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## LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

So, here we are at the end of another academic year, my second at the College. What a year it has been and what an amazing way to finish. We've had so many amazing events take place over the last 6 weeks of which I am very proud. Many of these are highlighted throughout this bumper edition of The Helstonian. I'm sure you will enjoy reading about them all and seeing the hundreds of great photos selected.

It was a huge honour to present the awards at our prestigious Celebration Evening two weeks ago. An event we revamped to include students from across Years 7 to 11. These awards are our highest accolades, and for students just to be nominated was a success in itself. Additional awards will also be given out in the final assemblies next week. Of course, we also held a similar celebration for our Year 13s the week before - it was lovely to see them after their exams for one last time before they took their next step in life. We wish them all the very best in the future and look forward to celebrating with them again in August when they receive their exam results. Talking of exams, I have to say again how very proud I was of our Year 11s who conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the exam season. We have more than ever returning to our sixth-form next year, and we can't wait to welcome them back.

We had another brilliant Sports Day, a cracking Summer Fayre, an amazing Summer Concert, a spectacular TPAT Music Festival (where our Jazz Band stole the show!), a sparkling Year 11 Prom and Y13 Summer Ball, and of course, an incredible, varied and action-packed Activity Week. We've also

received some overwhelmingly positive feedback from employers who have kindly hosted our Year 10s or 12s for work experience. We recently met our newest recruits joining us in September in Year 7 and what a lovely bunch they are too.

Thank you again to all of you who responded to the parent survey. An 'outstanding' number of you said you would recommend the school to others. We know there's always room for improvement and we will continue to have the highest ambitions for every student in our care and strive to achieve them.

Thank you also for the amazing support we received for our RNLI Challenge. We've now passed the £3000 mark and will continue to raise more funds over the rest of 2024. This will include a student event in the Autumn term.

The challenge staff undertook last weekend was both tough and great fun. The support and team spirit was off the scale and made me very proud.

Finally, may I thank staff, parents and friends of the College for all the support you have given our students over the year. There are a few exciting developments proposed for the next academic year which will only keep us going from strength to strength.

I wish you all a lovely summer.

With best wishes,

*Alex Lingard*

Head Teacher



# HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S RNLI CHALLENGE 2024



*Thank you to everyone for all your support!*

To celebrate the RNLI's 200th Anniversary, staff at the College took on a two-day challenge to travel 70 miles from Godrevy to Porthleven visiting each RNLI station on the way. Staff completed the challenge on foot, on a bike or in the water. You can still donate via the following link:

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/HCC-CHALLENGE24](http://tinyurl.com/hcc-challenge24)



## • IMPORTANT NOTICES • IMPORTANT NOTICES • IMPORTANT NOTICES •

### Important Messages and Updates

End of Term Arrangements (Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July)

The last two days of term will be non-uniform days. Normally, non-uniform days are used to raise money for a charity, so if students or parents/carers would like to make a donation to the RNLI to support our fundraising challenge we would be most grateful. This can be done via the "Just Giving" page we have already set up: <http://tinyurl.com/HCC-Challenge24>, or students can hand in a suggested donation of £1 to their tutor.

Please remember that we finish early at 12.30pm on Tuesday 23 July. Please refer to the email sent out on 12th July for full details of the transport times. Supervision until 3.15pm has been arranged for parents who have requested it.

### College Jumper

As previously communicated, we have introduced a College jumper (with an embroidered badge). From September, students can choose to wear this College jumper instead of a blazer (or as well as). Please may I stress that every student must have the College badge visible either on their College jumper or College blazer. No other jumpers will be allowed to be worn.



### Behaviour System

In September, we will be amending our behaviour system slightly to raise the bar again with our expectations of students. We will still follow our 'warn, move, remove' system in lessons, thereby continuing to give students failing to follow instructions two chances before being removed from class. However, upon removal, students will be sent to either the Reset Room on North Site or a new Reset Room on South Site. Any removed student will then stay in that Reset Room for the remainder of that lesson, the next lesson and any break that falls either before or after. This system means that other classes used for 'parking' will no longer be disrupted, plus there will be no need to issue students with a detention for being removed.

### iPads for All

During the next academic year, we will be rolling-out iPads to all students. This exciting news is part of our Trust's 'Advantage' Project. The purpose of this is to enhance the quality of teaching and learning, giving students and staff access to more resources in and out of school. iPads will not replace the need for students to write or to use exercise books. As part of our parent evenings in September (see dates opposite) we will provide more detail about the roll-out and what this will mean for your child(ren).



### Policies

Please be aware that all our policies are regularly reviewed and updated. For the latest policies, please visit our website. Please note that some of the

policies are Trust-wide policies which can also be accessed via the school website [HCC/TPAT Policies](#)

### September Parent Evenings

We would be grateful if you could make a note of the parent/carer evening dates below at the start of term and make every effort to attend. The evenings will start at 5.00pm and last less than an hour. (As always, tea and coffee will be available on arrival).

- Year 11 – Monday 9 September
- Year 8 – Tuesday 10 September
- Year 9 – Wednesday 11 September
- Year 10 – Thursday 12 September
- Year 7 – Monday 16 September
- Year 12 – Wednesday 18 September

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### July

23 Early Finish 12.30pm. End of term

### August

15 Year 13 Results Day 9-11am  
Year 12 Results 10-11am  
22 Year 11 Results Day 9-11am  
Year 10 Results 10-11am

### September

2&3 INSET Days  
4 Return to College for Years 7, 10 & 12  
5 All Years return to College  
9 Year 11 Parents' Evening 5pm  
10 Year 8 Parents' Evening 5pm  
11 Year 9 Parents' Evening 5pm  
12 Year 10 Parents' Evening 5pm  
16 Year 7 Parents' Evening 5pm  
18 Year 12 Parents' Evening 5pm

### October

25 3.15pm Break up for half term

## 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.

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

## HSJO playing at St Ives Jazz Club



## Interact Club Fundraising

Interact Club in association with Helston Rotary Club organised and hosted a tabletop sale on Saturday 22nd June in aid of Group B Strep research and The Grand Appeal. This is in memory of Ezra Pollard. The sale raised £150 for the charities. The students involved were brilliant. One member of the public commented that they were a credit to Helston Community College.

Well done Interact for your sterling fundraising efforts this year.

Caroline Bloor - Operational SENCO



## HCC Post 16 at the Royal Cornwall!



For the first time this year, Helston Community College Post 16 had a stand for all three days at the Royal Cornwall Show. Alongside other further and higher education providers, we were there to make people aware that there is a thriving Post-16 College at Helston, and to promote the diverse range of courses that we offer.

Staffed by Dr Ryan, Ms Allsey, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Rogers, and ably assisted by some of our Year 12 students, the stand was busy, and visited by a diverse range of people. Some of the visitors were as young as Year 8 students, already researching their future education pathways, as well as older students, who were interested to find out about the different qualifications that are available for Post-16 students at Helston.

With three lovely days of sunshine, and a great spot overlooking the main ring, we gave out promotional tote bags, containing branded stationery and prospectuses. It was lovely to see several former students who came over for a chat, having spotted the Helston flag fluttering in the breeze above the stand.

We felt that the stand was a success, and as well as running one at the rather damp Stithians show this week, we plan to continue our presence at these events in the future.



On Thursday 20th June 2024, Ms Hawksworth and Mrs Bryce took a group of Year 8 students to compete in the Cornish Mining Games. These students have been training hard in the mining disciplines of hand steeling, sawing, panning, mucking, surveying and mineral separation. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to practice their team skills as well as explore future careers and education opportunities in the mining industry. The students were able to see Camborne School of Mines, complete a demonstration of 'mucking'. Through their hard work and dedication, our Year 8's were awarded 1st place in the discipline of 'panning'. Well done!

## CORNISH MINING GAMES





# Ready, Steady, Cook!



Our Year 8 students recently had an unforgettable cooking morning with the Royal Navy Catering Team, who hosted a thrilling Ready Steady Cook session. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn valuable culinary skills and engage in a fun and educational experience.

The morning began with an introduction from the Royal Navy chefs, who explained the importance of nutrition, teamwork, and creativity in the kitchen. The excitement in the room was palpable as the students eagerly listened and prepared for the challenge ahead.

Divided into teams, the students were given a selection of mystery ingredients and tasked with creating a delicious dish within a limited time frame. The atmosphere was electric, with everyone bustling around, chopping vegetables, stirring sauces, and plating their creations. The chefs moved around the room, offering guidance, tips, and encouragement, fostering an environment of learning and support.

As the clock counted down, the teams put the finishing touches on their dishes, ready for the grand reveal. The Royal Navy chefs then took on the difficult job of tasting and judging each dish.

They were impressed by the

creativity, flavours, and presentation demonstrated by the students. It was clear that the young chefs had put their heart and soul into their cooking.

The Royal Navy Catering Team expressed their joy and admiration for the students' achievements. They praised the great attitude, enthusiasm, and teamwork displayed throughout the morning. It was a proud moment for the students to hear such positive feedback from professional chefs.

The 'Ready Steady Cook' session concluded with the announcement of the winning teams who had created the best 'Burger and Chips' and 'Chocolate Brownies and Cream', but it was evident that everyone involved was a winner. The event not only provided an opportunity for the students to showcase their culinary talents but also taught them valuable lessons about cooperation, innovation, and the joy of cooking.

The Royal Navy Catering Team left Helston Community College with high praises for our Year 8 students, who made a lasting impression with their achievements and positive attitude. It was a morning filled with laughter, learning, and delicious food, and it will undoubtedly be remembered fondly by all who participated.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

From designing the latest running shoe to sending a shuttle into space, the world of engineering is brimming with options and possibilities. Never before has there been a better time to be a woman in Engineering with more and more companies keen to add female leaders to their teams.

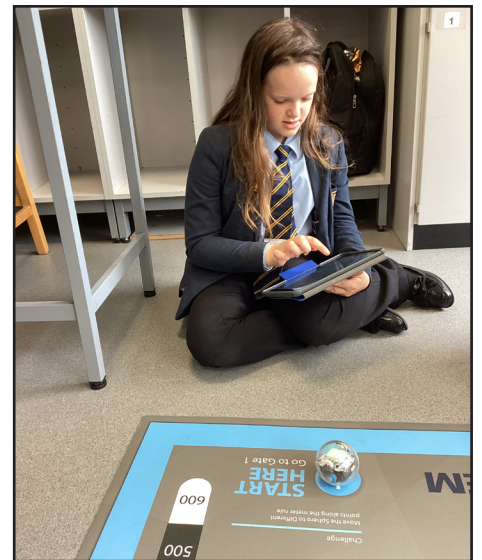
On Friday 21 June, a selected group of Year 8 girls, from Helston Community College, were given the opportunity to be a part of the International Women in Engineering Day (iWED) 2024 event, hosted by Truro High School.

Launched by the Women's Engineering Society (WES), this international event celebrates the achievements of women working in engineering today and aims to inspire a new generation of girls to investigate the wide variety of careers available when studying Science, Design & Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

Our girls joined other students from all across Cornwall & got to experience a huge variety of real world engineering opportunities. Students got to work collaboratively, as well as independently, on a variety of set challenges, hosted by industry professionals, many of whom are also based in Cornwall, using some state of the art technologies, learning about many different aspects of the engineering world, from the designing, making, problem solving & the impact of what we do.

The event was used to help showcase the great opportunities there are for women in engineering, at a time when it has never been more important to address the engineering skills shortage.

Our students came away inspired by the realisation of their future potential as engineers, applied scientists and technical leaders.





# YEAR 12 ECO CONFERENCE

Year 12 Geography students attended an Eco conference at UWE on Thursday 27 June 2024. The conference included lectures from the Ministry of Eco Education, and Silverback Films (Keith Scholey), who produced the 'Our Planet' series with David Attenborough. As well as this students were given a choice to attend seminars to include; 'Sustainable Wardrobes' where students considered the impact of fast fashion and clothing on the environment, Rolls Royce and their sustainability

journey and the challenges that they have faced, 'Wildscreens' where they were taught about the basics surrounding the creation of nature content, to name but a few. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience 'university life' as well as emerge themselves in 'eco-thinking'. This allowed Year 12 to consider their impact on the environment now and in the future, but more importantly the solutions to a sustainable and regenerative future.



# GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK



On 28 June and 1 July, the Geography department supported the Year 10 GCSE Geography students in completing their fieldwork. Their fieldwork consisted of, asking questionnaires to members of the public, a traffic and pedestrian count, to support them in drawing the conclusion on whether Helston town centre should be pedestrianised. In addition, they collected data on the width, depth, and sediment type in the River Cobar to investigate the impact of human activities on the characteristics of the river. Well done to Year 10 Geography students for so positively representing Helston Community College on these days.



# BIOLOGY CHALLENGE



In May, the Year 10 Biologists participated in the Biology Challenge organized by the Royal Society of Biology. This international competition, which takes place annually, involves over 45,000 students. The competition consisted of two twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers. Its purpose is to

challenge and stimulate students' curiosity in biosciences and expand their understanding beyond the classroom. The questions covered a wide range of topics from ecology to biotechnology. The students performed well in the competition and deserve congratulations for their efforts.

Based on their overall scores, students received various awards. Special recognition goes to Rosie, Meah, Miriam, Hannah, James, Alyssa, and Chloe for achieving Bronze and Silver awards, a standard only attained by 25% of all entries. Congratulations to all the participating students!



## Kernow Young Carers

Ten young carers from Helston Community College, along with the Kernow Young Carers, experienced a weekend packed with fun and camping at the Young Carers Festival at Fairthorne Manor near Southampton from 28 – 30 June.

During the weekend, the young carers were able to meet their peers and make new friends from all over the UK.

There were so many activities for the young carers to enjoy including kayaking, arts and crafts, live bands, fairground rides, karaoke, a silent disco and fireworks to name a few!

What an amazing weekend! We are so proud of our young carers for all they do.

If you would like to know more about being a young carer, please visit this link: <https://www.cornwallcarers.org.uk/kernow-young-carers>

## Exciting Day for Post 16 Students at Agile on the Beach - Youth Edition!

On Wednesday 3 July, a group of Business, IT, Engineering, and Food Science & Nutrition post 16 students had a phenomenal experience at the inaugural Agile on the Beach - youth edition! It was truly inspiring to witness these talented 16/17-year-olds actively engaging in the agile way of working and expanding their horizons.

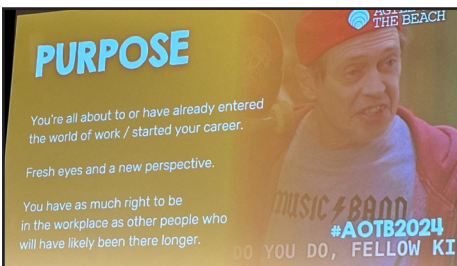
Throughout the event, the students took part in enlightening workshops covering various topics such as cyber forensics, poker, and lean product development. It was incredible to see them immerse themselves in these hands-on activities and gain valuable insights into these fields.

The highlight of the day was a captivating talk by Ruth Amos, which left everyone feeling motivated and empowered. Her words of encouragement and wisdom resonated with the young minds, sparking new ideas and aspirations.

Let's continue to nurture the next generation of innovators and leaders in the digital age!

Thank you to everyone who made this happen. PwC, Tech Cornwall, GCHQ, SW Regional Cyber Crime Unit, Cornwall Council, Truro and Penwith College

**Can't wait to see what the future holds for these bright students!**





## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

**A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.**

### What are the changes?

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

*Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.*

### FAQs

**If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?**

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

**If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?**

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

**Who can be issued with a penalty notice?**

- Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.
- In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

**Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?**

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

**How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?**

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

**Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?**

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

**What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?**

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

**What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?**

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

# Post 16 Technology and Enterprise

Post 16 Technology and Enterprise students had a memorable day with James and Kate from Cornwall Hospitality Collective who hosted an enriching experience at The Headlands Hotel with hotel Director Veryan Palmer. They explored the array of roles available in hospitality, covering Business, IT, Food Science & Nutrition, and delved into the essence of creating impactful marketing campaigns.

The day culminated in a thrilling group challenge led by Veryan, where both teams were tasked with devising comprehensive marketing strategies, including meticulously planned menus and effective social media promotion tactics.

After thoughtfully crafting their proposals, it was the Fistral group who emerged victorious, impressing the judges with their innovative approach and strategic insights. Congratulations to the winning team and huge gratitude to The Headlands Hotel and Cornwall Hospitality Collective for providing this exceptional learning opportunity that compliments their studies!



# BTEC & P16 Sculpture Park Trip



Despite the mizzle, the BTEC and A Level Art students thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the beautiful Tremenheere Sculpture Park, just above Penzance, with Mx Marsden as part of their Post 16 course. The garden boasts over fifty works from both national and internationally successful sculptors, within its imaginatively planted gardens. Ben Rosewarne particularly liked walking though 'Holding Breath' by Amy and Oliver Thomas-Irvine, photographed here, because "the landscape around you comes in and out of view depending on where I look", he explained.



# Fabulous Fashion!



A small group of our most stylish and creative students were lucky enough to enjoy a three-session project with Claire Barker-Phillips, Course Leader of Fashion Design at Falmouth University last week. The theme was sustainable design and the students cleverly adapted a number of pre-loved prom dresses into three fabulous frocks, inspired by sea creatures and the ocean. The dresses will be modelled at the Fishermans Mission Charity Fashion Show on September 17th at Epworth Hall, along with other upcycled original garments made by Fashion Club students with Mx Marsden throughout the year.

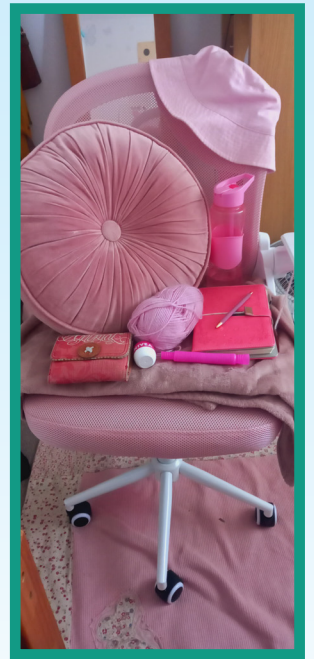
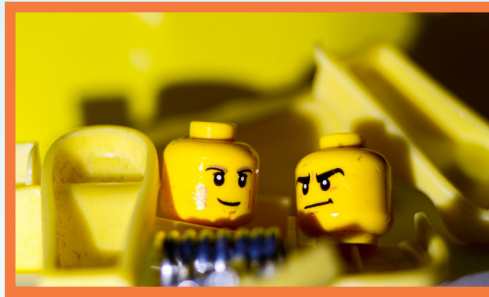


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FOOD ACTION  
WILL BE BACK AGAIN ON  
SATURDAY 20 JULY**



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

# A RAINBOW OF COLOUR!



On Monday 24 June Helston Town Council, with Helston Community College, held its first ever Helston Pride Picnic at the Boating Lake.

Over three hundred people attended and enjoyed fantastic musical performances from some of the College's groups and soloists and songs from Helston Theatre. Many LGBT+ support groups had stalls and were kept busy chatting to attendees and handing out advice. Next year's Helston Pride Picnic event is already being planned.

As part of the events students in KS3 and KS4 were invited to take part in a colourful photography competition where they each took a photo featuring one colour of the rainbow. Many of the wonderfully colourful and creative entries were exhibited at the event and had fantastic feedback from

the picnickers. Guy Watson, who manages the Pavilion performance space at the park thought "the standard of the students work was very high", and said that he was "incredibly impressed by the students' imaginations".



**The winners each received a £10 cheque from Helston Town Council, and are featured here:**



# Cornish Heritage Day on The Lizard



Mrs Bloor and Ms Shore had two fabulous days on The Lizard this week.

Basing ourselves at The National Trust Farm - Tregullas, Rona Amiss and family hosted us with a range of activities.

We had a very interesting talk at one of the last Serpentine Works on The Lizard followed by a bit of shopping! We then made our own scones back at the farm.

On Monday there was a shout out for the RNLI lifeboat -the crew were out for 14 hours! The students could really see how valuable our recent fundraising efforts have been.

We walked some of the coast path and took in some local history and stunning views. Then it was back to the farm to enjoy our homemade cream tea.

One student said:

*"This doesn't feel like a school trip. This feels like I am on holiday!"*





# SUCCESS STORIES

## Cornwall Schools track and field championships

James P completed in the Cornwall Schools track and field championships at Par athletics track on Saturday 8 June and performed in the 100m and long jump events. James achieved an excellent 3rd place in the 100m and won the long jump event. Due to these successes he has been selected to represent Cornwall at the South West Schools athletics championships on Saturday 15 June at Exeter Arena.

Well done James on such a fantastic achievement!

HCC PE Department



## Junior Boys Compete in Regional B Finals

On Tuesday, the junior boys from Year 7 and 8 showcased their athletic talents at the English Schools Athletics Association Regional B Finals held at the Exeter Arena Track. Competing against strong teams, our boys demonstrated remarkable resilience and finished in a commendable 6th place.

### Standout Performances

**\*\*Tom W\*\*** A spectacular victory in the 80m hurdles.

**\*\*Beau D\*\*** 1st place in the 100m sprint.

**\*\*Jayden D and Lewis B\*\*** Both delivered impressive performances in the triple jump.

**\*\*Stefano D\*\*** Matched his personal best in the high jump with a height of 1.65m to win the competition.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their dedication and outstanding efforts!



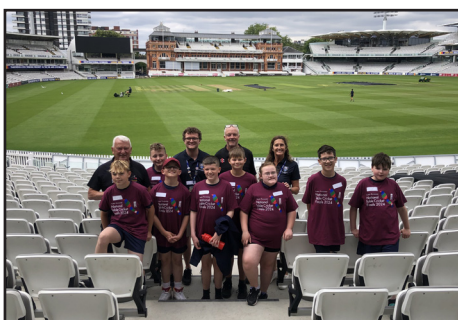
Our U13's and U15's cricket teams travelled to Taunton to represent Cornwall in a regional tournament. The standard was extremely high and the girls competed with great determination and resilience.

Both teams demonstrated incredible fielding skills, they were excellent at bowling under pressure and were able to accumulate high scores when batting. Overall, our U13's finished 3rd and our U15's finished 6th.

Congratulations to both teams on a fantastic achievement, we are very proud!  
HCC PE Department

## Lords Taverners Table Cricket Competition

On the 27 of June, eight year 7 students travelled to the home of English cricket, Lords, to compete in the National finals of the Lords Taverners table cricket competition. There were 12 finalists including our team led once again by Captain Cruz. Every member of the team gave it their all and showed true team spirit and cheered on as we took on all the opponents. Our team did us proud and came 6th out of the 12. They received a medal and certificate for their efforts and cannot wait to get stuck into next year's competition.



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# Sports Day 2024

## Great day of sport at Helston Community College

Helston Community College presented an action-packed day of physical activity for students in Years 7-10. Students showcased outstanding performances in a wide range of sports and physical activities, demonstrating skill, endeavour, and their outstanding leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

This year staff were supported by Post 16 students who adopted various roles including photographers, referees and track and field officials. They helped to ensure the day was student-centred and celebrating high levels of participation across all year groups. The list of activities for students to enjoy included Athletics, Football, Rounders, and Tug of War. In addition, a number of students took part in skateboarding and scootering at the skatepark at Coronation Park, in Helston.

Another popular feature of Helston Sports Days is the opportunity to take part in other fun activities such as Wellie Throwing, and Sack races. The day featured so much that everybody was able to perform and fulfil their potential.

Throughout the day students competed against each other for their tutor group teams in many keenly contested events to earn points. Among many notable highlights of the day Unathi C, a Year 10 student, broke the 200m record and Stefano D easily cleared the Year 8 High Jump record.

Trophies were presented to winning tutor groups for each year at the end of the day. The 2024 winners were: 7J, 8B, 9F & 10G.

The Interact Club raised £100 through organising a Tombola in memory of Ezra Pollard for The Grand Appeal and Strep B Charity campaigns

Students are already looking forward to next year's Sports Day, and thinking about how they can improve their tactics in various events to achieve at their best.

The PE and Sport Faculty look forward to welcoming the students again in September and delivering a wide variety of clubs and extracurricular fixtures for them to enjoy!



## Congratulations Year 9 & 10 Boys!

We are thrilled to announce that the following students were selected to play for West Cornwall Schools and represented the county at Millfield earlier this term: Archie S, Leo J, Reuben R, Olly L, Jack V, Henry C, Felix P, Blake G-D.

This is an incredible achievement which reflects the hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent on the field. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Well done boys!

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## RACE TO THE LINE 2.0 Bio



On Wednesday the 12th of June, the Design & Technology Department at Helston Community College hosted the annual Race to the Line 2.0 Bio Race Challenge, with all of Year 7.

The challenge required students to work in teams to design, develop and make a 'rocket' race car, powered by CO<sub>2</sub> canisters. Students had the opportunity to collaborate to engage in authentic design & engineering issues, including the exploration of aerodynamics, mass reduction, reducing drag & improving stability.

The event was supported by volunteers, who joined us from Watson Marlow, assigned to us as sponsors for the event, who were fantastic & invaluable to the running of the day. They were able to support students, as well as share their experiences to assist the students with their outcomes. A very sincere thank you to the team for their support.

Students were at their best, engaging with all elements of the event, from the design & making task, to making as much noise as they could on the countdowns for each race. Each race saw much excitement, with many wondering 'Who's going to win?', 'Which car was the best?' & even 'Will this car make it to the end of the track?'

After much deliberation & discussion among the staff in the department, the overall favourite cars were 'The Carrot'; 'Twinkies Ice Cream'; 'Watermelon 74'.

The feedback we received from students, in the days after the event, reflected positively on the event as a whole & the support received from staff & our volunteer helpers.

We look forward to hosting the event again next year when our new cohort of Year 7's join us.

We saw some very creative ideas produced, from F1 style cars to food inspired outcomes, among the best.

Many thanks from all department staff, to the students & volunteers who made it one to remember.



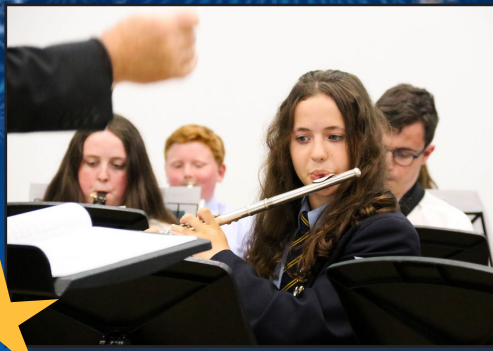
# Celebration Evening 2024



Helston Community College proudly hosted its recent Celebration Evening, honouring the outstanding achievements of its students across a diverse range of subjects. A total of 86 students were nominated from all five years, with only 2-3 making it through to the final celebration evening in each category. During the prestigious evening, students were recognised for their excellence in areas such as Computer Science, Drama, English, Maths and Engineering Design. The event was a celebration of the students' hard work, dedication, and the high standards upheld by the college.



# Celebration Evening 2024



The evening also featured special prizes for exceptional performance and dedication. Notable awards included the AP Valves Design and Technology Award for the Most Improved Student, the Bickford Smith Cup for the Outstanding Religious Education Student, and the Julie Newton Award for Endeavour, which recognises courage and determination. These prestigious accolades highlighted the extraordinary commitment and contributions of the students, both academically and in their personal development.



Performances from the College Concert Band and a special guest speech by Rowan Clarke, added further to the evening. Rowan is an ex-student who joined in Year 7 and left at the end of his Post 16 studies. He shared his inspiring story of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Rowan, who overcame numerous challenges to achieve his dream of becoming a Police Officer and a Football League referee, delivered a powerful message that resonated deeply with the students. His journey serves as a remarkable example of what can be accomplished through resilience and determination, making the event truly memorable for all in attendance.



We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the evening for making it such a success.





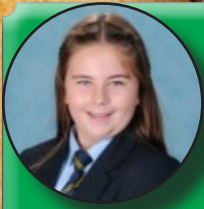
## Year 7

Aaron I	7F	551
Theo C	7B	513
Thomas H	7C	476
Jude N	7D	467
Polly R	7H	459
Joeli T	7C	440
Archie N	7C	439
Hal J	7D	431
Callum P	7F	421
Olivia E	7G	414



## Year 10

Emily M	10C	279
Emma S	10A	276
Andrew D	10C	269
Miriam M	10B	264
Skye A	10B	249
Reggie P	10H	248
Ava J	10C	245
James P	10G	236
Josh B	10D	234
Lily T	10A	234



## Year 8

Aimee B	8H	588
Jen F	8H	570
Lily R	8H	464
Tommy H	8H	448
Frederick W	8E	425
Amy J	8H	407
Lexi H	8H	405
Elodie H	8E	395
Summer M	8H	395
Archie S	8H	394



## Year 12

Liv B	12P9	83
Evie F	12P9	72
Logan H	12P9	71
Jessica W	12P2	57
Ben R	12P9	55
Daniel W	12P2	55
Georgia C	12P2	50
Jake W	12P2	50
Harrison M	12P2	47
Ronan T	12P8	47



## Year 9

Isaac A	9D	656
Lucy A	9H	630
Harley W	9B	531
Tamsin M	9A	487
Oscar P	9H	464
James B	9C	453
Joe C	9C	436
Charlie F-T	9C	423
Roxy H-P	9H	418
Ayanna O	9H	412

# Well Done!

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## July

### Year 7

#### Flo H

Flo was nominated for her excellent effort and attainment in French, and was also nominated for her consistent effort and hard work in maths. She is described as 'a pleasure to teach' and recently received an award at our prestigious Celebration Evening. What an amazing first year at Helston!



### Year 10

#### Hannah B

Nominated by Ms Hawksworth in Geography and Ms Davies in Science, Hannah has shown a great attitude towards her studies. Keep up the great work, Hannah!



### Year 8

#### Stefano D

Stefano has been nominated for his sporting prowess. He has not only recently broken the high jump school record during Sports Day, but also the County Athletics Championship record too! He is a genuinely gifted athlete.



### Post 16

#### George B

For his good humour and positive attitude to his studies and all aspects of Post 16 life.



### Year 9

#### Tamsin M

Tamsin was nominated by three teachers for her attitude, effort and commitment in Drama, Art and French - what an absolute star!



## Well Done

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Nominations

### YEAR 7

Agnes C	7	Excellent effort and attainment in PE.	V. Pryor
Alice H-J	7	For being kind and welcoming me to the school.	D Long
Callum P	7	Great effort and contribution in History.	K Trevithick
Connie I	7	Excellent effort and attainment in PE.	V. Pryor
Amy C	7	For fantastic script writing and group work in Drama.	S Richardson
Emily H	7	Excellent effort and attainment in PE.	V. Pryor
Evie D	7	For excellent effort and contributions to class discussion in Geography.	F Hawksworth
Grace B	7	For her consistent effort and hard work in maths and for being a pleasure to teach.	

### YEAR 8

Jenson D	7	For changing the trend from negative to positive.	S Morbey
Jude N	7	Excellent effort and attainment in Spanish.	A Graham
Orla P	7	For her consistent effort and hard work in maths and for being a pleasure to teach.	
Polly R	7	Excellent effort and attainment in PE.	V. Pryor
Rory W	7	For his positive attitude towards learning in maths.	
Saffron B	7	Consistent hard work and great art work.	E Freeston
Thomas H	7	Excellent effort in French.	S Morbey
Tori K	7	Excellent effort and attainment in PE.	V. Pryor

### YEAR 9

Hayden B	8	For being kind and thoughtful and overcoming your nerves to perform at the museum.	S Richardson
Ava C	8	For excellent effort and contributions to class discussion in Geography.	F Hawksworth
Elenor D	8	amazing creative writing.	E McFadden
Finley L	8	Continuous motivation and enthusiasm in Drama - both in lessons and Arts Award.	S Richardson
Jasper B	8	Always helpful and gives his all for the tutor group.	K Trevithick
Kenie M	8	For being wonderful and kind by providing his tutor group with sweets after the originals were misplaced.	J Lovelock

### YEAR 10

William D	8	Excellent effort and attainment in French.	A Graham
Zachary H	8	Consistent effort and great art work.	E Freeston
Amber F	9	Excellent effort and attainment in French.	A Graham
Amelie M	9	Excellent attitude and attainment in maths.	
Aston M	9	For being absolutely amazing during Activity Week!	J Hitchcock
Jessie-Leigh B	9	For excellent effort and contributions to class discussion in Geography.	F Hawksworth
Elijah C	9	Great effort all year and an example to the rest of his class - well done!	K Trevithick
Lucy A	9	excellent effort in Spanish.	S Morbey
Piran I	9	Excellent attitude and attainment in maths.	
Oliver W	9	For taking on the role of chair for Interact and doing it so professionally.	
Annabelle C	10	For having the determination and resilience to succeed in Science.	T Armstrong

### YEAR 11

Ava J	10	Excellent effort and progress in English.	
Cameron P	10	Fantastic work ethic throughout the year, well done.	L Davies
Eva W	10	Great print work and improvement in art.	E Freeston
Hadley S	10	For setting a good example to others in maths and for always rising to the challenge.	
Hannah T	10	For being an excellent Biologist.	L Davies
Hannah B	10	Excellent attitude towards her Science studies.	L Davies
Jess F	10	For always being polite and kind in tutor.	D Harrison-Webb
Logan G	10	Excellent work and help for activities week as work experience.	N Philpott
Max A	10	Organisation, contributions to lessons & excellent spoken language assessment.	P Swayne
Pandora C	10	Terrific Mock Exam result for History!	K Trevithick
Phoebe L	10	For always giving 100% during maths lessons and for being polite and respectful at all times.	
Reggie P	10	For being polite and respectful of others in tutor.	D Harrison-Webb

### POST 16

Emma S	10	For excellent level of effort and commitment in Creative Media Production.	E Stevenson
Tom D	10	For his dedication and positive attitude in maths this year.	
Evie F	12	Fantastic ambassador and volunteer in Post 16 especially for the Royal Cornwall Show.	K Ryan
Jessica W	12	Fantastic ambassador and volunteer in Post 16 especially for the Royal Cornwall Show.	K Ryan
Leah M	12	For her positive attitude and being a fantastic, caring ambassador for Helston Post 16 .	K Ryan
Susannah M	12	For her diligence and hard work in Geography, along with her positive approach to Post 16 life.	K Ryan



### Head of Year 7

As we reach the end of this academic year, I am filled with immense pride and joy reflecting on the journey our Year 7 students have undertaken. It has been a remarkable year of growth, learning, and development for each and every one of our young learners. As I regularly remind the students in assemblies, this will be by far the biggest step up in the academic career. Every time I write one of these articles, I often reflect on what we set out to achieve in September; Kindness and Hard Work. As I write here the students have collectively accumulated well over 64,000 Praise Points on Class Charts.

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and I commend our Year 7 students for embracing this transition with resilience and enthusiasm. From navigating new subjects and timetables to forming new friendships, our students have shown remarkable resilience. They have transitioned from primary school pupils to confident secondary school students, ready to take on new challenges. This year has been marked by numerous academic successes. Our students have excelled across a variety of subjects, demonstrating not only their intelligence but also their curiosity and passion for learning. Whether it was mastering complex equations in mathematics, exploring new worlds in literature, or conducting experiments in science, the dedication of our students has been truly inspiring. Special congratulations to those who achieved outstanding results in their assessments and those who participated in academic competitions and clubs.

Beyond the classroom, Year 7 students have actively engaged in a broad range of extracurricular activities. From sports teams and music ensembles to drama productions, our students have explored their interests and talents. These activities have not only enriched their school experience but also helped them build essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management.

I am particularly proud of the students who represented our school in various inter-school competitions, showcasing their talents and bringing home several accolades. Spending activities week with my Year 7's at Trevassack Lake is something I will never forget!

One of the most rewarding aspects of this year has been witnessing the sense of community that has developed among our Year 7 students. They have supported each other through challenges and celebrated each other's successes whether that is through our tutor programme, assemblies or within the classroom environment.

As we look forward to the next academic year, I encourage our Year 7 students to continue striving for excellence. The foundation they have built this year will serve them well as they move into Year 8. I urge them to remain curious, to take advantage of the opportunities available, and to always believe in their potential. Parents and guardians, your support has been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming years.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our teachers, staff, and parents for their unwavering support and dedication. To our Year 7 students, thank you for making this year so memorable. You have made us all incredibly proud, and I am excited to see what the future holds for each of you.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. See you in the new academic year!

Best wishes,

**Jack Dudley - Head of Year 7 and Transition**



### Head of Year 8

As we head towards the end of the academic year, it's always a great time to reflect on things we have accomplished this year. I hope throughout the year you have felt well informed with how your child is progressing and how they are working in each lesson, be this through face to face meetings at our annual PTC or through the reports which are produced. During assemblies and our tutor programme, the students have been involved in a wonderful citizenship curriculum which has helped to develop their understanding of the world around them. As well as this, they have had a weekly focus on current affairs to help keep up to date with the ongoing outside of our local area. During our final assembly it was brilliant to be able to celebrate those who have gone above and beyond this year and I was proud to hand out well-deserved rewards for a multitude of positive reasons. This term in particular has been a whirlwind and has flown by. Throughout, the students of Year 8 have continued to show resilience and work positively towards their goals. I am impressed to see the vast majority putting their best foot forward at all times and showing themselves off to be the best version of themselves. Through the last few weeks, we have seen the start and finish of the examination period which Year 8 have been respectful of throughout and have helped allow our Year 11/Post 16 the quiet and calm environment they deserve at a vital

point in their education. We also had a brilliant Sports Day where everyone got involved to help represent their tutor groups – a special mention to 8B who came first in the whole school, closely followed in 2nd by 8A! Can we go for the hatrick and get all top 3 places next year? Being a classroom based teacher, it's always great to see students participate and shine

in different aspects of school and even some students stepping out of the comfort zones completely. Continuing with the theme of standing out, I want to congratulate the Year 8 students who were invited to our annual celebration evening where individuals across the college are recognised for their contributions in subject areas for behaviour, effort, progress, attainment, impact and leadership – Year 8 had a great showing! In all, it has been a truly excellent year. I hope everyone finished the year with a feeling of fulfilment, achievement and pride with the knowledge that we can build on these foundations ready for another exciting and enjoyable ride in the next academic year. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

**Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 8**



### Head of Year 9

As we reach the end of the academic year, I am filled with a sense of pride and admiration for the Year 9 students. This year has been a journey of growth, learning, and memorable moments for all of us and I am immensely grateful to have spent the last year working alongside such a fantastic group of young people.

Firstly, I want to congratulate the students on their hard work and dedication. Whether it was excelling in academics, participating in sports, engaging in arts and music, or contributing to community service, you have all shown incredible commitment and passion. Your achievements are a testament to your resilience and determination.

There have been many highlights this term: informative visits to Falmouth University and Pendennis Castle, our annual Sports Day and the prestigious Summer Concert, as well as our recent Activities Week. These experiences not only enriched our school life but also brought us closer together as a community. They reminded us of the importance of teamwork, creativity, and stepping out of our comfort zones.

This term marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another: your Key Stage 3 journey is over; you will return in September in white shirts ready to begin Key Stage 4. Let's start the next academic year with a continued spirit of curiosity, perseverance and resilience. Use this break to rest, recharge, and reflect on your goals. Come back ready to take on new challenges and embrace new opportunities. You all have the potential to achieve great things, and I have no doubt that you will continue to make us proud.

Let us celebrate our achievements and look forward to next year with optimism and enthusiasm. I would like to extend my gratitude to the parents and carers of our students - thank you for your unwavering support. Have a wonderful and restful break, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

**Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 9**



### Head of Year 10

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the summer holidays after such a busy term.

As we head towards the end of term we finish on the theme of celebration. We can celebrate our achievements throughout the year and prepare the students to be the role models of Year 11. We have our end of year celebration assemblies and College Awards Evening saying thank you and rewarding the students that have played a significant role within the College by achieving outstanding outcomes whether in behaviour, effort, progress, attainment, impact or leadership.

The Mock Exams are now complete and as a first set of full exams I am proud of how smart Year 10 were, how they conducted themselves and how much effort they put into these exams. I hope that the students learnt from the exam process, got into the necessary routine and have their well-rehearsed revision techniques.

I hope the students enjoyed and made the most of their final Sports Day at HCC. Pictured below are the Sports Day tutor group victors 10G with their proud tutor Mr Van Der Lem.



Congratulations are also in order for the successes of the Girl's Cricket teams who represented the College at the Regional Finals in Taunton.

As we enter Year 11 greater responsibilities will come our way and we'll be representing the College as the leaders of the school. This would have happened recently for

example during the Geography and Construction field trips, Music concerts and work experience.

I hope the Year 10s had a fantastic work experience and thrived in a new environment. Well done to those who made the most of this opportunity.

As we move through the summer and prepare for next year please could I remind you of the importance of your son/daughter's attendance especially as they are working hard towards their GCSE subjects. Please ensure students return with complete College Uniform including black school shoes with the possible addition of the College 'V' neck jumper and all equipment for lessons ready for a smooth start of year 11.

It continues to give me great pleasure to help celebrate the increasing number of Year 10 students who are achieving their Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards by reaching a significant number praise points and getting nominated for the students' of the week/month awards. Congratulations to all the recent award winners.

We have just had a fantastic weekend with over 30 members of HCC staff challenging ourselves to race around the SW Coast path led by Mr Lingard on behalf of the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. Thank you to those of you that have already donated to the RNLI charity. If you would still like to donate or get more information please see the College website or visit <http://tinyurl.com/HCC-Challenge24>

I hope we can all finish the year with a feeling of fulfilment, achievement and pride with the understanding that we will be ready for another exciting and enjoyable year in Year 11.

I hope you all able to have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With best wishes,

**Terry Richardson - Head of Year 10**





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