

# The Helstonian

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## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

I hope this finds you well.

The term seems to be flying by and Christmas now feels like a lifetime ago. We have another great edition of The Helstonian to share with you, detailing some of the brilliant things that have been happening since the New Year and celebrating the successes of many students - I hope you enjoy reading about it all.

Although it may seem like a small thing, please can I first thank you for your support in ensuring students attend school fully equipped. The difference it makes to the flow of the lessons is significant. If you have received emails about your child missing items of equipment, please can I ask that you ensure these are replaced over the half-term break. Don't forget we also sell items in school at very cheap prices too (either via the online shop or for cash in the library).

Thank you also to those of you who responded to the mobile phone survey. This is a piece of work being conducted by the 5 secondary schools across the Trust and once all the responses from parents, staff and students have been collated, we will be reviewing our current policy. If any Trust-wide changes are agreed these will be implemented for September.

One of the phrases we have been using this year, with students and staff, is to 'raise the bar'. We have been asking more of the students, whether that be in relation to their equipment, their preparation for assessments or indeed about their aspirations. As we hit the half-way stage of the academic year, we start to see more students hitting the milestones of achieving their praise point awards and thinking about their goals for the year. We want all of our students to aim high whether that is to be successful in their exams, receive a nomination for our prestigious Awards Evening, get selected to represent a school team, or to raise money for charity. There are so many opportunities for students and we want to continually encourage them to strive for great things, no matter who they are.

There are many students featured in the magazine. If you see someone you know in a photo or read their names, please congratulate them and celebrate their contributions and successes.

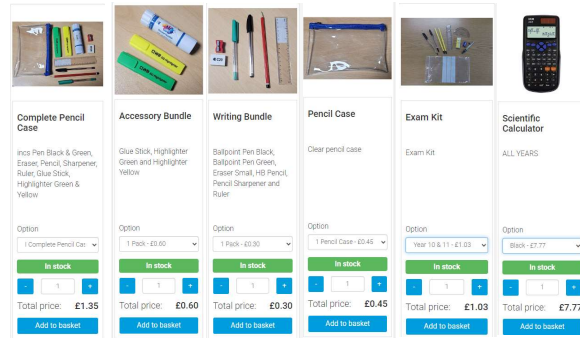
Wishing you a lovely half-term break.

*Alex Lingard*

Headteacher



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### EQUIPMENT

All equipment kits can be bought via the online shop [here](#) or for cash at the library.

### TERM DATES 25-26

As previously shared, the Trust we are part of (TPAT), are trialling a 2-week October half term next academic year. One of the reasons for this is to give students a better break in what is a long term often full of illness. Please note that students will attend school for the same amount of days over the year. The extra week at half-term has been gained by changing the start and end dates of the term and taking INSET days outside the normal term dates. Please see the calendar for 2025-26 on the right.



### SKIRTS

After half-term, students wearing skirts will be asked to wear them at what we consider to be a reasonable length. As a guide, skirt length should be, as a minimum, to the tips of a student's fingers when their arms are by their sides as shown in the pictures below. Students wearing their skirts shorter than this will be asked to lengthen them and will receive a mark on their consequence card.

### The Advantage Project - using iPads effectively

It has been wonderful to see how our teachers and students have utilised the iPads and apps since their recent introduction across the whole school. Many lessons now feature the iPads in some way, whether that be using the Socrative app to test students' understanding, the Showbie app to provide resources for the lessons and homework, or taking photos of student work to upload. iPads, as you may be aware, also have a range of accessibility features to help students access their work and the teaching resources better. Please find below a link to a short 10-minute student video explaining how these work. We will be sharing the video to students during tutor time too.

[An Introduction to Accessibility on iPad for Students \(youtube.com\)](#)



### HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### College Term Dates 2025-2026 Academic Year

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Inset Day (College closed to students)  
Blue Week Days  
Flora Day (College closed to students)



School Holidays  
Yellow Week Days

Public Holidays  
Weekends

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### February

14th Break up for half-term  
24th 8.45am Back to school!  
24th Y11 & P16 Mocks  
24th Y11 Drama Practical Exams  
26th P16 Drama Practical Exams

### March

3rd Extended Days for Y11 begins  
5th Y7 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 4.00pm  
10-21st Y11 Food NEA 2 Practical Exams  
12-14th College Production  
17th Year 10 Assessments Start  
17-20th Y11 Hair & Beauty C&G Practical Exam  
21st P16 Food Practical Exams

### April

3rd P16 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 4.30pm  
4th 3.15pm Break up for Easter  
22nd 8.45am Back to school!  
28th Year 7 Assessments Start  
29-30th Y11 Art Practical Exams  
29th Y10 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 4.00pm

### May

5th May Day  
8th Flora Day  
6th Exams Start (Year 11 and Post 16)  
23rd 3.15pm Break up for half term

### June

2nd 8.45am Back to school!  
16th Year 10 and Year 12 Mocks Start  
25th Year 13 Celebration Evening  
25th Year 13 Leavers Day  
25th Contingency Day for GCSE and A-Level Exams  
26th Post 16 Summer Ball  
26th Year 11 End of Key Stage 4 Day

**2025-26 Term Dates are available to view on the College website.**



## HELSTONIAN NEWS

### Join our team Under 13's Rugby



We train Wednesday nights 6-7.30

We are looking for those interested in rugby  
and being part of a fun developing squad.  
You must be in year 8 and of started in  
September 2024

No experience  
necessary..!  
Great for discipline,  
fitness & fun..!



contact Louie: [helstonpumas@gmail.com](mailto:helstonpumas@gmail.com)

### TREGULLAS FARM

Students from HCC have once again had a fantastic opportunity to visit the most southerly farm in the UK -Tregullas. Over this half-term they have taken part in forest skills, cooking, coastal walks and animal care to name a few of the wonderful activities. The students were supported by Rona Amis and her family as well as members of our SEN and pastoral team.

As you can see from the pictures the boys had a fabulous time.



Sophie Woodruff from the NHS recently came and gave a talk to Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 students about how to access careers in the NHS. This insightful talk gave the students the opportunity to understand and explore a range of careers in the NHS.

**More information can be found here:**

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/>



# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT **Cake Sale**

**Total raised: £124.04**





# GIRLS ON TRACK

On Friday 7 February, a selected group of Year 7 girls, from Helston Community College, were given the opportunity to be a part of the Girls on Track 2025 event at Truro High School.

This exciting & engaging event was run by Motor Sport UK, to raise the profile of recruiting more females into the motor sport industry and into other engineering related careers.

Activities included, exploring medical needs, sustainability, a 'Lego Coding Challenge', 'Rapid Reactions', 'Pirelli Pit Stop Challenge' & an 'ITV Presenting Challenge'. Students got to work collaboratively, as well as independently, on these activities, hosted by industry professionals.

Our students got to experience the opportunities that are available to females, in what is typically viewed as a male orientated industry. It was inspirational!

## THE TALE OF TAMMY BLEE

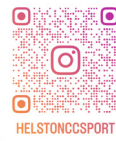
On Thursday 30 January, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Crawshaw and Mr Semmons took a group of 11 Year 9 and 3 Year 13 students to the Hall for Cornwall to perform our piece "The Tale of Tammy Blee" which was written by Mrs Richardson. The students had a quick technical rehearsal on arrival at the theatre and later that evening, we all enjoyed a meal at Ask. At 7.00pm the students performed, along with several other schools, in front of a packed audience, on the widest stage in Europe! The students were brilliant! Throughout the day and evening, the students were an absolute credit to the school, behaving with respect and kindness. The Drama Department is incredibly proud of all them.







Follow us on Instagram!



## FOOTBALL SELECTION

Congratulations to our very talented Year 10 boys who are celebrating their selection for West Cornwall Schools football team. Reuben R, Archie S, Olly L, Leo J, Henry C, Jack V and Felix P.

## Match Report: U13 County Netball Tournament – Friday, 17th January



squad were commendable and a testament to their passion for the sport. Helston can be proud of their performances and will undoubtedly build on this experience in future competitions. Well done, team!

If you have had any sporting successes that you would like to share with us, please email your articles to: [enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org)



U13's Cricket team playing in the indoor competition at Truro College.



Our U12's and U14's football teams started the football league off very well with some excellent skills and teamwork.

## Cornwall County and South West Schools Cross Country Championships 2025

HCC had four Year 8 representatives at the Cornwall Schools Cross Country Championships held at Truro School on 11th January 2025. In difficult muddy conditions underfoot and racing against Year 8s and 9s from schools across Cornwall they all performed brilliantly: Aaron I was 10th, Emily H 16th, Archie L 31st and Hal J 37th. Well done all!

Aaron and Emily went on to represent Cornwall at the South West Schools Cross Country Championships held at Newquay on 1st February on what was a very chilly day. Again racing against Year 8s and 9s but this time from across the South West. They again put in excellent performances. Aaron finished 49th in a strong junior boys race, with Emily 62nd in the junior girls. Both have their sights set on next year when they will compete as Y9s.

HCC Running Club is held after school on Fridays for all year groups – why not come and give it a try? Meet at the PE changing rooms ready to start at 3.30pm. Come and see Mrs Weir in the Attendance Office on North Site if you have any questions.



## WMAC ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a weekend at the WMAC English Championships. Kian Heyes 9C competed in 5 categories, medaling in 4 of them, 2 of which were Gold, securing his slot on Team England at the World Championships later this year. Kian stepped back on the mats having had almost 12 months out from injury and proved that just because you're down it doesn't mean you're out. Biggest congratulations to you!





## County Swimming Championships Successes 2025!

For the past four weekends Helston College students have been competing in the 2025 Cornwall County Swimming Championships representing both the Carn Brea Helston and Penzance swim clubs.

### Members of Carn Brea Helston:

Erin (Year 7), Raya, Evelyn (Year 8) and Hal (Year 8) all competed in heats and the following students made the finals:

Archie -Year 8 - 100m breaststroke

Jude - Year 8 - 50 and 100 backstroke

Isabelle - Year 7 - 100m individual medley, 50 butterfly and came home with three backstroke medals - 1st for 200m, 1st for 100m and, 3rd for 50m

Agnes - Year 8 - 50 breaststroke, 100 IM, 50 Fly, 50 Free, 50 Back and came home with medals 2nd for 200 Back and 6th in Juniors and 3rd for 100 Back.

Elsie - Year 11 - came home with seven medals including 3rd for 800m Free, 5th overall senior, 3rd for 50 Fly and 2nd for 100 Fly

Chloe - Year 11 - came home with the overall Kernow award for age group and an amazing 17 medals including: 1st for 800 freestyle and 1st Senior, 2nd for 200 freestyle and 2nd Senior, 1st for 100 IM and 1st Senior. 1st for 50 Fly. 1st for 200 backstroke and 1st Senior. 3rd for 100 freestyle and 6th Senior. 1st for 100 Back. 1st for 200 IM. 1st for 50 backstroke and 3rd Senior. 1st for 100 butterfly and 3rd Senior.

Lucy - Year 12 - made the finals for 100m breaststroke and came home with 3rd for 200m freestyle and 6th overall senior.

Darcey - Year 13 - came home with 1st for 1500 freestyle and 1st Senior, 6th Senior for 50m backstroke and 3rd for 100 butterfly and 4th Senior.

Cassie - Year 13 - came home with 6th Senior in 1500 freestyle.

Tom -Year 13 - made the finals for 50 Fly and came home with 5th Senior in 100 Free.

### Members of Penzance swimming club:

Maya - Year 10 - swam incredible 1500m and 800m races (a total of 92 lengths!)

Hugo - Year 7 - gained two regional times in breaststroke and butterfly, as well as a medal in 200m individual medley

Brad - Year 7 - came 1st in the 1500m, 2nd in the 200m backstroke, as well as competed in an 800m, 400m, 3 different 200m races and gained 2nd in the 100m backstroke (a total of 136 lengths!)

**A fantastic achievement for all involved, keeping HCC students at the forefront of Cornish competitive swimming.**





# Ctrl Alt Del Conversations: Innovating for Inclusion

On Thursday 6 February, we had an inspiring day hosting the Ctrl Alt Del Conversations workshop for all Year 9 students, delivered by TecWomen CIC and their external partners! Year 9 students used their Business, STEM, Design Tech, and Creative knowledge in an interactive, thought-provoking day.

They explored the power of inclusive innovation and its role in creating a more diverse, equitable world. Students:

- Learned about gender gaps, pay inequality, and the lack of representation in emerging technologies like AI.
- Discovered how diverse teams lead to better innovation.
- Worked in groups to design their own inclusive product ideas and pitched them to the class!

The winning ideas received some sweet prizes! It was inspiring to watch the students embrace the challenges around discrimination and

take on the role of innovators by coming up with their own solutions. Their enthusiasm and creativity were evident throughout the day, and seeing them present their ideas at the end was nothing short of brilliant.

One student told me it was the fastest two hours she has ever spent in school – she enjoyed it so much!

The presentations really highlighted the potential some of our students have. It was clear that we may be looking at future founders, entrepreneurs, and politicians in the making!

The team from TecWomen CIC and their external partners shared how impressed they were with our students who were engaged, had a great breadth of knowledge, understanding and empathy around discrimination.

What did the students achieve?

- Interactive talks
- Group activities tackling real-world

inclusion issues

- A chance to pitch creative solutions to peers
- A positive, inspiring atmosphere

Huge thanks to TecWomen CIC and their external partners for delivering such an incredible experience, and to everyone who participated and made this event a success!

Let's keep making innovation for everyone!



## POST 16 - Apprenticeship Exposition

Thursday 30 January was a big day here at Post 16 as we hosted our annual Apprenticeship Exposition! There was a flurry of activity throughout the morning with our wonderful Post 16 students helping to set the room up in preparation for our visitors' arrival, and our lovely canteen team delivering urns and a plentiful supply of teabags and delicious treats to sustain our visitors for the afternoon ahead.

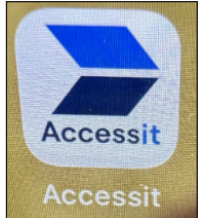
We had a great range of organisations attending including Serco, the NHS, Pendennis shipyard, Royal Navy, Duchy College and many more. There was a great buzz in Post 16, shared by visitors, parents and students alike. The overall feedback from students was incredibly

positive and they found attending the Exposition really worthwhile. Callum Mckechnie yr12 said 'the Expo' has really opened my eyes, I knew of a few apprenticeships that are available to me but I learnt so much more, I am now looking in detail at a couple of possibilities and am excited at what the future holds'.

At the end of the day as all the banners were being zipped back into their bags, our visitors were leaving Post 16 tired, but full of enthusiasm for the links they had made with potential future apprentices. It was lovely to hear from them too, how polite, engaged and interesting our students came across.







We have finally got all the technical issues sorted out between students having new email addresses and getting iPads. It has been a bit of a challenge for us, in the library but we got there in the end. Students and staff should have Accessit on their home page of their iPads to be able to reserve physical books, read e-books for free, write reviews, and many other fantastic features. All that is needed is your TPAT email address and password. An email has gone out already to tutors with more instructions and Mrs Rogers is planning to attend assemblies to help students get started with this feature. If there are any questions about Accessit, come to the library with your iPad and we will do our best to sort it out.



In January, the library had a large delivery of new books of over 150 titles. We have new graphic novels, new additions to our Wellbeing, Historical fiction, LGBTQ+ and Diversity Collections. With another order due to be in soon. Please come by and check out our new stock.

Also in January, Our new Student Librarians started working in the library. They are keen beans and we feel so lucky to have them helping us everyday! We'd like to offer a warm welcome to Savannah K, Savannah S, Ethan, Besty, Poppy, Felix, Autumn, Jonah and Reubyn!

When we return after half term, we are starting up our 'Top Usage' competition again. The tutor group, from any year, who takes out the most books (eBooks included) gets to have Beatrice the Library Chicken in their room the following week.

Hope you all have a fabulous half term and may your reading bring you endless delight.

Happy Reading,  
Mrs Ford & Mrs Rogers



## Carol Service at Westminster Abbey

In December one of our Year 8 students Reo Cabral was lucky to be chosen from thousands of Young Carers to attend the Royal Carol Service at Westminster Abbey in London.

Reo and six other young carers from Cornwall were excited to be part of this special event to celebrate the selfless efforts of people who support, counsel and comfort those in need.

Reo said "I was surprised when I entered Westminster Abbey as I didn't realise it was going to be so big and beautiful".

The service was a mix of carols, readings and songs, some of these were performed by famous people such as actor Richard E Grant. There were also other famous people in the congregation as well as the Royal family.

Reo said "The best bit was at the start when Catherine Princess of Wales came over and spoke to me, she shook my hand and asked my name, where I was from and what my hobbies were. I also appeared on the TV in an advert for the carol service which was going to be shown on Christmas Eve. When the advert was shown I had lots of texts from my friends saying they had seen me on TV which made me feel happy".





# Praise Points



# Leaderboard

## Year 7



Skye W	7B	206
Henry W	7D	147
Ellyott M	7H	145
Daniel P	7D	141
Jheniela B	7B	136
Rebekah S	7A	131
Reece W	7A	126
Alistair D	7B	125
Alice G	7D	119
Maisie B	7E	115
Eloyse H	7A	115

## Year 8



Emilia R	8E	199
Aaron I	8F	195
Isobel P	8E	174
Polly R	8G	174
Millie N	8F	168
Leo B	8F	159
Johan C	8D	141
Daniel W	8B	136
Theo C	8B	128
Joby J	8H	128

## Year 9



Kenie M	9E	152
Frederick W	9E	149
Ava C	9B	143
Finley W-H	9E	142
Millie H	9E	137
William D	9E	132
Courtney K	9E	131
Jacob S	9B	131
Jen F	9H	124
Olivia A	9E	120
John C	9B	120

## Year 10



Tyler P	10A	159
Elijah C	10D	129
Tamsin M	10A	124
Isaac A	10D	122
Charlotte H	10G	119
David S	10A	116
Roxy H-P	10H	113
Lily B	10G	107
Hattie G	10G	105
Aston M	10H	102
Oscar P	10H	102

## Year 11



Andrew D	11C	90
Meah H	11A	78
Grace G	11C	72
Daisy S	11H	69
Casey S	11C	68
Skye A	11B	67
Cameron P	11C	67
Evan S	11C	67
Lily T	11A	67

## Year 12



Emily P	12A	22
Rhys W	12A	22
Kieran S	12B	19
Ry H	12D	18
Tom M	12D	18
Finn A	12E	17
Lilly P	12A	16
Jacob S	12A	16
Alistair S	12E	16
Maya S	12B	16

## Year 13



Martin B	13B	20
Daniel M	13D	15
Harrison M	13A	13
William W	13B	13
Alia B	13C	12
Liv B	13D	11
Cyen B	13B	11
Daniel W	13A	11

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*Well Done!*

(Praise Points as of 11/02/25)



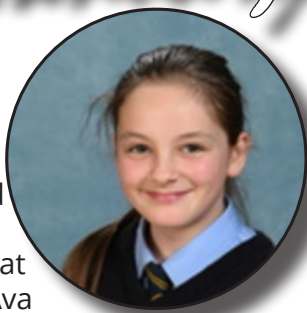
# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

January - February

## Year 7

### Ava H-E

Ava was nominated for being so kind and thoughtful and stepping in to take a role in the college production at the last minute by Mrs Richardson. Ava has also achieved over 100 Praise Points, no behaviour points and has a great attendance! A great start to Year 7.



## Year 10

### Elijah C

Elijah had a double nomination! Nominated by Ms Ford for always being polite and well-mannered, and nominated by Ms Creaser for being a great, conscientious student who is always kind and considerate to his peers and members of staff.



## Year 8

### Isobel P

Mrs Bloor says that she sometimes runs out of words to describe how brilliant Isobel is. She is so enthusiastic about her learning and shows a love and aptitude for English. Isobel has also achieved her Gold Award and has 0 behaviour points!



## Year 11

### Andrew D

Andrew has a perfect behaviour record and perfect attendance. He has been nominated by Mr Birkett because his work ethic has been exceptional throughout his IT course. He consistently goes above and beyond. He's a pleasure to teach and just a lovely young man.



## Year 9

### Anastasiia B

Anastasiia is an incredible young student. She has been nominated by Ms Westaway for being a wonderful mathematician who goes above and beyond in every single lesson.



## Post 16

### Alfie A

Alfie has been nominated for this renewed focus and work ethic in all his subjects as we gear up for the final push to the exams.



Well Done



# TH Nominations

Ethan T	7	For super research shared about ancestors in Drama.	S Richardson
Devon R	7	For lovely and expressive script reading in Drama.	S Richardson
Lilly T	7	Lilly is always so polite and a delightful student to talk to.	H Westaway
Anna H	7	Always going above and beyond.	L Ford
Autumn M	7	Being a keen bean in the library.	S Ford
Poppy F	7	Being a keen bean in the library.	S Ford
Lydia T	8	For a great effort and result in your Spanish test.	S Barnes
Amelia H	8	For consistent effort in every lesson.	S Barnes
Ruby J-S	8	For being so supportive of the new student in Spanish.	S Barnes
Jack J	8	Fantastic effort and engagement in his Science lessons.	Laura Davies and A Lingard
Sophia B	8	For making a huge step forward, walking into school with a friend.	S Garty
Lyla N	8	For being a consistent and supportive friend.	S Garty
Savannah K	8	Savannah always demonstrates an excellent work ethic and has excelled with the creation of a website in HTML.	P Carpenter
Orla P	8	Orla has really impressed me this year with her conscientious approach to her maths.	J Lovelock
Emily H	8	Fantastic attitude and effort in all lessons, extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V Pryor
Amelia B	8	Fantastic attitude and effort in all lessons, extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V Pryor
Rose S	8	Rose has settled amazingly into her new maths class this year and has thrived since the get go.	J Lovelock
Polly R	8	Fantastic attitude and effort in all lessons, extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V Pryor
Evan C	9	For working so well over the past half term.	S Barnes
Ellie T	9	For excellent effort in Spanish. A really good half term.	S Barnes
Vivian P	9	For your consistent contributions to Spanish lessons.	S Barnes
Jacob S	9	For consistent effort and contribution to Spanish lessons.	S Barnes
Erin W	9	Erin always works extremely hard on every piece of work she undertakes.	J Lovelock

James S-S	9	98% attendance this year - over 9% higher than last year.	A Weir
John C	9	Always contributes positively to lessons.	G Parekh
Ava C	9	Always engaged, hardworking, contributes and doing really well in RE.	G Parekh
Finley L	9	Always makes a huge effort in drama and contributes brilliantly to school life.	K. Crawshaw
Jacob C	9	Jacob always has a positive attitude to his learning and is such a polite student.	H Westaway
James W	9	For always being brilliant in Drama and doing a great job in the showcase!	K Crawshaw
Jacob C	9	For always being brilliant in Drama and doing a great job in the showcase!	K Crawshaw
Liv S	9	Liv always gives 100% in every piece of work she completes. As a historian, she is developing in leaps and bounds and often gives perceptive comments using a high level of background knowledge to inform her responses.	E Creaser
Alfie S	9	Created a exceptional evaluation for his project this term, really putting in the effort to go the extra mile! He stepped up and over the bar.	L Ford
Archie S	9	Archie has truly impressed me with a renewed sense of motivation and determination.	J Lovelock
Aimee B	9	Aimee is always hard working and puts in great effort in her RE lessons.	G Parekh
Jayden C	10	Consistent effort and growth mindset in Media Studies.	E Stevenson
Merryn B	10	For really raising her game in Media Studies.	E Stevenson
Jess A	10	For consistent effort and beautiful presentation of Drama homework.	S Richardson
Tamsin M	10	For stepping in at the last minute to play a role in the college production.	S Richardson
Aiden M	10	Always willing to try in his Science lessons, even when it gets a bit tricky!	L Davies
Piran I	10	For his continued enthusiasm and participation in Biology.	L Davies
Tamsin M	10	For consistently working really hard in Drama and for her involvement in clubs outside school.	K Crawshaw



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

*Nominations*

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Abigail B	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Harley W	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Lilly B	10	Consistent hard work in English.	E McFadden
Isaac A	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Anya E	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Amber F	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Beatrice M	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Lydia S	10	100% attendance so far this year - an increase of nearly 9% on last year.	A Weir
Beatrice M	10	99% attendance for the year so far - an improvement of 11.5% on last year.	A Weir
Henry C	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Elsie R	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Ella T	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Edward K	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Athena H	10	Athena has improved her attendance by over 8% since December.	A Weir
Lucy M	10	Engaged and hardworking, resulting in an excellent grade in the recent RE assessment!	G Parekh
Meena B	10	Meena has achieved a 99% success rate on her Smart Revise. Her work in class is also excellent.	P Carpenter
Beth W-R	11	For composing some amazing music and creating a super poster design for the college production.	S Richardson
Emily M	11	Amazing dedication to her Biology studies.	L Davies
Matilda S	11	For working really hard on her drama piece.	K Crawshaw
Miriam M	11	For working really hard on her drama piece.	K Crawshaw

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Logan G	11	Over 95% attendance this year - up nearly 10% on last year.	A Weir
Chester W	11	Fantastic dedication to his coursework in lesson and coming voluntarily to develop it further in intervention sessions.	L Ford
Ollie J	11	Excellent and creative design developments within his NEA.	B Quick
Izzy A	11	Consistent dedicated work in English, acting promptly on next steps.	E McFadden
Alice Stark	11	Quietly taking and acting upon advice to improve.	E McFadden
Riley W	11	For making an amazing return to school and embracing every second.	S Garty
Mia C	11	Over 95% attendance this year - an improvement of nearly 11% on last year.	A Weir
Beth W-R	11	For working really hard on her drama piece.	K Crawshaw
Annabel N	12	For being so diligent in her EPQ.	S Rogers
Cecilia B	12	For helping out in Post 16 to support the apprenticeship fair.	K Ryan
Imogen S	12	For helping out in Post 16 to support the apprenticeship fair.	K Ryan
Ebony F	12	For helping out in Post 16 to support the apprenticeship fair.	K Ryan
Jack C	13	For fantastic and enthusiastic engagement in theory lessons.	L Ford
Jake W	13	For his excellent commitment to his Geology studies.	K Ryan
Georgia C	13	For her work ethic towards her geography NEA in study periods.	K Ryan
Phoebe R	13	For being so diligent in her EPQ.	S Rogers
Jory W	13	For his improved effort in geology over the past half-term.	K Ryan

*Well Done!*



## Head of Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers,  
As we progress through the school year, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the hard work and resilience that our Year 7 students have demonstrated since Christmas. This period has been a remarkable one, filled with academic challenges, personal growth, and a strong sense of community. I am proud to share with you some highlights of our students' achievements and the exciting developments that have taken place.

After the Christmas break, students faced their first set of formal assessments. I've been thoroughly impressed by their dedication and focus during this challenging time. Our Year 7 students showed a tremendous amount of resilience, balancing their studies with other responsibilities. They approached their revision with great commitment and have demonstrated excellent time management and perseverance, qualities that will serve them well as they continue their academic journey.

Our Year 7 students have also excelled in leadership roles, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or in the wider school community. Many students have taken on roles of responsibility, from leading group activities at lunchtimes to helping their peers with school projects. Leadership is not only about taking charge but also about being a positive influence, and it's clear to me that our Year 7 students are stepping up to this responsibility with enthusiasm.

Sporting achievements have also been a key focus, with many of our Year 7 students participating in various competitions. From representing the school in football and netball to showing excellent teamwork in rugby, our students have truly excelled. These experiences provide not only a chance for physical growth but also an opportunity to demonstrate the values of teamwork, perseverance, and fair play. It's fantastic to see students building confidence and working together, learning how to win graciously and cope with setbacks.

Our Year 7 assemblies have been an important space for reflection and learning, offering our students valuable lessons on key issues that affect them. We've focused on topics such as internet safety, where students have engaged in discussions around responsible online behaviour and the importance of staying safe in a digital world.

This is an area where we are working hard to ensure students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online environment safely and with respect for others.

In addition, we've dedicated time to discussing the importance of goal-setting. Our students have been encouraged to set both academic and personal goals, and we've been helping them to develop the strategies needed to achieve them. I personally have encouraged the students to think about family, friends, health and school. This work ties in closely with our broader focus on personal development and is vital in helping students gain a sense of purpose and belonging as they move forward. We have also been celebrating the many individual and group achievements of our students through our assemblies. It has been wonderful to see so many students recognised for their hard work and commitment, whether through academic excellence, sporting achievements, or contributions to school life. These awards serve as an important reminder that every student's efforts are valued and that success comes in many forms.

One of the highlights of the year is always Flora Day, which brings the school community together in celebration of both the academic year and the vibrant traditions of our school. Students from Year 7 will be taking part in the festivities, and I am excited to see their enthusiasm and sense of pride as they engage in the rehearsals that will begin soon. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate the spirit of teamwork, creativity, and unity that defines our school.

As we move forward into the second half of the year, I am confident that Year 7 students will continue to demonstrate the same resilience, determination, and leadership that they have shown thus far. It's been a real pleasure watching them grow and succeed, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year holds.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students to thrive. Let's continue to work together to encourage them to reach their full potential, both inside and outside the classroom.

Warm regards,

**Jack Dudley - Head of Year 7 and Transition**



## Head of Year 8

This half term with its dark mornings and dark evenings is always a challenge. However Year 8 have been their usual cheery selves. They have to be commended that even when coming back after the Christmas holidays, into assessment week their spirits were not dampened. We have been talking about kindness and how we treat each other. At a time when some friendships are firmed up and new ones are formed, it can cause some social issues which we are learning to manage as a year group. Which brings me to the most important day – Flora Day. Please can you check that your child has signed up for Flora Day if they are interested in taking part. This has been done by completing a form in Tutor Time. If they have not done so, there is a link on the Showbie Tutor Classroom. They have now completed their first round of more formal tests. The Year 8 Tutor Team were able to support students with different strategies for revision and preparation for assessment. Feed-back of the pre-learn resources was positive and will be available for future assessments on the Showbie Tutor Classroom. Most students were feeling nervous, yet positive about the tests and this week I saw lots of happy faces from parents and students at Parents' Evening. The key is to get the students to understand the importance of regular reviewing of learning and that it is so important to future success in informal assessments in Year 8 as well as long term assessment at GCSE.

We have continued to nurture their team building skills in sports events. The Student Leaders have been busy planning our next event and Student Voice are getting ready for the next rounds of questionnaires. We have been approached by Helston Rugby letting us know that they are looking for more players. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to train and be part of a team. Details can be found on the poster (see page 4) provided by their coach Mr Potts. If your child has taken part in events outside the College, please let me know my email is [sbarnes@heslton.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:sbarnes@heslton.tpacademytrust.org). The Hot Chocolate fundraiser ended up raising £133 profit. We are now moving onto our next event which we are hoping will be a disco. If you recall, all funds raised are going to go to the South Site Quad and they have also voted to raise some money for Cancer charities and Help the Heroes. I will be in touch after half term with more details.

I hope you have a lovely restful half term. I look forward to better weather and everything that Spring has to offer.

**Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 8**





## Head of Year 9

It has been a truly successful and enriching term for Year 9 students, marked by numerous achievements and exciting opportunities. One of the highlights was our annual Parents' Evening, where students, parents and teachers came together to celebrate progress, attainment and discuss goals for the future. This was followed by an insightful Options Evening, which provided our students with the chance to explore and discuss their future academic choices. It was brilliant to see such a great turn out and I thank all parents and carers who were able to attend to help support their young person with their next steps for education. In addition to their academic pursuits, a selection of Year 9 students showcased their talents by performing on stage at the Hall for Cornwall, representing the school with pride and creativity. Their efforts on stage were a testament to their dedication and the strong sense of community we have at the school.

Another selection of our Year 9 have also been exceptional ambassadors for the school, particularly through their ongoing participation in the JET Programme - their commitment to personal development and stepping outside their comfort zone has been inspiring.

Furthermore, all of Year 9 participated in a STEM workshop where they were given the task of tackling different forms of discrimination through innovative STEM approaches. The team from Women in Tech CIC said our students were brilliantly engaged, with a breadth of knowledge, understanding of empathy around discrimination that they had not seen in the other schools. It was a fantastic experience that really showcased the potential which HCC students have.

Overall, this term has been one of growth, learning, and achievement for Year 9 and we are excited to see what the next term will bring.

Warm regards,

**Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 9**



## Head of Year 10

As the first half of the spring term draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on everything we have achieved and celebrate the many successes we've shared as a year group. It has been an exciting and productive half-term, filled with hard work and dedication.



From the outset, our Year 10 students have continued to impress me since our return in January. Whether in the classroom, in sports, or through extracurricular activities, it has been a privilege to witness the energy and enthusiasm each of you has brought to every challenge. We have seen fantastic progress in a wide range of subjects, with many students excelling in both coursework and assessments. It's clear that the determination and effort put in by everyone has paid off.

There has been an increase in the number of students achieving their Praise Point Awards – most students have now achieved, or are working towards, their Silver and Gold Awards. This half-term has also seen more trips and visits, another PSHE session from an external agency, as well as more successes in sporting fixtures.

Of course, it's not all about the successes. There have been challenges along the way, but I am incredibly proud of the resilience and determination shown by our students. From navigating coursework deadlines and assessments, to overcoming personal hurdles, everyone has shown incredible strength in handling the demands of this term. I want to remind all students that setbacks are a natural part of the learning process, and it is how we rise from them that truly matters.

As we look ahead to the rest of the school year, I encourage all students to take a well-deserved break over the holidays. This time is important for recharging and spending quality moments with loved ones. I am confident that after a restful break, we will return with renewed energy and focus, ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that await us in the second half of the academic year.

Thank you to all our wonderful students for your continued dedication and hard work, and many thanks to parents / carers for your continued support. Let's celebrate everything we have accomplished and look forward to even more successes in the second half of the school year.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable break.

**Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 10**

*"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."*

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### Head of Year 11

Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope you are all well and the students are starting to feel more prepared as they move through Year 11.

Over the last few weeks a lot for our themes in Year 11 have been based on striking the balance between their choices for next year and ensure they are fully prepared for revision. I know a lot of the students have had their careers/post 16 interviews and are currently attending open evenings and taster days with opportunities to sample lessons and experience Helston sixth form and alternative sixth form providers. The feedback I have received from the providers and teachers has been that the Year 11s are a credit and have come across mature and thoughtful in their planning for next year... so well done team.

We have the Mock exams in English Literature and Maths as well as a small number of other exams taking place in the next two weeks so I hope they prove a useful rehearsal to get into the routine of exam procedures. Students should ensure they are doing the basics such as having the correct uniform and equipment, no jewellery, being punctual and not communicating with others so they can attack the papers with a positive mind set and give themselves the best chance of success.

I hope the revision is going well and the ipads are proving to aid learning and be a useful tool in exam preparation which we will continue to monitor and ask for feedback on. As you will know intervention study support has started in a number of subjects. Therefore, every lesson and session counts and attendance is going to be vital to achieve the grades that are possible. After the half-term the revision sessions will run after school until 4.15 and each student will have a specific timetabled extra lesson. If you have any queries regarding these plans please respond to the Head's previous e-mail link. We are also preparing for the coursework of practical subjects so good luck to everyone who is currently prepping for these.

The Year 11 Prefect team have been working hard not only in supporting the younger years and leading the Student Voice at the College but also starting to plan for the Year 11 yearbook and prom as exciting times await.

We keep moving forward and demonstrating our determination to succeed this year.

Thank you as always for your support.

With best wishes,

***Terry Richardson - Head of Year 11***





# UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM COLLEGE

If your child is absent from school 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, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further 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 for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend Court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also 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. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the Government. 'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any

person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

The Department for Education does not allow Headteachers to grant any leave of absence for children during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional, please complete the form on the College website.

<https://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/web/attendance/672277>

A response from the school will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

