



Year 8 Newsletter

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Year 8 ... a year of opportunity!

As their new Head of Progress, I have been delighted by the start the students have made to Year 8. In addition to the college's focus on ambition, aspiration and achievement, we have also discussed the importance of hard work, getting involved in the school community and the need to be respectful to each other and the wider environment. Year 8 presents many opportunities for students to get involved in the wider life of the college, from sports teams and drama productions to roles of leadership. I have been thrilled by the numbers of students who do want to get involved,,in fact I'm told that so many year 8 students wanted to take part in the college drama production of Peter Pan, that additional characters had to be created!

Currently we have tutor group representatives for the school council, digital leaders, helping to raise awareness of e-safety and over 60 miniprefects. Students had to apply to become a miniprefect and I was incredibly impressed by the standard of the applications. After half term the miniprefects will get a badge and also take a more prominent role in some tutorials or lessons. The main aspect of the role though is to act as a good role model for other students, and they are aware that they need to demonstrate the values and attitudes which we expect in the college's leaders on a daily basis. Pictured below are the 60 miniprefects.

Mr D. Dudley



PSHE day

Year 8 recently took part in a Dementia experience. Students had their senses impaired to simulate some of the common sensations that may affect people with dementia such as discomfort, confusion of the senses and difficulties in performing tasks. They then formed a business plan based on a charity style structure, where they had to come up with aims linked to the cooperative values. They could plan to make an item to fundraise for the memory cafe in Helston that helps people with dementia and their families. They took on roles within the business and began to plan to make items to sell on the next PSHE day which is on the **4th of December**.

Co-operative Value points

8B 24
8E 23
8A 20

These are the average points for each student in the tutor group so far... well done 8B!!!

The 'CV' points are awarded when student demonstrate one of the college's ten co-operative values. For example by helping themselves make good academic progress, by submitting an exceptional piece of work.



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



Extra-curricular activities

Thank you to all those parents who have paid the £5 termly fee for participation in our enrichment programme. If you have not yet paid, please could we give you a gentle reminder to pay as soon as possible, via your ParentPay Account. If you do not have an account, please contact our Accounts team on 01326 575028, who will be able to set this up or make alternative arrangements if necessary. Please note that the charge is per student, but your child can participate in as many clubs as they wish for that £5 charge.

Surfing Success!

Austin Brocklesby has taken part in two recent surfing competitions and has demonstrated his skills and ability securing a 3rd and 4th place against older students and surfers from around Cornwall. This a great achievement and one that we would like to congratulate Austin on. He is now looking forward to participating in the Nationals at Croyde over the half term.

School rebuild update

We are still awaiting further news of the building from the government. At the moment, we have been told that they hope to provide us with an update by the end of the calendar year. I have written to the Secretary of State and have spoken to Derek Thomas MP pressing our cause. I am also discussing the matter with John Pollard (Cornwall Council) asking him to pursue the matter with Government. As soon as we hear anything further, we will let you know.

Donna Bryant, Head Teacher, Helston Community College

Anniversary Celebrations



HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASPIRATION · AMBITION · ACHIEVEMENT

Helston Day Nursery
25 Years
Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday 14th November
Open House - 10.00am - 12.00pm
previous children and families
welcome - coffee and cakes

Evening Celebration
7.30pm - 11.30pm
in the main North Site Hall at Helston
Community College, for past and previous parents
Tickets £5 available from Helston Day Nursery
(01326) 575010 and Helston Community College
Reception (01326)572685

- Pasties • Music by Elementary Penguins
- Bring your own alcohol

**Tickets need to be purchased
by Monday 2nd November**

Access to Pupilinfo

We are in the process of redesigning Pupilinfo, the online Parent Portal, where students, parents and carers can access subject targets and grades. We aim to get the new system up and running during November so it will be ready when teachers enter their first set of subject specific feedback comments in December. This online feedback process will happen once per term in order to provide students with timely advice and guidance throughout the year, to help them make progress. We will issue new usernames and passwords in the next half term to enable parents and carers to access this part of the College website.

Targets and grades for students in Key Stage 3 are based on our new Key Stage 3 assessment system; there is a booklet available on the College website which explains the language used and the ideas that underpin this new grading system. To find out more please go to the 'Parents' section of the website where the 'KS3 Assessment Booklet' can be found under 'Useful Downloads'.

If at any stage you require a paper copy of any of the online information please contact the College Reception.

Voulez-vous parler français?

Would you like your son or daughter to improve French whilst doing fun activities such as aeroball, assault course, bread-making, canoeing, climbing, archery, fencing and circus skills? The French trip is to Normandy this summer (**17th – 24th July 2016**). We will stay in a beautiful old chateau with large grounds that include a lake, tennis court, wood, mini-farm, orchard and lots of rabbits. All of the staff there speak fluent French and they will conduct every activity in French – you will be amazed at how much you will learn and how muddy you will get (check out the 2014 photos displayed in L6)! All students in Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 are welcome and don't worry if you are not confident in French, as long as you're keen to have a go at speaking, you'll be fine. The trip costs £450 for 7 nights. Please contact Mrs A Graham (L4) or your son or daughter's language teacher for further details as soon as possible.

