



Year 9 Newsletter

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Looking back on a very busy half term, it feels like we have managed to squeeze in just the same quantity of exciting activities, meetings and lessons as we would have done in a longer half term. The students are looking forward to a well deserved break to recharge their batteries ready for the Summer term.

Options for Yr9

The options process for Year 9 went incredibly smoothly and we would like to thank you for your support in talking to your children and ensuring they understand the importance of the choices they make. The options timetabling is well and truly underway, allowing the teaching staff to prepare for the changes to GCSE curriculums and for timetables to be created ready for September.

Student reports by Bonnie, Freya and Kieran

The netball season has finished, and we've played all of our matches against teams in Cornwall. Having played their matches the team successfully secured 4 wins, during all the matches the team showed great sportsmanship. Well done to the Year 9 Netball Team!

The Year 9 hockey team has been very successful so far this term. Winning all of their matches securely, Helston has been a formidable opponent. Recently, Helston qualified for the regionals tournament at Clifton, where they displayed great performance, determination and sportsmanship. Let us hope we can replicate this skill on the upcoming game against Penryn, a challenging opponent. Well done to the Year 9 Hockey Team!

In the school football team it has been fun and enjoyable. We have played really well as a team and we got far into the up and we won all of our games apart from one. The team are getting better and better as the seasons progresses and are showing real solidarity.

Sport Relief 2016

There is something really wonderful about seeing the College full of colour when the students turn up in their non school uniform/fancy dress outfits for Sports Relief. There is a real feeling of community with students coming together in solidarity. We would like to thank the students for being so enthusiastic.

Year 9 Examinations

Year 9 examinations have been scheduled for the two school weeks spanning **16th to 27th May**. These examinations will place in lessons and include the following subjects:

English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, RE, MFL and Technology

The exact date for each exam will be posted on HWDiary.com by the classroom teacher along with some revision guidance. The results of these examinations will be included in the end of year report.

Pupil Info

The latest data for the students has been uploaded to the school HOST system and is available for you to see online. This gives you the actual grade for the subjects your child is studying, informing you if they are on target and giving some tips and targets on how to progress if your child has fallen behind. Please take the time to log on and have a look to see what the subject teachers have suggested and discuss these with your child. Little changes at this time can have a big effect in the long term. You will have received a letter informing you of the login details, please contact Student Services if you are not able to logon.

Multi Academy Trust

On **Tuesday 19th April** at 6.30pm in the North Site Hall, we are holding a parent information evening to explain what the College is doing in relation to the Government's Academy agenda. There will be a presentation of the plans to date, and a chance for parents to ask questions. Please see separate letter with more details that you should have received from your child. As always, if it has gone astray a copy can be found on the website.

Yr9 Girls Project

This term saw the start of the Year 9 Girls Mentoring Group, where a group of students have been taking part in a series of workshops on skills which will stand them in good stead for future jobs and university. They have then gone on to mentor their peers on the skills they have learnt. As you can imagine, teaching to people of your own age can be daunting but they all worked really hard and the session went down very well!

Safeguarding our Children: 'Together, We Can Tackle Child Abuse' Campaign

As you know at Helston Community College we take our responsibilities very seriously for keeping children and young people safe. To raise awareness and better protect our communities, the government has recently launched a national campaign to encourage members of the public to report concerns they have when they think a child may be suffering from abuse.

The key messages of the campaign are:

1. We all have a role to play in protecting children and young people from child abuse and neglect.
2. All children have a right to be safe and should be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect.
3. Don't worry about being wrong.
4. You don't have to be absolutely certain about suspected abuse; if you have a feeling that something's not right, talk to your local children's social care team.

Concerns over the welfare of a child in Cornwall should be reported to the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116. Concerns can also be reported to Devon and Cornwall police on 101.

Flora Day

We have one of the most important days on the school calendar to come! Helston Flora Day is a day where the whole school joins the community and celebrates our favourite tradition. The students have chosen their partners, have had their first practice and the excitement is starting to build. The girls have received some advice on what is suitable to wear, including ensuring that their dresses are white and of an appropriate style and length. If your child is taking part, please see the attached information regarding dress code so that everyone looks their best for this important day. Finally, please ensure that **ALL** dancers arrive by **9.15 am at the latest** as this allows staff to get the students lined up and ready to start in good time.

This leaves me to wish everyone a Happy Easter break!



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



FLORA DAY

Saturday 7th May 2016

DRESS CODE



GIRLS

1. All white dress - **not cream**
Dresses should be no longer than mid-calf and no shorter than 4cm above the knee
No low necks
No bare shoulders
No cardigans
 2. White shoes
 3. White ankle socks or white or flesh coloured tights
 4. Short white gloves with fingers
 5. Headdress - "Forget-Me-Not"
- No prominent jewellery

BOYS

1. White trousers
 2. White shirts - long sleeves (no pullovers)
 3. White shoes (no colour trims)
No boots
 4. All white socks
 5. School tie
 6. T-Shirts (if worn under shirt must be plain white)
- No jewellery visible except a watch



All wear Lily of the Valley – girls on the right facing down, boys on the left facing up.
(Girls must wear forget-me-nots in their hair.)

Local Suppliers

<p>The Bridal Studio 11, Wendron Street Helston 01326 560903 E: hello@bridal-studio-co.uk</p>	<p>Range of girls dresses, headdresses, gloves and shoes.</p>
<p>HEATHERCRAFT Coinagehall Street Helston Tel: 01326 563925</p>	<p>Girls' dresses made to order, a selection of white material, gloves and forget-me-nots for headdresses.</p>
<p>Mrs Penny Taylor Tel: 01326 562895</p>	<p>Girls' headdresses made to order.</p>

