



Year 9 Newsletter

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Summer term

After such a busy and hectic half term, I hope the students have had a restful break. I can hardly believe the year group have just started their final half term and are ready to start their GCSE's. I look forward to seeing them rise to the challenge!

Flora Day

As I am not from Cornwall originally, I find Flora Day incredibly overwhelming. The band, the dresses and the solidarity the young people show is truly remarkable! The students represented the College so well and I was proud to walk alongside them. A huge thank you for your support and waves as the students all danced through the town. I am already looking forward to next year.

Messages from the Head Teacher

After College Enrichment Programme -Transport:

I wanted to make you aware that from September the College will no longer be providing transport for this enrichment programme. The use of the minibus is sporadic and budgetary constraints mean that we can no longer offer them. We will continue to run our wide range of clubs and activities but transport home will need to be arranged by parents.

Update on Academy Developments:

Several parent and staff information sessions have now been held across the schools in the area. We have published the questions arising from these sessions on the website. Please do have a look at this link: <http://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/news-article?Co-operative-Multi-Academy-Trust-364>

CLEAR Training

The students have been taking part in a Healthy Relationships Programme led by the Cornwall Safety Partnership which aims to raise awareness and offers support for young people.

The students embraced the workshops in a mature and responsible manner and the sessions have developed their confidence and communication skills.

The workshops were based on good and healthy relationships, as well as sexual consent and appropriate behaviours. Feedback from both students and staff has been excellent and I think the sessions were worthwhile.

Well Done!

Tegenn Holloway, in Year 9, has been chosen as Helston's Young Citizen of the Year 2016 by the Mayor of Helston, Councillor Mike Thomas. Tegenn was presented with the award at Helston Town Council's Full Council meeting in the Guildhall on Thursday 21st April, for her work in helping to raise money for young people and for her initiative in creating and managing the Year 9 charity group – Helston Charity Champions.

Thomas Fogg was also nominated for his hard work and commitment to the SKIP and was awarded a certificate.

Well done, I am very proud of you both!

South Shore Excellence Awards

We recently received photographs from the South Shore Excellence Awards, hosted by the University of Exeter in Penryn. Awards were presented for academic excellence, artistic excellence, sporting excellence and for making a positive contribution to the College and community. Congratulations to all the winners. What a remarkable acknowledgement of their hard work!



End of Year Assessments and PupilInfo

As students are sitting their end of year assessments, tutors are busy writing the end of year reports and these will comment upon: attitude towards College and learning, overall student learning and progress, goals and aspirations, behaviour and contribution towards College life. The results of the end of year assessments will also be included in the end of year report. The end of year report will be posted home in July.

The last update of information on the 'pupilinfo' website will be ready for viewing from 10th June. This will include the subject specific comments made by teachers, suggesting how students can improve, alongside specific interventions which are being implemented for some students. This online feedback will not be sent home with the end of year report, although paper copies are available on request from Reception, who will also assist you with enquiries about pupilinfo usernames and passwords.

Free School Meals

Do you know registering your child for Free School Meals means that the College can get extra money? The funding is called Pupil Premium and the money is used to support students in and out of the classroom.

To give you an idea of how we are using the funding, please visit our website and look at our Pupil Premium Action Plan.

If you believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you can register now, by visiting the College website under the heading Parents (website link: <http://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/school-meals>).

Finally

Our End of Key Stage 3 Celebration Evening will take place on Monday 11th July. Please see our College website for other key events, as the end of the academic year approaches.

I am very proud of all the hard work and commitment Year 9 students have shown to both their studies and the array of opportunities taking place around the College.

Ms Allsey, Head of Progress for Year 9



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