



Year 11 Newsletter

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Year 11 Photo

It was an emotionally moving moment when the year group got together for the formal end of Year 11 College photo, taken by Tempest Photography on their impressive staging. The weather stayed fair, if a little cold and the end result will be a poignant image to mark a fantastic year group.



The following information explains how to access the proof, when available.

Information from the TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHERS

The year group photograph will appear on-line soon. Please note these images are available for viewing only, ordering takes place via the order forms we provide. **www.tempest-groups.co.uk** Photo will appear soon, password protected using six digits 180111

Use Twitter (or any social media) - @htempestphoto and our web link

The schools most recent large group photography is now online on the Tempest Groups website. Please note this service is for viewing images only, ordering takes place via the order forms provided by the school. (images can take 10 – 14 days to be loaded from the day of photography).

Student data on Pupilinfo

New student data went live on Pupilinfo on 1st March 2016; the grades and teacher advice supplied are intended to support students to make progress. Pupilinfo can be accessed via the 'Parent' section of the College website by clicking on 'Parent Portal' or directly by typing pupilinfo.helston.cornwall.sch.uk into the internet browser address bar. Please use the usernames and passwords issued in the letters sent out during the Autumn Term. If you have any difficulties accessing the data or if you require a paper copy of the data please contact the College Reception. Students may access this information in College on the Intranet with their College username and password.

Co-operative Trust News:

On **Tuesday 19th April** at 6.30pm in the North Site Hall, we are holding a Parent Information Evening to explain what the College is doing in relation to the Government's Academy agenda. There will be a presentation of the plans to date, and a chance for parents to ask questions. Please see separate letter with more details that you should have received from your child. As always, if it has gone astray a copy can be found on the website.



Flora Day

A reminder below of the student dress code for Flora Day.

FLORA DAY

Saturday 7th May 2016

DRESS CODE

 GIRLS	 BOYS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All white dress - not cream Dresses should be no longer than mid-calf and no shorter than 4cm above the knee No low necks No bare shoulders No cardigans2. White shoes3. White ankle socks or white or flesh coloured tights4. Short white gloves with fingers5. Headdress - "Forget-Me-Not" <p>No prominent jewellery</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. White trousers2. White shirts - long sleeves (no <u>pullovers</u>)3. White shoes (no <u>colour</u> trims) No boots4. All white socks5. School tie6. T-Shirts (if worn under shirt must be plain white) <p>No jewellery visible except a watch</p>

All wear Lily of the Valley – girls on the right facing down, boys on the left facing up.
(Girls must wear forget-me-nots in their hair.)

NVS Volunteering

Please see below for an important opportunity for Year 11 students to be involved in this summer after their GCSEs:

NCS Summer programme

This summer holiday is the longest your son or daughter will have. With many options and career choice decisions ahead NCS is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, build confidence and have fun. It takes place outside of term time in the summer holidays over 4 weeks (part residential) with 30 hours committed to a local community project. Due to government funding, they will pay no more than £50 to take part, with bursaries available if this cost is too high.

NCS is something that is recognised by employers and UCAS as a way to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills and it's a great use of part of the summer holidays.

If you have any questions about NCS, please contact Clare Davison by email ncs@bfadventure.org or phone 01326 340912 or see the NCS website www.ncsyes.co.uk



The final countdown

A reminder that there are more details on the arrangements for the summer examination on the College website on the Student page (<http://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/exam-timetables>). Here the complete external exam timetable can be viewed as well as a copy of the Exam Information Booklet 2015-2016, that contains valuable "What to do if" information.

**YEAR 11 STUDENTS
DURING YOUR GCSE YEAR
DO NOT
BOOK A HOLIDAY
UNTIL AFTER THE
END OF JUNE**

Silver D of E Expedition

Twenty Two Year 11 students successfully completed their Silver Expeditions on Bodmin Moor this term. Despite a cold northerly wind, all the students did a fantastic job and had a memorable time. Well done to the students and a big thank you to the staff involved, particularly Mr Semmons and Mrs Greig.



Safeguarding our Children: 'Together, We Can Tackle Child Abuse' Campaign

As you know at Helston Community College we take our responsibilities very seriously for keeping children and young people safe. To raise awareness and better protect our communities, the government has recently launched a national campaign to encourage members of the public to report concerns they have when they think a child may be suffering from abuse.

In 2014/15 more than 400,000 children in England were supported because someone noticed they needed help. At the same time a survey carried out by the DfE showed that, many people are put off reporting their concerns because they thought they might be wrong. Research also shows that acting early has much better outcomes.

The key messages of the campaign are:

- We all have a role to play in protecting children and young people from child abuse and neglect.
- All children have a right to be safe and should be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- Don't worry about being wrong.
- You don't have to be absolutely certain about suspected abuse; if you have a feeling that something's not right, talk to your local children's social care team.

Concerns over the welfare of a child in Cornwall should be reported to the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116. Concerns can also be reported to Devon and Cornwall police on 101.

#tackleabusetogether

End of Key Stage 4 signing out day

This is on the **22nd June** and will take place during period 1. Students should bring in all of their course textbooks and will need to get their teachers to sign their form before a brief assembly at the end of period 1. Students should be free to leave by break time.

The Year 11 Summer Ball

Deadline for bookings: **April 18th!!!**

Date: **Thursday 23rd June 2016**

Price: £28, £32 with transport

Location: Tregenna Castle, St Ives

<http://tinyurl.com/Y11Prom2016>