



# The Helstonian

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HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAGAZINE



## Flora Day 2023

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
FISHY  
GOING ON!



BEATING  
THE  
BOUNDS  
2023...



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## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

It is a pleasure to share with you our May edition of The Helstonian. It goes without saying that May is a big month for Helston. I was blown away by the wonderful experience of Flora Day. I'm sure you'll agree that the students were fabulous. What was also incredible was the whole school rehearsal the day before. Due to the lashing rain, we held the rehearsal inside. What a delight it was to see over 600 students dance through the corridors whilst the band played from the ground floor canteen. It really was an amazing sight.

For every edition of The Helstonian I ask staff to nominate students for Student of the Month. This month we have had an incredible 100 nominations! It is great to see so many students go above and beyond and they all deserve this recognition. Each month we also publish a list of students who have earned the highest number of Praise Points. Amazingly, x10 students have now achieved our highest accolade - the Diamond Award! Congratulations to all the students who have managed to gain either their Gold, Platinum or Diamond Awards. I would also like to give a special mention to all those students who diligently get on with their work, day in, day out without any fuss - keep up the great work!

As you will be aware, we are now in the middle of the main exam season. I have huge respect for all the students taking exams - the commitment and resilience they are showing is excellent. May I take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and their teachers for all the support being offered. We are looking forward to celebrating their success in August.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Alex Lingard*

Headteacher

## INFORMATION & UPDATES

### **UNIFORM**

As we are halfway into the summer term, we have informed the students they no longer need to wear their blazers. However, please can I stress that alternative tops cannot be worn instead. If students choose to wear non-school jumpers or hoodies, please expect them to be confiscated. If College jumpers are worn, they must wear their blazer.

### **EQUIPMENT**

As with previous requests each holiday, please can you use the break to ensure your child has all the equipment they need for lessons. The 'essential' list is given below for ease:

A pencil case containing:

- a black pen
- a green pen
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a pencil sharpener
- an eraser



We also recommend that they bring in a reading book.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Should you wish to make an application for free school meals, please follow the link below which will take you directly to the Cornwall Council website where you can complete your application.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

### **STRIKE ACTION UPDATE**

All the main teaching unions are in the process of balloting members about taking further industrial action in relation to teachers' pay and funding for schools. No strike days have yet been announced, but should there be further action, we will inform you as soon as possible.

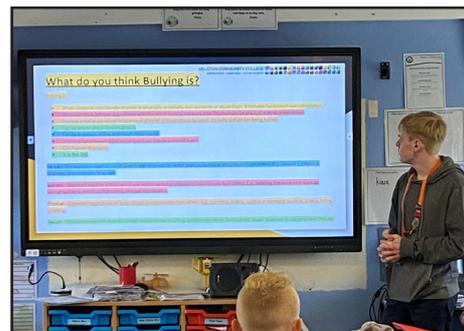


You are being awarded the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Wellbeing Badge because you have shown:

1. *Your passion by running a variety of events for students, staff and parents alike.*
2. *Your dedication to ensuring all year groups are included in your wellbeing message, on your displays during anti-bullying week.*
3. *Your commitment to ensuring students have a method to report bullying behaviour and worries, by ensuring support bases.*
4. *Your enthusiasm by running assemblies to learn and share.*
5. *Your dedication by setting up an Anti-Bullying reporting method to update your whole school on your Wellbeing and Anti-Bullying messages.*

As a College, we have announced previously the wonderful work being conducted by our Anti-Bullying Team. We have just received confirmation that the team have completed enough work to be awarded the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Wellbeing Badge from The Diana Award.

Feedback received from The Diana Award can be seen below:  
*We were very impressed by the passion and creativity you demonstrated through your anti-bullying campaigns. Achieving your Wellbeing Badge is a testament to how hard you have worked and you should be proud of what your team has accomplished.*



## ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS SESSION

On Friday 21 April the College's Anti-Bullying Lead, Adam visited Breage Primary School to deliver an Anti-Bullying Awareness Session. This session included the different types of bullying, and help and support students can receive inside and outside of school. Students also learnt about the College's Anti-Bullying & Kindness Teams and how they can set up a team at their primary school. The session was really interactive, and students found it informative and fun. Adam will be visiting Nansloe School in the coming weeks. A massive well done to Adam!



## FISH FILLETING DEMONSTRATION

On Wednesday 19 April Craig from Fresh Cornish Fish visited the Food Department with our Year 10 students to demonstrate how to fillet both mackerel and plaice. He even brought in a selection of other Cornish fish caught that morning to show the students. All students were fantastic; we had a few fishmongers in the making and all students have learnt some really valuable life skills, which will also aid their GCSE practical exams. Well done, everyone!



## ABSENCE - Important Notices for Parents and Carers

If your child is absent from College, please can you call the College every day of their absence before 9.15am. Please leave a message with specific detail as to why they are unable to attend. Please can we also ask you to let us know of any medical/orthodontist appointments in advance. This helps unnecessary phone calls being made.

**Please note:** If your child is absent from College without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent/carer, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the College may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

# Faraday Challenge Day

Helston Community College hosted an IET Faraday Challenge Day in April, delivered in partnership with UK Research & Innovation.

Teams from Cape Cornwall and St Ives Schools joined us for the day to compete in the national STEM engineering challenge with a team of Year 8 engineers.

The context of the challenge deals with how in the future travel and transport will use airspace as much as ground space. People-operated electric aircraft will share the airways with self-drive aircraft and drones.

Vertical, high-rise architecture might allow entry and exit on many levels and students were asked to think creatively about our global need to adapt the way we live to accommodate these exciting developments.

Teams raced to design and build a prototype that could be developed by the Future Flight Challenge Team under one of the following themes:

- Accessibility and ease of use
- Safety
- Impact on the environment

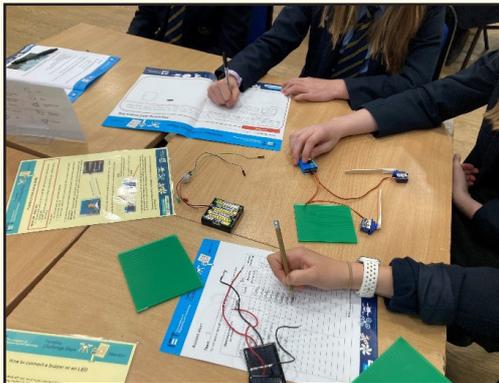
The planning, manufacture and

presentation of ideas needed to demonstrate consideration of innovation, resources and budget, problem solving and resilience and time keeping.

The hosts made it a very close competition in terms of teamwork, time organisation and engineered prototype, but ultimately the winners won thanks to detailed paperwork!

Congratulations to Elsie, Joseph, Lewis, Holly, Skye and Gabriel for scoring 82 points – such a shame to miss out on the national final.

A great day was had by all.





## HELSTON SCHOOL JAZZ ORCHESTRA

The Helston School Jazz Orchestra were delighted to give another transition concert on Wednesday 26 April, this time to the students at Wendron School. The band really enjoy inspiring the young students and to show them how fulfilling it can be to take up playing a musical instrument.

So far the band have given concerts at the primary schools, Parc Eglos, Porthleven and Godolphin. As exam season is around the corner we will take a break now until next term but look forward to giving concerts to other schools in our area very soon.

## INTEGER

STORIES INSPIRED BY NUMBERS!

### Young Writer's Integer Writing Competition

What's the significance of a broken clock? Why is 13 unlucky for some? Who can crack the secret code? What if "1984" was real?

Numbers are everywhere, influencing our daily lives, so we took the humble number and were inspired to get writing.

Well done to the following students who were all successful in having their mini-saga's published in an anthology of Young Writers:

- Elsie Etherington
- Alex Herdman
- Millie Walsh -Black
- Zachary Jenkinson
- Alfie Bishop

Each student received a Certificate of Excellence and the chance to have their work published.



### Another Turner Prize winning artist visits Helston...

On Thursday 4 May, a mixture of Post 16 - BTEC Level three Diploma, A Level Fine Art and Photography students enjoyed a talk by yet another Turner Prize winning artist! Mark Wallinger gave an insightful talk; explaining his journey into the arts, discussing his varied influences, which include literature, political and historical sources. Mark also showed stills and film clips of his work, including: Stately home (1985), Ghost (2001) and Sleeper (2004). The talk allowed the students to access the deeper meanings behind Mark's work and have an opportunity to pose questions to the artist.

Mark Wallinger's Questions of Faith – a one hour looping screening featuring a selection of four works can be viewed at CAST until 10 June (free admission). CAST | Cornubian Arts & Science Trust (c-a-s-t.org.uk)

Helston Community College would like to thank Mark Wallinger for his visit along with Teresa Gleadowe and CAST for organising world class artists to meet with our students on a regular basis.

*"Pupils are kind, respectful and polite towards each other. Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. Leaders and staff have embedded effective routines to support pupils' behaviour."*

- Ofsted 2022

# Flora Day



Friday 5th May 2023



# BEATING THE BOUNDARIES

The ancient ceremony of 'Beating the Boundaries' originated in 1585 and involves walking the route of the boundary stones and blessing them, by tipping walkers upside-down and tapping their heads on the stones. Children in attendance are then invited to tap the stones with nearby branches and give the stones three cheers. This year Mr Semmons and Mr Ellis kindly volunteered to walk the route with 10 Key Stage 3 students, and even took part in the ceremony themselves! The students proudly represented the College and their behaviour was exemplary. At the end of the route, walkers were treated to refreshments at Penventon Farm, which were very much welcomed after a long trail.



## Tom Stockley

On Tuesday the multi-disciplinary artist Tom Stockley spoke to the KS3/4 LGBT+ lunchtime group. Tom talked about how hard it was growing up as an LGBT+ person in the South West because of being bullied and discriminated against both in and out of school due to his sexuality. Tom also gave incredibly useful advice to the students, such as, "Your identity is not a race, or an end point - you have your whole life to figure out what spectrums you exist on, and what words work best to describe you". He also urged them to "form communities and support each other! Find spaces where you can be yourself and be loved for it - you are all complex and beautiful and deserve to be seen for who you are". Tom was both an informative and engaging speaker, and the students very much enjoyed the talk and Q and A session afterwards where they asked for Tom's advice on 'coming out' safely to their parents and peers. 'Coming out' is a term given to LGBT+ people's self-disclosure of their sexual or gender orientation.

Tom also led a workshop with Year 10 and 12 students at the Exchange Gallery in Penzance on Wednesday 24 May on performance art and DIY film making. The students will be responding to the <https://newlynartgallery.co.uk/activities/we-are-floating-in-space/group> exhibition of artists who have made work in Cornwall and Devon, using ideas of the coast or the materials of the shoreline as their inspiration. The exhibition is on until June 3rd.



### Year 9 Football

The year 9 football team managed to reach this years county cup final at sticker AFC. They had a great run to the final with a host of impressive results. Unfortunately they came up against an excellent Newquay Tretherras team in the final and lost 2-0. Harry H was superb in goal in the final and was our player of the match.



### U13 Girls Football

Well done to our U13 Girls Football team who have been crowned U13 7 a-side County Champions 2023. The girls played amazingly throughout the whole competition. Captain Krystal was the stand out performer scoring 5 goals.



### WKU Championship

Kian in Year 7 competed at The WKU (World Kickboxing and Karate Union) championships on Saturday 29 April. He competed in several categories with 16 competitors in each. He came away with British Champion in under 45kg kick light and silver medalist in points fighting under 45kg and silver in under 50kg. Well Done Kian!

## Mr Lingard's Jurassic Coast Challenge

Two weeks ago, Mr Lingard took on the Jurassic Coast Challenge - a 100km run along the beautiful coastline of Dorset. With hard climbs up some very steep cliff paths plus the difficult terrain of Chesil Beach, Mr Lingard needed all his resilience to make it to the end. Nearly 750 participants started the race, but only 550

finished. Mr Lingard set off at 9am and didn't get to the finish line until 1am, 5 hours after the winner. He did though come 57th and managed to raise over £1300 to aid those who continue to suffer as a result of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. He's now looking for his next challenge in 2024!





## Year 7

Dylan R-Reps	7D	365
Jen F	7H	337
Elsie E	7E	317
Finley W-H	7E	307
Liv S	7G	301
Aimee B	7H	298
Ruan W	7H	287
Tehya P	7F	280
Isabelle G	7D	276
Ashley M	7G	262



## Year 10

Imogen S	10B	293
Phoebe J	10D	267
Annie H	10E	227
Ruby P	10E	208
Chloe C	10D	200
Emily P	10D	199
Hollie-Mai H	10E	199
Luke P	10F	197
Jack W	10A	196
Alisha S	10A	195



## Year 8

Adam H	8G	327
Benjamin N	8C	322
Lily B	8G	309
Charlotte H	8G	296
James B	8C	286
Lucy R-M	8A	284
Piran I	8G	281
Amelie M	8E	274
Willow F	8A	272
Ethan J	8A	271



## Year 11

Fenella J	11B	271
Susannah M	11F	208
Sam P	11B	205
Harry G	11H	194
Liv B	11F	189
Lily H	11D	182
Alina P	11A	180
Beth R	11D	180
William W	11D	175
Olivia G	11F	175



## Year 9

George W	9J	332
Evelyn B	9C	290
Samuel H	9H	286
Emily M	9C	284
Elsie R	9B	278
Gabe S	9J	274
Riley T	9D	273
Harley E	9J	272
Max D	9C	269
Alfie C	9D	265



## Year 12

Charlie S	P3	60
Tabby W	P5	51
Emily S	P8	47
Megan R	P8	44
Callum A	P8	38
Zara T	P3	36
Millie B	P8	32
Katie C	P9	31



## Year 13

Elowen H	P8	50
Ella M	P1	42
Gwen H	P5	40
Harold A	P8	27
George G	P3	24
Sadie S	P8	24
Percy A	P1	21
Alex P	P1	21

*Well Done!*

(Praise Points as of 23/05/23)

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

# May

## Year 7

**Dylan R-R 7D**



Nominated by Mr Van der Lem for his excellent work in Maths and positive attitude to learning, Dylan was the first student in the College to achieve the Diamond Award. What an incredible first year he's had at HCC!

## Year 10

**Asher A 10E**



Nominated by two teachers for his committment to Maths and Science. Asher puts in extra time and effort into his learning out of lessons and asks great questions too. If that wasn't enough, he also helps to tidy the classroom after every lesson!

## Year 8

**James B 8C**

James was nominated by 3 different teachers (Ms Allsey, Ms Martin and Mr Hesdon) for his amazing attitude in lessons. He's also been nominated for his great effort to support his tutor and fellow tutees in tutor time, always asking good questions about school and life outside College.



## Year 11

**Sam P 11B**



Nominated for his continued effort inside and outside of lessons. He has simply been a great example for his peers.

## Year 9

**Jessica M 9B**

Nominated by Ms Martin, Jessica has been recognised for always being polite and taking the time to talk to both staff and peers. She has an amazing attitude towards her studies and she is Ms Martin's 'go to' if anything needs doing in tutor time!



## Post 16



**Tabby W P16**



**Charlotte B P16**

Appointed as our next Student President and Vice -President

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Nominations

### YEAR 7

Aimee	B	7	Always polite and puts in 100% into every Science lesson.	Laura Davies
Aimee	B	7	Always completing work to a high standard and has an amazing attitude to learning.	Calie Lealand
Zack	B	7	Zack has consistently worked with enthusiasm and is always keen to push himself further; he is polite, helpful and a pleasure to teach.	Miss Emma Freeston
Ian	B-L	7	Great attention to detail in his work in Spanish and super contributions in class.	Liz Martin
Safiyya	C	7	Really positive attitude towards her studies and always contributes brilliantly in Spanish lessons.	Liz Martin
Amy	C	7	For being an amazing friend to others!	Jack Dudley
Tyler	C	7	For trying really hard in College!	Jack Dudley
Neve	C	7	Excellent effort in PE lessons and fantastic contribution to extra curricular teams.	Vic Pryor
Lewis	F	7	For setting up the lunchtime games club, showing great community spirit!	
Jen	F	7	Always completing work to a high standard, amazing attitude to learning and always makes me laugh.	Calie Lealand
George	G	7	Amazing focus and participation in Spanish lessons, always aiming high.	Liz Martin
Isabelle	G	7	Making positive contributions to all her lessons and for being polite and respectful to staff.	Luc Hesdon
Tetiana	H	7	for really making an effort to work in 3 languages.	Sharon Morbey
Alex	H	7	Alex has really grown in confidence this year. His enthusiasm for English is so wonderful to see. He brings his love of reading to every lesson. Alex has so many interesting comments to make. We all love working with him.	Mrs Caroline Bloor
Jago	H	7	For being an amazing friend to others!	Jack Dudley
Jesse	K	7	Great effort in History lessons.	
Ashley	M	7	Excellent effort in PE lessons and fantastic commitment to extra curricular teams.	Emma Bragg
Nick	M	7	Nick is a thoughtful and creative student who consistently puts in 100% effort, he is an absolute joy to have in the lessons.	Mrs Spink
Oliver	O	7	For being a superstar in Maths - always on task and willing to try any challenge. He also always helps out around the classroom without even being asked.	Hannah Westaway
Merryn	P	7	Excellent effort in PE lessons and fantastic contribution to extra curricular teams.	Vic Pryor
Jayden	R	7	For his amazing jokes and keeping the team going!	Jack Dudley
Liv	S	7	Fabulous work in Spanish; Liv can always be counted on to make excellent contributions in lessons.	Liz Martin
Liv	S	7	Consistently working hard and taking part in class; Liv is always supportive of the other students around her.	Luc Hesdon

### YEAR 8

Finley	W-H	7	Fantastic attitude in all Technology classes. He is making excellent progress in all projects.	Kat Dolan
Zara	S	7	For always working incredibly hard and producing high quality work in Art.	Sarah-Jane Marsden
Lucy	A	8	Excellent effort in PE lessons and fantastic contribution to extra curricular teams.	Vic Pryor
Lucy	A	8	Very enthusiastic and determined to improve her performance in all sports.	Emma Bragg
Arona	K	8	Working hard, striving to improve and asking for extra work.	Mrs White
Ashley	O	8	For always trying really hard in Art.	Sarah-Jane Marsden
Isaac	A	8	Isaac is always polite and cheerful whenever I see him around College, he will acknowledge me by saying, 'Good morning, have a great day' It never fails to bring a smile to my face.	Mrs Dyer
Isaac	A	8	For being so helpful and friendly in lessons.	Sharon Morbey
Joe	C	8	For being Polite and kind to others.	Julie Newton
Sam	F	8	For taking ownership over football at lunchtimes and supporting staff on duty.	Jack Dudley
Amber	F	8	Excellent effort in PE lessons and fantastic contribution to extra curricular teams.	Vic Pryor
Emily	L	8	For always being so polite and saying hello.	Mrs Cameron
Bethany	L	8	Brilliant contributions in Spanish and always gives 100%.	Liz Martin
Lucy	M	8	Excellent effort in PE lessons and fantastic contribution to extra curricular teams.	Vic Pryor
Benjamin	N	8	Fantastic attitude to learning in lessons, supportive of peers and myself as a teacher during tutor time.	Luc Hesdon
Karena	P	8	Amazing hard work and commitment in English lessons.	D Gillman
Reggie	Y	8	For always saying good morning and being a good friend to his peers.	Jack Dudley
Reggie	Y	8	For always saying hello at lunchtimes and making me laugh!	
Oliver	B	9	Always polite and helpful in tutor time and good all round attitude to studies and life in general!	Liz Martin
Elias	B	9	For always being kind in the Library and having great book recommendations.	Shawna Ford
Jess	F	9	Excellent effort in PE lessons, always contributes well to class discussions and positively encourage others.	Emma Bragg
Grace	P	9	For quietly and conscientiously getting on with it and writing an amazing first poetry analysis essay in English.	E McFadden
Rosie	H	9	Excellent effort in PE lessons, always contributes well to class discussions and positively encourages others.	Emma Bragg
Samuel	H	9	Brilliant work ethic during all Science lessons; his practicals are carried out to a very high standard.	Luc Hesdon
Samuel	H	9	For always being smiley in the mornings.	

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Nominations

### YEAR 9

Samuel	H	9	For always being smiley in the mornings.	
Matthew	B	9	Always positive and enthusiastic about topics in History. Great Effort!	
Max	D	9	For a consistently positive attitude, enthusiasm and fanstatic work in his Art lessons.	Sarah-Jane Marsden
Miriam	M	9	Miriam has a brilliant attitude to Science and in a recent trip to SpacePort Cornwall, represented the College impeccably well. She asked fabulous questions and showed a good depth of understanding.	Megan Williams
Miriam	M	9	Aiming high and consistent contributions in Spanish and for always saying thank you as she leaves Tutor Time in the morning!	Liz Martin
Chloe	S	9	Amazing written work in Spanish, really positive attitude to her studies in general and always positive and smiling!	Liz Martin
Hannah	T	9	Excellent effort in PE lessons and after school clubs, Hannah has improved her confidence massively by contributing positively to everything.	Emma Bragg
George	W	9	For always trying his best, being helpful and being a delight to teach in DT.	Emma Freeston
George	W	9	For being supportive and inclusive with a student with additional physical and mental needs enabling them to take a full and active part in Flora Day.	J Harvey

### YEAR 10

Blake	R	10	Great effort and contribution to History lessons.	
Isabella	B	10	For great planning and a can-do attitude to her podcast mock assessment.	Elsbeth Stevenson
Jessica	G	10	For always smiling and being a great friend to her peers!	Jack Dudley
Amelia	H	10	Tremendous diligence and commitment in English.	D Gillman
Helen	A	10	Incredibly conscientious and is willing to persevere in her Biology lessons, even when the subject gets a bit tough!	Laura Davies
Imogen	G	10	Extremely conscientious and well motivated every lesson.	Mrs White
John	D	10	For being so brilliant on the recent Art trip to Penzance.	Sarah-Jane Marsden
Alfie	P	10	Working at 100% in all of his RE lessons, asking questions to check his understanding and attending after school revision sessions - he has been a model student.	Liz Creaser
Jago	P	10	For always taking the time to talk to me about surfing!	Jack Dudley
Phoebe	J	10	Always working hard, focused and helpful. Did a brilliant Task 1 Practice for Health and Social Care.	Hilary Parkinson
Arlo	P	10	For always taking time to say hello and cheer me up!	Jack Dudley
Luke	P	10	Luke always tries his very best in food lessons, he goes above and beyond expectations and is always full of enthusiasm. He loves to learn and always strives to be the best version of himself. Well done, Luke!	Chloe Smith
Grace	S	10	For trying really hard in Travel and Tourism lessons!	Jack Dudley
Grace	S	10	For always smiling and trying really hard in English lessons.	Ellis Hawkey
Alistair	S	10	Excellent work on "Romeo and Juliet".	D Gillman
Tegan	S	10	For always saying hello and asking me how my day is going.	Jack Dudley
Kaiden	S	10	Total commitment in all his lessons (theory and practical).	
Hannah	W	10	Consistently working hard in Science lessons, asking questions and completing practical work to a really high standard.	Luc Hesdon
Lucy	W	10	Consistently working hard in Science lessons, asking questions and completing practical work to a really high standard.	Luc Hesdon

### YEAR 11

Curtis	H	11	Amazing effort preparing for his Science exams.	Laura Davies
Evie	M	11	For creating so much incredible and varied work for her GCSE exam.	Sarah-Jane Marsden
Evie	F	11	Excellent work in computing and positive attitude to learning.	Andrew Birkett
Jessica	H	11	Making fantastic progress in GCSE physics and really conquering the extended calculations.	Nigel Bispham
Lauryn	M	11	Always quietly getting on with it.	Hilary Parkinson
Susannah	M	11	Full marks in coursework. Amazing dedication to her studies. Helpful to others as well.	Adrian Allen
Chelsey	P	11	For having such a positive attitude towards GCSE's and really trying her best - what a turn around this last year has been for Chelsey.	Clare Stringer
Chelsey	P	11	Positive attitude towards her studies and determination to do well.	Julie Newton
Chelsey	P	11	Working so hard towards her GCSEs and making great efforts with her revision.	Mrs Cameron
Chelsey	P	11	Rocking up despite everything and diligently taking on the challenge of her exams.	E McFadden
Sebastian	R	11	Sheer determination and the effort demonstrated in science revision sessions after school has been amazing!	Stacey Mullins
Tom	R	11	Sheer determination and the effort demonstrated in science revision sessions after school has been amazing!	Stacey Mullins
Mia	S	11	Quietly and conscientiously Mia always puts 100% effort into her Computer Science exam preparation.	Mrs Laura Hocking
Ashton	S	11	For his commitment to his English revision.	Ellis Hawkey
Henry	P	12	Working fantastically in A level Physics - coming to all after school classes.	Nigel Bispham
Paige	W	12	Good use of study sessions for BTEC Travel and Tourism.	Laura Allsey
Jude	B	13	Working incredibly hard at A level Physics - coming to every after school class.	Nigel Bispham

### POST 16

### KS3 News

I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of the summer.

As we head into half-term we wish all the Year 11s and 13s our very best for their final examinations in the coming weeks. At the other end of the College it is also the time of year where we start to welcome Year 5 and Year 6 students to come for a look around the College and start the transition process from their primary schools to join us in Year 7 at Helston Community College.

We have focused on the themes of Culture and Legacy in assemblies over the last two weeks where we have emphasised the importance of establishing a positive culture and the meaning of leaving your legacy. Highlighting the significance of how we leave our imprint on the College and how we celebrate the culture of being Helstonians. This might range from our students representing us positively in the community, how we look after our environment to simple things like how we greet each other in the mornings and hold doors open for others.

Two significant cultural events have happened over the last month in Helston with a fantastic Flora Day led by Mrs Renyard and her team and the 'beating the bounds' where Mr Semmons and Mr Ellis took a group of KS 3 students



along with members of the Town Council for a walk around Helston banging their heads on the boundary stones.

This month has also seen a busy time with students showing their commitment to extend their learning and having a positive impact at the College including the Year 7 Careers day, story writing competitions, a busy time for the Eco-committee and the start of summer sports practices and fixtures. Well done to all of those who are both adding to the culture of the College but also participating in these exciting opportunities and experiences.

Linked to the culture of the College we hope that the behaviour at the College is something we and the students are proud of. Behaviour including the small things done well for example students having correct uniform, being punctual and having the right equipment to ensure the College runs smoothly. This also extends to how the students behave at break/lunch time, when we have visiting guests and in our wider community. As the famous quote goes 'a true culture is how people behave when no one is watching'.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the summer... enjoy the sunshine!

Thank you for all your support and best wishes,

**Terry Richardson**  
*Director of Key Stage 3*

### KS4 News

Some of you may remember the feeling of your GCSE exam time. For others you will have experienced this more recently with older children. It is hard to explain the feeling in the College. Mornings have an energy with the anticipation of the exam that is about to be sat. Students discussing last minute bits of revision or what they have been up since they were last together the day before. Exam staff and invigilators busily preparing the papers, focussed on ensuring a stress free experience for all. Lining up with a quiet hope that the paper will contain what has been revised with so much effort. There is a slight worry with the odd student being a bit late and the relief when they turn up. Overall the College seems quieter which is to be expected with so many students busily working in different exams rooms. Younger students trying their best to respect the exams and quietly going past exam rooms. Every day I find myself looking through the little window into the exam hall and seeing every student trying their best. I send silent wishes of good luck, and hope that they will all do well and be proud of what they achieve.

We are now heading towards half way in the 2023 exam season. A time to pause, restock and rest. A time to thank parents/carers for their support, teachers for their dedication and students for their hard work and huge efforts over the past few weeks. I would like to wish you



all a very restful half term.

To our Year 10 students I ask that they look to their Year 11 counterparts who are modelling so well how things should be done and showing them that the Year 10 Mocks in June, much like the real thing, are nothing for them to worry about so long as they prepare and work hard.

**Siobhan Barnes**  
*Director of Key Stage 4.*

## Wheelchair Donation

**A big thank you to Paul from Pro Mobility in Helston for donating a wheelchair to the healthcare room at the College.**



## KS5 News



With the exam season now in full swing, Year 13 students are facing the challenge of their final assessments. Two years of study lead to this final process of examination performance and it is a stressful time for these students. They have approached this challenge with great focus and diligence, and there has been a serious and studious atmosphere in Post-16 study sessions.

Year 12 students also have important examinations in the form of their Checkpoint 3 Assessments, which will take place between June 19th and June 30th. These Assessments will be done in lessons and it is important that students take them seriously. Students will need to gain at least a pass grade for these exams to stay on the course. A pass at A-level is grade E. The results of these tests will largely determine UCAS predicted grades. It would be a good idea to start revising for these exams over the half term holiday, as they will be tested on their knowledge and understanding of the content covered in year twelve.

Despite the pressure of the exam season, students have retained their cheerful and good-natured demeanours, and with the beautiful weather, many have taken the opportunity to get outside onto the field and the picnic benches.

We have also recently had the application process for the Post-16 Student Leadership Team. The quality of the applications was very impressive, and we are pleased to announce the following appointments have been made:

- Student President – Tabby Whitehouse
- Student Vice-President – Charlotte Bibby
- Post-16 Leader – Kavan Hill
- Post-16 Leader – Cicely Grant
- Team member – Caitlin Ruse
- Team member – Grace Hirst

**Danny Gillman**  
Director of Key Stage 5.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

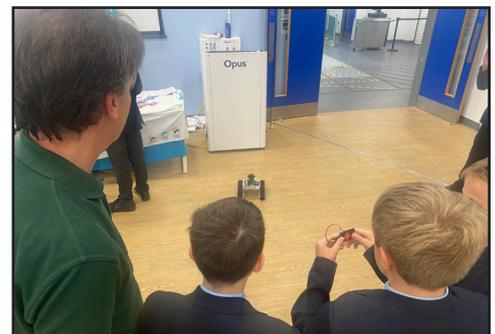
May	
26th	Break-up for Whit
June	
5th	Back to School!
19th	Y10 Mocks start
22nd	Y11 Celebration Evening
26th-28th	Year 6 Transition Days
27th	6.00pm-7.00pm Piano recital in M1
27th	Year 6 Transition Parents Evening
28th	Year 6 Transition Parents Evening
28th	All Exams Finish
29th	Y13 Celebration Evening
July	
3rd	All day rehearsal Summer Concert SS Hall
4th	Summer Concert 6pm-7.30pm SS Hall
5th	Year 11 Prom - Falmouth Hotel
7th	P16 Ball - Falmouth Hotel
14th	Jazz Band Leavers Concert 7.00pm-9.30pm SS Hall
21st	Break-up for Summer!

**2023-24 Term Dates are now available to view on the College website.**

## YEAR 7 CAREERS FAIR

On Friday 19 May our Year 7 students got the opportunity to speak with a large variety of local professionals about their careers, and the opportunities available to them after they finish their GCSE's, and beyond. A wide range of sectors were represented at the fair, with students able to engage with individuals who are working in industry, as well as specialist training providers, from the worlds of healthcare, finance, engineering, the construction industry and the arts.

All of our guests were very complimentary about our students, their levels of engagement and the standards of questions they asked.



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# CAST

## SATURDAY CLUB

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Over the next few weeks they will create a collaborative animation, enjoy a sculpture workshop with artist Bronwen Buckeridge, and go behind the scenes into artist studios at CAST.

Saturday Club currently has space for new members, so now is a wonderful time to join! To take part, contact Kate Turner:  
[kate@c-a-s-t.org.uk](mailto:kate@c-a-s-t.org.uk).

All sessions are free with materials provided.

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