

Year 7 Newsletter

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GOODBYE!

As we reach the end of Year 7, I would like to say thank you to all the Year 7s for being such an excellent year group. I have really enjoyed getting to know you as your Head of Progress, and I will miss you. To the parents, it has been an honour to watch your child grow in independence, and to assist them during Year 7. I would like to thank you all for your support, and I hope you have a restful, sunny (I am optimistic) summer break. Mrs Nelson

END OF YEAR REPORTS—OPENNESS

The End of Year reports have been posted home. You should have received reports that explain your child's progress, along with a Tutor's Report. The reports included End of Year test results, and End of Year Attainment Levels, which take into account all the assessments your child has completed. You can also log on to the Parent Portal section of the College website, under PupilInfo. This will allow you to view comments from your child's subject teachers.

SPORTS DAY - SOLIDARITY

The students took part in their first HCC Sports Day last Thursday. I would like to congratulate all the students who took part - it was brilliant to see the Year 7s competing and showing excellent sportsmanship. It was also pleasing to see the Year 7s showing solidarity with the other year groups, cheering on their House, and showing support to all those who took part. Congratulations to the students who won their events. A big well done to the students below who won Gold in their field and track events.

The boys' results for the Year 7 events:

100mFraser Williams200mEric Broome400mJoseff Williams

800m Joseff Williams and Olly Thomas

1500m Joseff Williams

Long Jump Louis Sargen and Olly Hallett

High Jump Eric Broome
Discus Will Jenkin
Shot Robert Wedlake
Javelin Kelvin Andrew

The girls' results for the Year 7 events:

100m Shauna Waring (who broke the Year 7 record - well done)!

200m Lucy Hughes
300m Olivia Knight
800m Catherine Groves
1500m Rebecca Benney
Long Jump Shauna Waring

High Jump Emily Full / Lucy Hughes

Discus Rebecca Benney
Shot Morwenna Higgs
Javelin Amy Manly

WELL DONE!

On Thursday, we held an achievement assembly. Ms Harley, our Attendance Officer, congratulated all the Year 7s who have maintained 100% attendance this year. A draw was held, and five students were randomly selected in assembly, and they have each received a £20 voucher of their choice. I would like to congratulate all the students who have had 100% attendance this year well done.

I would also like to congratulate all of the students who received certificates for a variety of achievements.

Tutor Group Students of the Year: Leon Telford, Rebecca Benney, Harriet Tatham, Rhianne Houston, Lottie Ellis, Jo Brunner, Tyler James, Kialell Klima, Jessica Hall and Abigail Hole.

Musicians of the Year: Emily Stevens and Joseph Game

Sportsman of the Year: Ed Gibson

Sportswoman of the Year: Rebecca Benney

Student who has made the most progress this year: 1st Olivia Knight, 2nd Rosie Thomas and Isobel Johns, 3rd Lottie

Ellis and Eva Ziemacki

Students with the highest Attitude to Learning: Danielle Hutchinson and Emily Stevens

HoP Student of the Year: Olivia Knight. Olivia was awarded for her continuous hard work in College, which has resulted in Olivia being above target in 10 subjects. She has also continually achieved one of the highest overall Attitude to Learning scores in the year group. Olivia is a great role model.

Overall Outstanding Student of the Year: Rosie Thomas. Rosie has received the trophy for 'Outstanding' Student of the Year for a number of reasons. She is extremely hard working and is above target in 10 subjects, and has made excellent progress. Rosie has also continuously had one of the highest Attitude to Learning scores in the year group. She takes part in a number of extra-curricular activities in the College, including sports and music. Rosie has also completed her Bronze leadership award, well done!

MRS SIOBHAN BARNES: HEAD OF PROGRESS - YEAR 8

I would like to introduce myself as the Head of Progress for Year 8. I have been working in the College for over 10 years in the Languages Department, and as such have come across many of your children in that capacity. I have been the Head of Gunwalloe House, so I am very familiar to those students who are in G and H tutor groups. In addition, I am a parent of two students who have been through the College - one at university, and the other here in Post 16. This gives me a unique understanding of the stages that I would expect your child to go through. From experience, the transition from Year 7 to Year 8 is a smooth one. Your child will most probably remain with the same friends. They will feel more confident because they are no longer the youngest. They are quite settled into the routine of the College, and know a high proportion of the teaching staff and other students in the year. They will be clear on the expectation of behaviour and uniform. The tutor team will be directing their boundless energy in taking part in every aspect of the College, ensuring they have a well rounded experience of what Helston Community College can offer.

In my role as Head of Progress, I will aim to guide this amazing and energetic year group through the next few years ending ultimately in August 2020, when they collect their GCSE certificates having completed their chosen courses. During that journey, there are many phases which I will support your family through: from simple every day issues which unsettle your child, to the process of choosing appropriate GCSE subjects, which help them realise their future career aspirations.

In early September, there will be an opportunity for us to meet. I will lay down my vision for the year group, and it will give you the chance to meet me and the tutors personally. In the meantime, I wish you and your family a restful and pleasant summer break and look forward to the autumn term.

Finally.....the use of mobile phones in College

We discourage students from bringing mobile phones in to College, but we understand that parents may wish their child to have a phone for their safety whilst travelling to and from College. Therefore, any student who brings a mobile phone into the College does so at their own risk, and the College will not be held responsible for any loss or damage. May we remind both students and parents that if a student is using a mobile phone in a lesson, the teacher will confiscate the phone, and return the phone to the student after the lesson. For a second offence, the phone will be handed to the Pastoral Support Assistant, to be collected at the end of the day. For a third offence, parents will be asked to collect the phone from the Pastoral Support Assistant. If a student refuses to hand over the phone, then sanctions will be put in place.

In September, we will be publishing further information on the use of mobile phones in College, which will be available for parents to view on our website.