



# Year 7 Newsletter

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It has been busy start to the Spring Term with lots of extra curriculum activities taking place in the last few weeks. Well done to Year 7 for all their achievements as a year group.

As many of you may be aware, Mrs Nelson, Head of Progress for Year 7 is still unwell. In her absence, please contact Miss Cann, South Site Secretary, on 01326 575015 who will be able to direct any queries to the assigned member of staff acting on Mrs Nelson's behalf. For pastoral issues please see Mrs Dyer, based at South Site. Thank you for your understanding.

A reminder **Parent Teacher Conferences** will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from **4.00pm** until **7.00pm**.

More information will follow closer to the event.

## Autumn Term Attendance

Well done to the 90 pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term. 35 missed out by one day!

It is now your chance to achieve 100% attendance for the Spring Term. Pupils are awarded an attendance certificate and a ticket for the annual prize draw at the end of the year. Keep up the good work, Year 7!



## Pupil Data

New student data will be going live on Pupilinfo on **1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

## Peter Pan

Well done to the cast and crew of Peter Pan for putting on another fantastic production. Our successful show included many year 7 students. Peter Pan sold out on all three nights so thank you to everyone who attended – you were a truly interactive audience! A special mention also for Mrs Richardson, we thank her for working tirelessly with the students.

Mrs Bryant attended on the final night and was extremely proud.

Thank you for all who donated to the raffle. By next week we are hoping to have a total for the amount raised by the raffle in aid of 'Hear Will's Voice'.



## Y7 South Shore Nominations

Congratulations to **Matilda Dear, Lucy Hughes, Edward Cox** and **Ted Perry** for their nominations for Exeter University's South Shore awards. A maximum of 24 students are nominated across our whole College, so this is a superb achievement. Awards will be presented during a very special evening at the University of Exeter, Penryn Campus on **Thursday 14th April**. Photos will follow shortly.

## Student of the Month Awards

Each month the student who received the most Student of the Month nominations is recognised by the Head of Progress, congratulations to **Edward Cox** for receiving the most nominations in January!



Self Help Self Responsibility Equity Equality Democracy Solidarity  
Social Responsibility Honesty Openness Caring for Others



## PSHE Day

This term our PSHE day, organised by Mrs Armstrong, focused on the topic of puberty for Year 7 students.

Year 7 pupils spent the day in the Science block identifying the physical and emotional changes that take place during puberty. They discussed survival techniques for managing these changes.

**Pictured right:** Year 7 girls take part in a self confidence exercise. Pupils wrote down all their negative feelings towards being a girl and proceeded to have fun destroying them.



## Rotary Youth Speaks

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, **Rachel Corness, Emily Combellack** and **Danielle** attended the first round of the annual "Youth Speaks" public speaking competition which took place at Helston Community College, organised and judged by the local Rotary club.



Teams took part in both sections of the competition – Intermediate and Senior. Speech topics ranged from the need to protect our natural environment to the undeniable merits of the Cornish pasty! All the teams delivered excellent performances and gave the audience a great deal to think about.

The students involved were: **Rachel Corness, Danielle** and **Emily Combellack** in year seven; **Charlotte King, Ryan Williams** and **Rhiannon Jones** in year nine; **Shannon Peel, Megan Parker** and **Charlotte Laity** and **Will Kitto, Ethan Bray** and **Charlie Railton** in year ten and **Rosa Higgs, Milly Hayton** and **Holly Bardell** in year thirteen.

The winners of the Intermediate section were: **Charlotte King** (Chairperson), **Ryan Williams** (Speaker) and **Rhiannon Jones** (Vote of Thanks) with their speech entitled: "Scone or Scone? Stereotyping from Speech."

The winners of the Senior section were: **Holly Bardell** (Chairperson), **Rosa Higgs** (Speaker) and **Milly Hayton** (Vote of Thanks) with their speech about the merits of the National Health Service.

Both teams will perform again with students from across the west of the country at Penryn College on the **23<sup>rd</sup> February** at 4.30 p.m. We wish them well and hope they are successful in going through to the third round.

## Trust Vacancy

As you are aware, the schools in our area work together as part of the Southerly Point Co-operative Educational Trust. There is currently a vacancy for a **parent representative** on the Trust Board. The Board meet termly and, on occasion, more frequently should the need arise. The Board's role is to review the work of the Trust, ensuring that it meets its objectives in:

- Ensuring an ethos rooted in social justice and strong ethical, moral and spiritual values;
- Providing the best possible education for all children, young people and families;
- Taking collegiate responsibility for the education of all children;
- Raising aspirations and levels of achievement;
- Setting high standards;
- Sharing expertise, knowledge, understanding, skills and resources;
- Working in partnership for the benefit of all.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please email [kteague@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:kteague@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk). Thank-you.

## Cooperative Values: Self-Responsibility

Mr Jenkins, the Deputy Head Teacher, took this week's assembly and reinforced the importance of self-responsibility to Year 7 students. Beginning with a video of the violinist, Itzhak Perlman performing Schindler's list, Mr Jenkins demonstrated how effort can lead to great achievements. **Maia Roberts (8D)** courageously played the flute to thoughtful students, showcasing how taking self-responsibility to practice had improved her ability. Students are encouraged to use half term as an opportunity to reflect on how they can take greater self-responsibility to improve their performance at College. Reach your potential!

*We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to students returning to College on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.***