



Year 10 Newsletter

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SPORTS DAY

Last week saw the whole College Sports Day where I was once again immensely proud of the students in Year 10. As the senior participating students at the event they set a fantastic example to their younger peers. The students really embraced Co-operative values such as Solidarity, Self-help and Self-responsibility in the way that they competed on both days. Most impressive were the supporting roles played by Year 10 students as the House Mascots supporting and encouraging younger runners on the day.



As ever the Hendra team shone through, especially on the girls' side with their commitment and involvement. The Hendra relay team set two new Sports Day records in the Heats and then in the Final, and Brooke Fraser from Hendra set a new Sports Day record for the 300m. Equally noteworthy was the team effort from Poldhu who, supported by the younger years, won the Sports Day House Cup.

Particular individual performances for the event came from Katie Hughes, Will Savage and Brooke Fraser who all had success in two or more events.

Below are some of the photo highlights.



PREFECT AND SENIOR TEAM

The last couple of months saw nearly 100 students apply for the important and prestigious roles of Prefect, Senior Prefect and the Head Boy/ Girl leadership team. Selection was through strict criteria for Progress, attendance, punctuality, behaviour and involvement in College activities. Applicants went through a formal interview to assess their suitability and from this the Prefect team has been selected. Ten students were also invited to go forward to the Senior Team selection process which saw them making a speech in front of the year group, followed by an in-depth interview before Mrs Bryant, two governors (Mr Webb and Mr Vallender), and Mr McDonald.





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LOOKING BACK ON YEAR 10

As we approach a well-deserved summer holiday I would like to thank all parents and families for their support throughout the year. Most students have worked really hard and laid the foundations for deserved success with some showing significant improvements in the last few months.

Please do take time at home to discuss areas of strength as well as concern to focus on through the summer holiday. Everyone needs a good rest but there is also a real need to take time to focus on areas of subject weakness over the holiday period. Please reflect on the conversations with staff from the recent Parent Teacher Consultation evening and make sure that a programme is in place to revise and review key areas before September. A planned regular series of early in the day short slots works well through the holiday, perhaps 30 to 60 minutes before going on to enjoy the rest of the day.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

In June we celebrated the fact that seven students achieved 100% attendance over their whole five years at the College – an amazing accomplishment and one that says a lot about the young people involved.

Average College attendance for this academic year is currently 94.7%. This is above the national average and a credit to our students.

As from September, any student whose attendance falls below 90% will be deemed to be a Persistent Absentee by the Government. We will therefore have a duty of care to notify parents and carers, and you may be invited into College and be asked to work with us to help improve your child's attendance level.

90% attendance equates to missing only 19 days of school. Please take this into consideration when planning holidays in term time – one week of holiday and a few days of sickness could result in your child being designated as a Persistent Absentee.

If you feel you need any help or support to improve your child's attendance or wish to discuss their absence, please contact Ms P Harley, Attendance and Admissions Manager on 01326 575016 or at pharley@helston.cornwall.sch.uk.

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

Many thanks to those parents and students who have fed back on the contents of the half-termly newsletter. Hopefully the content is developing linked to comments received. If you have any other feedback or content requests, please contact me in College on mquilter@helston.cornwall.sch.uk

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