



# Year 9 Newsletter

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Thankfully the days are getting longer, and the students continuing to amaze me with the efforts and contributions they make to the College this half term has been equally as busy as the last.

## Thank you

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Consultation Evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It was a very busy event and comments from students and parents suggest that the feedback from staff was constructive and focussed very much on how the year group can put themselves in good stead for their upcoming GCSEs. The communication link between school and home is important to us as a college, as we all play a vital role in the education of these young people so thank you for your time and efforts.

## Options Evening

The Option Fair this Wednesday was another super busy and successful event. The purpose being to help your child to make the most appropriate option choices based on their academic strengths and future aspirations. I hope the event allowed the students to ask teachers subject specific questions and get a flavour of the GCSE courses available. With changes to the GCSE programmes this year I hope you found the evening informative and please do contact me if you have any further questions.

All Year 9 students will now have their Options booklet, with the all important Option Form on the final page. As an example of student self responsibility please can I ask that you ensure these are handed to Tutors by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. This booklet can be found on our College website at the link below should you need it. [http://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/uploads/ks4-options-booklet-2016-18\\_001.pdf](http://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/uploads/ks4-options-booklet-2016-18_001.pdf)

## Student data on Pupilinfo

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.

## Year 9 Successes!

It was wonderful to hear about the huge number of Year 9 students taking part in the school production of Peter Pan this year. I love to see the students involved with the wider aspects of college life and I think the commitment and dedication they show is truly admirable. They put on a wonderful show and I look forward to seeing what the next production brings. Thank you for your time and efforts in supporting the production... all the driving to rehearsals, practicing lines and costume making is greatly appreciated!

PSHE day this half term was focussed on human rights and global extremism. The students were fully engaged with the content and were able to learn about some of the major events that have happened in the last few years. I was very impressed with the maturity shown by the students and the way in which they showed both empathy and compassion.



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Another year of Youth Speaks Competitions and another success story for Year 9! **Charlotte King, Ryan Williams** and **Rhiannon Jones** spoke about the way in which we are judged by the way we speak and pronounce words. Following several after school rehearsals in my classroom, the team were successful in impressing the judges. The group spoke with confidence and maturity and are off to the next round at Penryn School on the **23<sup>rd</sup> February**, where they compete against many other schools. Well done folks – I am super proud of you all.



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As another half term approaches, we have a lot to look forward to after the break. House competitions, sports events, charity fundraisers and a celebration of International Women's Day are just a few that I look forward to telling you about in our next newsletter. Have a very restful break and I look forward to seeing the students bright eyed and bushy tailed after half term.

## 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.

Best Wishes

Laura Allsey



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