	10	With an impressive 82% accuracy in Tassomai, your dedication and hard work truly shine. Keep up the fantastic effort!	L Hocking
Lucy A	10	Enthusiastic and supportive Sports Leader. Exemplary role model.	T Studd
Olly L	10	Outstanding effort in English work.	P Ryder
Sam T	10	Kind, respectful and working hard in RE.	G Parekh
Skye C	10	For an outstanding start to Cambridge National Sport Science course.	E Bragg
Taylor R	10	Flying start to his science lessons, always engaged, focused, putting his best foot forward.	L Hesdon
Cameron P	11	Fantastic work in GCSE Physics.	N Bispham
Emily M	11	For outstanding work in GCSE Physics, including an amazing homework.	N Bispham
Eva W	11	For diligence and energy in preparing for her production component in Creative Media.	E Stevenson
Hayden W	11	Superb start to Y11 - improved effort levels & clear progress in the quality & standard of work produced.	P Swayne
Hermione W	11	Her exceptional effort in Business has resulted in an impressive average of 82% on Smart Revise in just one month!	L Hocking
Izzy S	11	Congratulations to Izzy! Her hard work and determined effort in Business have resulted in an impressive average of 87% on Smart Revise within just the first month. Well done!	L Hocking
Liam C	11	Conscientious approach asking good questions and checking on his understanding in Geography.	J Stuteley

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Miriam M	11	Outstanding contribution to GCSE Drama lessons.	M Spink
Tyler R	11	Excellent focus and effort in lessons.	P Swayne
Tyler P	11	Undertakes community service every dinner time in the NS Canteen. Without being asked, Tyler ensures that the chairs are tucked in and the room is tidy.	P Carpenter
Alfie P	12	Excellent start to Geology and making valued contributions to lessons.	K Ryan
Fern K	12	An outstanding start to their L3 Business first assignment—truly impressive work!	L Hocking
Finn A	12	Amazing start at HCC particularly with A-level Physics, achieving high grades in all exam question practice.	S Mullins
Jasmine F	12	Excellent work ethic and interest in Geography.	J Stuteley
Lilly P	12	An outstanding start to their L3 Business first assignment—truly impressive work!	L Hocking
Lucas F	12	For a brilliant start to A-level Physics.	N Bispham
Lucas F	12	Consistently outstanding work in class and for homework exam questions, for A-Level Physics.	S Mullins
Phoebe J	12	For outstanding effort and dedication to all of your studies in Health and Social Care.	J Robertson
Ryan G	12	Exceptionally polite nature and fantastic start to his Construction studies.	K Ryan
Daniel M	13	Fantastic progress made on his NEA.	L Ford
Evie F	13	For fantastic choreography and teaching the dance to the younger members of the cast for the College production.	S Richardson
Jessica W	13	Excellent progress in Geology since the start of the term.	K Ryan
Joseph U	13	For his mature and responsible attitude in Post 16 and towards his studies.	K Ryan
Lily H	13	Being proactive with her Geography NEA.	J Stuteley
Liv B	13	For fantastic choreography and teaching the dance to the younger members of the cast for the College production.	S Richardson
Milly B	13	For fantastic choreography and teaching the dance to the younger members of the cast for the College production.	S Richardson
Ned P	13	Outstanding and innovative work produced every lesson.	N Bispham
Richard M	13	Consistently working very hard in Physics and preparing really well for Oxford PAT test.	N Bispham
Ella S	13	Exceptional work on her initial Psychology assignment, demonstrating profound insight and thorough analysis.	D Dudley
Dan T	13	Outstanding work on his first Psychology assignment, displaying real depth of thought and detailed analysis. An absolute pleasure to read.	D Dudley
William W	13	Consistent high work ethic in IT truly sets them apart—brilliant effort!	L Hocking

Head of Year 7

Secondary school 2024 is off with a bang. As I reflect on the first term at Helston Community College, I want to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable journey our Year 7 students have embarked on. Transitioning to secondary school is a significant milestone and I am proud of how well our students have settled into this new chapter of their education.

Our Year 7 students have shown tremendous adaptability as they navigate a larger environment, new subjects and different teachers. They have embraced this change with enthusiasm, forming new friendships and engaging with the diverse opportunities available to them.

We have been excited to announce the appointment of our new student leaders at Helston Community College. These exceptional students will play a vital role in the enhancing of our school community and contributing to the overall experience of their peers. Our student leaders are a diverse group of individuals that have demonstrated a commitment, enthusiasm and ability to inspire others.

This term we have held assemblies on the eradication of poverty, the importance of attendance and internet safety with a focus on WhatsApp and other social media platforms. We discussed the importance of being mindful of their online presence and understanding the implications of digital actions. Many thanks for your ongoing awareness and support regarding this matter.

We hosted a very successful Meet the Tutor evening, which I hope was valuable in building those strong relationships in order to support our young people. As the iPad role out continues I am very excited to see the engagement of students in lessons and how the digital transformation can further enhance their learning experiences.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to support you as a parent/carer then please email me on:
jdudley@helston.tpacademytrust.org

I wish you all a restful half-term and I look forward to welcoming our youngest recruits back in on Tuesday 5th November.

Best wishes,
Jack Dudley - Head of Year 7 and Transition



Head of Year 8

Welcome to the wonderful world of Year 8! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have for some time been working up with KS4 and this is my first year back down in Year 8 for some time.

What I have noticed so far is that with Year 8 comes a new confidence. A self-belief prompted by feeling more comfortable being in College and knowing how the system works. Year 8 still retain an enthusiasm and fun which I will treasure in anticipation of 'the teens' starting. Students have settled and are working well in their lessons, striving to be kind and hard-working a motto that was started last year and that will be central to the ethos of Year 8.



They have been exploring social rules in tutor time and have created their own social rules for their tutor rooms to make them places which they feel comfortable, valued and safe. We are looking out of our classrooms to where we can help improve the environment in our College. The leadership focus for this year is Environment. I have a wonderful team of enthusiastic leaders who are keen to think of ideas as to how we can support the environment at College level and with potential fundraising for an appropriate charity. With that, a heads up that you may be in charge of nurturing some flowers and plants to help make rest areas around the grounds more calming and beautiful to be in. They have so many wonderful plans which myself and their Tutor Team are looking forward to supporting them to achieve.

I wish you all a very restful and happy half-term. The hardest period comes up with dark mornings and evenings together poor weather. Steadily Year 8 have been high up in the attendance charts, with your support and their enthusiasm I am hoping that they can take on the next half-term as strongly as they did with this one.

Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 8



Head of Year 9

Congratulations Year 9: A Fantastic Start to the new academic year! As we settle into the rhythm of a new year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the outstanding efforts of our Year 9 students. Your commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and it's clear that this year is off to a remarkable start. From the very first day back, you have shown a tremendous spirit, determination and motivation to hit the ground running. Whether it's in the classroom, during extracurricular activities, or within the hallways, your positive energy has been recognised. Teachers have remarked on your eagerness to engage in discussions and your willingness to support one another in learning, which truly embodies the culture here at HCC.

This year marks an important transitional phase in your education as we near the end of a Key Stage and look ahead to a new, more challenging one. Many of you have embraced this change with maturity. The way you've approached your new timetable, classes and teachers has been impressive. It's encouraging to see so many of you stepping outside your comfort zones, whether it's applying to be part of our student leadership, roles in clubs, participating in sports, or diving into creative projects.

As we look forward to the upcoming term, remember to keep that momentum going. Set goals for yourselves, both academically and personally. You've raised the bar, and that bar has now been set. Don't hesitate to seek support from your teachers and peers; we are all here to help you succeed. Let's keep the energy high and continue to support one another. Year 9, you are off to a fantastic start, and I can't wait to see all the wonderful things you will achieve this year - keep up the great work!

Best wishes,

Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 9



Head of Year 10

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to reflect on the first few weeks of the new academic year. I hope that the Year 10s are thriving in their learning of new material, adapting to their GCSE courses and understanding the greater responsibility and independence placed on them now in preparing them for the coming years.

Thank you to those of you who attended the Year 10 Information Evening last month where we presented information on understanding the exam process, the importance of attendance, work experience and the new digital technology.

Over the last few weeks, students have focused on Black History Month, mental health and wellbeing and the importance of perseverance and resilience in assemblies and tutorial sessions. We have also promoted this year's ethos - 'raising the bar' - and expressing the value of making good decisions and having high expectations for ourselves.

At the start of the month, we welcomed guest speakers into the College for PSHE day where the students learned about topics surrounding the themes of health and wellbeing. There will be two more PSHE days later in the academic year.

We are now making plans for Year 10 Work Experience and supporting students to secure a work placement for the week in the summer term (14th-18th July 2025). All details have been sent to parents / carers and are on the College website under the 'Careers' section within the 'Students' tab.

This month has also seen a busy time with students showing their commitment to extend their learning and having a positive impact at the College. This includes the start of the College production, musical rehearsals and through sporting fixtures and tournaments. Well done to all of those who are both adding to the culture of the College but also participating in these exciting opportunities and experiences.

Looking forward, I am encouraged by the start the Year 10s have made to their GCSE studies. One area we are looking to improve further is our attendance, especially as we know the significant impact being absent from school has on a student's learning, attainment and ability to socialise with friends.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a restful half-term break. Thank you for all your support and best wishes,

Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 10





Head of Year 11

Welcome to Year 11 everyone... the time has come for us to marvel at the mature, hard-working and fully prepared students ready to take the College by storm!

I hope the Year 11s have settled into their studies well at the start of the year and are moving smoothly along the right path towards the longest of summers.

There is no doubt looking out of the window that winter is coming and it is time for us all to get our heads down and put in the hard yards, doing things that go unnoticed that we know we will be thankful for later. The first key assessment point of the year will be the mock exams in November which the Year 11s have now got their exam timetables for and are preparing towards. As well as 'doing the hard yards' assembly themes have included the importance of a healthy routine and the importance of practice and the quality of practice taking place. Primarily recent key themes have been encouraging and supporting the Year 11s to ensure they are prepared to work harder and smarter to succeed and giving everyone the best opportunities for next year. Dr Ryan has also been into assembly looking at the options for Year 11s ready for next year and will soon be asking the students what their current line of thought is regarding future pathways in Post 16.

We would like to congratulate the 30 students in Year 11 who have been selected to represent the College as College Prefects supporting the younger years, helping throughout the College Community and ensuring they keep me in check! Next week they will have a guest speaker talking about the values and characteristics of a good leader to help them shape the College moving forward. Even with the work load of Year 11 I am so impressed with those students who continue to do extra whether inside or outside the College whether Sport or Creative Arts, Cadets or part-time jobs ensuring they maintain that balance and continue to thrive in their passions.

Year 11s have now got access to their I pads to support their learning and they will be an invaluable tool in exam preparation. As you will now know intervention study support has started in a number of subjects and a lot of practical and vocational subjects' coursework will need to be completed to the highest standard before Christmas. Therefore, every lesson counts and attendance is going to be vital to achieve the grades that are possible.

I am sure the students are looking forward to half-term and getting the balance right between rest, doing things they like and putting in the preparation and practice ready for their Mock exams.

Thank you as always for your support.
With best wishes,

Terry Richardson - Head of Year 11





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