

## How we support our service children.

**We recognise that most service children do not want to be identified or labelled and to that end we offer various forms of support which students can choose to engage with.**



HMS Heroes is a national support group for the children of Service men and women and their relatives. A tri-Service network of after-school clubs, HMS Heroes brings together members of Service families aged between three and 18 years old from all over the country.

At Helston Community College, HMS Heroes have taken part in a range of activities.

- They baked and sold cookies to raise the money to buy items for Christmas parcels. These were sent with other parcels to deployed troops all over the world.
- Members of Helston's HMS heroes have participated in Standard Dedication events, attended the Freedom of Helston parade and been the standard bearers, representing the area at the National Remembrance Day event.
- Students have also taken part in a visit to RNAS Culdrose to watch the "Brickwoods" field gun display.
- The Heroes also sent a dedication to the Falkland Islands which was placed at Goose Green. The students have subsequently received pictures and letters from the Falkland Island children.
- HMS Heroes have also produced some newsletters and prepared and delivered assemblies to years 7, 8 and 9, to raise awareness of life in a services family.



For future HMS Heroes events, please see the 'Upcoming Activities' page.

As well as HMS Heroes, students have access to a wider support mechanism. This includes two fully trained college counsellors, and their Head of Progress with whom Service children can discuss any concerns.

The academic progress, behaviour and attendance of all students are discussed at regular meetings with the College's Senior Leadership Team and close attention is paid to students who belong to a Service family.

There are also systems in place regarding student transition to and from the college. The Ministry of Defence has produced several documents, for example, the children's activity pack which students may find useful.

