## The Helstonian



**May 2025** 

**HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAGAZINE** 



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**ASPIRATION • AMBITION • ACHIEVEMENT** 



## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

As we reach the end of another productive and rewarding half term, I want to first thank you for your continued support. The relationships we have with parents are essential in ensuring we provide the best possible education for the students in our care. Now, nearing the end of my third year here, I can honestly say that this is a very special community with a wonderful set of parents. The deep-rooted commitment, dedication and passion people have for the area and for those who live in it really stands out. HCC is integral to the health of the community, now and for the future generations. Working together with you as parents, but also with business owners, leaders, primary schools, Culdrose and a whole myriad of community organisations is vastly important.

This month we had the pleasure and wonder of the biggest event on the community calendar, and it didn't disappoint - Flora Day was as spectacular as ever. The children looked fabulous, danced wonderfully and looked like they enjoyed every moment. Of course, this edition of The Helstonian is dominated with many photos from the day and I'm sure you will enjoy looking at them and reminiscing.

Now that we're half-way through the exam season, I would like to recognise the incredible commitment and maturity shown by our Year 11 and year 13 students as they have embarked on their examinations over the past two weeks. Their focus and determination have been outstanding, and we are especially proud of the way they embraced the extended school day through our "Period 5" sessions since February. Many also gave up part of their Easter break to attend our holiday revision school, and we are grateful for the dedication they continue to show as they prepare for the final push after half-term. They are a credit to themselves, their families, and HCC.

After the break, there are just 7 weeks left of the school year, but it is jam-packed with the usual summer events. In addition, we will be taking on a whole school challenge to raise more money for the RNLI, building on what the staff raised last year. We will also be taking part in the Music Showcase at Hall for Cornwall on the evening of 7th July - please save the date and look out for ticket information as it was sold out last year.

Alex Lingard

Headteacher



#### • IMPORTANT NOTICES • IMPORTANT NOTICES • IMPORTANT NOTICES •

#### **ATTENDANCE**

I know you have had a number of messages about the importance of attendance over the academic year. However, we just want to reiterate what the impact of being in school every day has on students. The data is really clear - students with high attendance (95%+) on average achieve more than those with low attendance. This is not just the case with assessments and exams, but also in respect of the wider aspects of school life, such as developing social skills and friendships; being involved in leadership roles or extra-curricular activities.

We do, of course, understand that everyone gets ill at times, but when illness is minor, we do expect students to be resilient and make every effort to come in. If they are too unwell to remain in school, they can be sent home. Being resilient is an important part of growing up and an important part of life generally. Please do support us in trying to develop this in the students.

As you know, we are unable to authorise termtime holidays. We can do so in exceptional circumstances; however these really are very rare. The direction and guidance from the government is very clear so please be prepared to receive a penalty notice should you choose to take your child out of school during term.

As we mentioned in the parent information evenings at the start of the year, we run a tiered approach to supporting students' attendance. If attendance starts to become a concern, the student will be placed at tier 1 and you will be notified in writing. This is a supportive measure to see if there is anything we can do to improve the situation. However, should the attendance continue to decline, then a student will be placed on tier 2, where a Pupil Support Plan will be drawn up in collaboration with parents/carers. If all support options have been exhausted and are not successful, then the Education Welfare Officer will take on the case.

We know that every situation is different and there are genuine reasons for absence. We really do want to work with families to help when attendance declines. Please take this as it is meant - we simply want to work together with you to ensure the students in our care get the best out of school, by being in as much as possible.







#### Thank You and Farewell

We say a sad farewell to Pablo, our language assistant who is returning to Spain at half-term. Pablo has been a great support for students, particularly in helping them with their speaking skills. We wish him all the very best in his future.

Due to personal circumstances our Clerk to the Local Monitoring Committee, Sarah Bayes, and our Vice-Chair, Chris Webb, are stepping down from their roles. Both Sarah and Chris have been wonderful servants to the school over many years and we can't thank them enough for all they have done. We will miss them greatly and wish them all the very best.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

As with every half-term or end of term break, we ask again that pencil cases are checked and replenished with a full set of equipment.

Please remember that items can be bought very cheaply from our online shop or in cash from the library. Please also remember that any students in receipt of Free School Meals can

get replacement items for free.

Check out the College shop HERE!







## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

23rd 3.15pm Break up for half

25th Car Boot Sale NS car park 9.30am

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2nd 8.45am Back to College!

16th Year 10 and Year 12 Mocks

Start

18th Bingo Night 6.00pm

23rd Year 7/8 (Melomaniacs) Concert 5.30pm-6.30pm

South Site Hall

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

29th Car Boot Sale NS car park

9.30am

July

1st-2nd Year 6 Transition days

4th Year 11 Prom

7th HSJO and Concert Band performing at Hall For

Cornwall, afternoon rehearsal and evening

concert.

8th Sports Day

9th Reserve Sports Day

9th Celebration Evening

9th Music concerts to year 7/8/9

period 1/2/3 North site Hall 10th Summer Concert 6.30pm -

Oth Summer Concert 6.30pm - 8.30pm South site Hall and

quad area

12th HSJO Concert Trevassack

Lake 4pm – 6pm

14-18th Years 7, 8 & 9 Activities Week

14-18th Years 10 and 12 Work Experience

17th HSJO Concert Helstonbury Festival 6pm – 10pm

18th Last day of term finish

3.15pm

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





















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#### **DEPLOYMENT MEMORY BOXES**

A big thank you to Liz Ford (RNFPS - Culdrose Community Centre) who sent two of our students a Deployment Memory Box, full of lots of goodies to keep them busy. The box contains a range of items, some of which are; Forget me Not seeds, a journal, a tangle toy, stationary and a power bank. If you would like any more information on how to obtain one of these boxes please email fgroseley@helston.tpacademytrust.org



#### **TREGULLAS FARM VISIT**

A group of students were lucky

enough to have an early Easter treat; visiting Tregullas Farm on The Lizard Point for lambing.

They enjoyed the beautiful weather and were able to look after the animals, pond dip and find out about life on Britain's most Southerly farm . Thanks to Rona and family at Tregullas Farm for another fantastic visit.





#### **INTERACT CLUB**

#### Million Mile Clean for Surfers against Sewage.

Interact Club, ably assisted by members of Helston Rotary Club took part in a beach clean at Gunwalloe Fishing Cove.

We were surprised and saddened by the amount of micro plastic washed up on the shoreline in just that small area. We hope we made a small difference.

They had a great afternoon as you can see by the photographs!









Helston Community College PTFA would gratefully like to receive any donations of soft toys for our **Teddy Tombola** at our **Community Summer Fayre on** Saturday 28 June 11am-3pm.

Teddies need to be in good clean condition and can be dropped off at North Site Reception anytime between now and the summer fayre between the hours of 8am-4pm.

> Many thanks. Helston Community College PTFA



# NEWS





#### **2025-26 TERM DATES**

Please find below the College calendar for the academic year 2025-2026. Please note all the inset days which have now been agreed. This is also on the website **HERE**.

#### 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



## **Cracking the Code: Y7 Girls Dive into Cyber Security**

at TECgirls CyberSec Challenge Day



On Thursday 15 May, a group of inquisitive and motivated Year 7 girls; Poppy Booth, Livvy Bromley, Raya Polglase, Maisie Bacon, Scarlet Shepherd, Poppy Fletcher, Amy Pascoe, Pearl Kite, Abigail Shawyer, Elsie Greenhalgh, took part in the TECGirls CyberSec Challenge Day, held at the STEM & Health Skills Centre, Ottery

Building in Bodmin. This exciting day marked the launch of a larger project designed to empower girls in cyber security and inspire future participation in the CyberFirst Girls Competition later this year.

The event welcomed students from ten schools across Cornwall, creating a vibrant atmosphere of collaboration, creativity, and challenge. Throughout the day, the girls took part in a range of hands-on workshops covering essential cyber security concepts such as logic and coding, networking, cryptography, and real-world problem-solving. These sessions encouraged curiosity, built resilience, and developed vital digital skills for the future.

Alongside the workshops, students enjoyed lightning talks from cyber industry experts, offering an insight into the fascinating world of careers in technology

and security. These engaging speakers highlighted the importance of women in tech and how vital skills like critical thinking and teamwork are to tackling future global challenges.

Our students approached each challenge with enthusiasm and energy, showing excellent teamwork and creative thinking as they cracked codes, designed secure systems, and explored how data can be protected in our digital age.

Looking ahead, our girls will continue their learning journey through follow-up activities, including a session using CyberChef, an advanced tool for data encryption and analysis. This ongoing project will support their progression into Year 8 and culminate in their participation in the CyberFirst Girls Competition in November 2025.

We are immensely proud of the confidence, collaboration, and curiosity shown by our students at this event. They are already proving themselves to be the next generation of cyber innovators! Mrs Hocking

















Congratulations to Rupert in Year 12 who took it upon himself to complete the Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme at the University of Cambridge recently. Rupert was one of only 25 Year 12s in the country to secure a place on the course. Rupert's course focused on physics (one of the A levels he is studying) and he is now considering a degree in mechanical engineering at Cambridge or one of the prestigious London universities. Well done Rupert!

## **Empowering Change: Y8 Girls Shine** at the Eco Pioneers Challenge Day

On Wednesday 23 April, a group of our enthusiastic Year 8 girls -Millie Newby, Orla Penna, Amy Crook, Olivia Eaton, Rose Stevens, Jenny Brand, Mia Bartholomew, Evelyn Mina, Sienna Pollard and Jenifer Stevens, represented the school at the Eco Pioneers Challenge Day, hosted at the Eden Project's iconic Core Building. The event brought together students from across Cornwall for a full day of STEM-powered learning, innovation, and inspiration — all focused on using data to create real-world environmental solutions.

Kicking off with a visit to a vibrant exhibition of local and national industry stands, students had the opportunity to speak directly with professionals from organisations including Royal Society, Celtic Sea Power, HiYield, Cornish Lithium, Watson Marlow, Cornwall Council, Salto, CACI, Kensa Heat Pumps, King's College IT Services, and EMIS Health. These conversations offered a valuable insight into real-world applications of science, technology, and data—sparking ideas for the challenges ahead.

Throughout the day, students rotated through a series of engaging workshops led by TECGirls, focusing on data collection, solution design, and data visualisation. With guidance from STEM mentors, our girls collaborated in teams to tackle a real-world environmental issue, applying their newfound knowledge to devise innovative, data-driven solutions.

After refining their proposals, each school had the chance to present their ideas to the industry panel in a fast-paced pitch session, developing not only their technical thinking but also their communication and presentation skills.

The day concluded with further opportunities to explore the Eden Project and reconnect with industry experts—leaving our students inspired by the possibilities of STEM careers and empowered to become future changemakers.

Continuing the momentum, our Year 8 participants have now launched a weekly lunchtime Eco Pioneers Club, where they are developing their ideas even further. These sessions allow them to collaborate, research, and prototype their proposed solutions with a view to making a real difference in our local community.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and confidence shown by our Year 8 girls throughout the challenge day and beyond. They represented our school with maturity and creativity, and we look forward to seeing where their passion for the planet and problem-solving will take them next.

## **Geology Fieldtrip with the University of Exeter**





Earlier in the month the Year 12 Geology class participated in fieldwork at Coverack led by Dr Moore from the University of Exeter. The fieldwork forms a compulsory part of the Geology A-level and through our links with the University we are able to have world leading researchers deliver field classes for our Post 16 students. The students spent the morning developing their geological field skills and investigating the chemical and physical contact between the crust and the mantle, which is present across Coverack.

## reading list foundation

#### **Reading List Foundation Scholarship**

Congratulations to Richard Marsden in Year 13 on receiving this year's Reading List Foundation Scholarship.

Each year the Reading List Foundation provides scholarships to Post 16 students who have shown exceptional academic performance in Year 12 and 13. The scholarship aims to reduce some of the financial burden for students in their first year of university. The value of £275, in the form of Balckwell's vouchers, equates to the average cost of textbooks for students in their first year.



#### **Sutton Trust Summer School Award**

Lilly Stone, Year 12, has been successful in her application for a place on the Sutton Trust Summer School programme. Lilly will be attending the Royal Veterinary College for a week in August. This Summer School is designed to provide an authentic experience of what studying at the Royal Veterinary College is like with time spent at both campuses (London and Hertfordshire). The academic schedule includes lectures on a wide range of veterinary topics, conducting a research project, engaging in group-led teaching, learning practical clinical skills, and trying to solve a real-life veterinary case!

## Y10 Business Students Take Flight on Launch Pad Day

On Wednesday 24 April, all eighty-eight Year 10 GCSE Business students took part in an exciting and fast-paced enterprise event — Launch Pad Day, delivered in partnership with Young Enterprise. This inspirational programme gave students the opportunity to experience what it takes to start a business, develop a brand, manage a budget, and pitch ideas — all within one action-packed day.

The day was made even more impactful thanks to the generous support of expert mentors, who shared their industry insight, guided student thinking, and acted as sounding boards during the challenge. We were proud to welcome: Martin (Cornwall College), Chloe (Ascent Flight Training), Connor (North Layer), Sean (Goonvean Group), Mat (Training & Talent Acquisition consultant), LJ (Falmouth University), Kevin (Bere Hayes), Matt (One Blue Eye Cornwall), Alison (Bishop Fleming), Sarah (Suez recycling and recovery UK), and Stella (SPK James).

Through hands-on teamwork, our students explored how to identify business opportunities, create a brand identity, allocate finances effectively, and present their business ideas with confidence. In doing so, they built valuable employability skills such as resilience, problem-solving, collaboration, and financial literacy — directly linking curriculum content to real-world application.

Following the success of Launch Pad Day, our students are now extending their learning through the Young Enterprise Company Programme, working in teams to build and grow their own student-run businesses. Over the coming weeks, these budding entrepreneurs will continue to develop their ideas, build their marketing strategies, and refine their products — all leading up to an exciting public launch at the School Summer Fayre on Friday 28th June.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our brilliant mentors, to Young Enterprise for facilitating the event, and especially to our sponsors, including Helston Rotary Club, whose generous donation has made it possible for our students to participate in these transformative programmes.

With the continued support of our community, our students are proving that they are more than ready to be the business leaders of tomorrow. Mrs Hocking











## VALLOIRE SKIING TRIP 2025





Forty seven students and six staff spent a week skiing in Valloire, France during the recent Easter break. The students, all in Year groups 10-13, were given the chance to learn and develop their skiing ability through lessons led by local French instructors. The groups were supported by HCC staff, who were able to take lots of photos and videos of the students enjoying their time on the snow. The five hours a day of skiing were split across two lessons each day, and during most lunchtimes the HCC skiers were given the chance to engage in extra practice time led by qualified ski leaders within the Helston staff team.

In addition to skiing the group also completed a range of apres ski activities, such as Snake Glisse and Ten Pin Bowling, as well as enjoying the beautiful scenery of Valloire. This was the second time Helston has skied in Valloire having also visited the resort during Easter 2024. A third of this year's group took part in last year's trip which goes to show how much our students enjoy themselves on these trips and are keen to take part again in the future. The students were amazing throughout the trip and were great representatives of the College. Many thanks also to the staff team who facilitated activities and supported the group throughout the week.













## Royal Navy help Year 8 students develop employability skills

Royal Navy personnel recently attended the College and worked with our Year 8 students to challenge and inspire them in a series of activities. All students had the opportunity to develop useful life skills such as problem solving, leadership and teamwork. Students developed their creativity and organisational skills while working with MTA STEM kits to build free-standing towers in small groups that met specific criteria set by the navy instructors.

In other sections of the experience, students had to overcome challenges such as guiding blindfolded group members through a maze of equipment and transporting table tennis balls using sections of guttering whilst trying to avoid holes in each of the gutter lengths. Another highlight saw students needing to remove a fire extinguisher, from a circle using only ropes and without entering the circle. In addition, students had some physical challenges that developed good team spirit and camaraderie within the tutor groups.

To maximise the learning experience the students had the chance to find out about some of the jobs and roles performed within the Navy to gain an insight into the opportunities that could be gained from a career in the services. Helston students interacted well with the navy personnel and made the most of the chance to learn from the visitors. Year 8 student Jude shared that "the Navy sessions were great! There were loads of variety in the activities with us being encouraged to communicate and work together for some activities and then complete activities working together in silence in others. It meant we had to be creative to solve problems. I really enjoyed the tower building exercise as it needed all members of the group to support each other to get the most out of the limited time we had to complete the challenge."

The sessions were inspiring and helped the Year 8 students to evaluate themselves and recognise the useful skills needed for success in College and in their future career prospects.













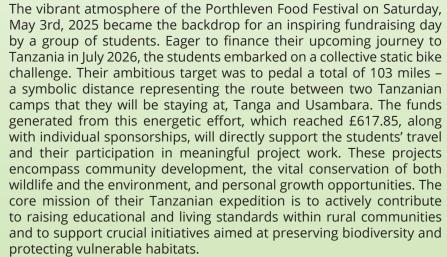


## TANZANIA FUNDRAISER





















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## Leaderboard

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Alia B	13C	13
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William W	13B	13
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Logan H	13D	11



(Praise Points as of 19/05/25

## \* STUDENT OF THE MONTH April - May



### **Year 7**

#### **Alistair D**

Alistair was nominated for his excellent effort and attitude in RE and also for his fantastic contributions in Spanish, always aiming high in his work. As a result he has over 200 praise points! What a start to Year 7! G Parekh and E Martin

### Year 10

#### Elsie R

Nominated by three members of staff this month, Elsie is excelling in Year 10. She has been nominated for her excellent effort and attitude in RE. Business and Food. She's also just received her Gold Award too. A great role model to others. G Parekh, A Birkett and C Morgado

#### Year 8

#### Noah H

Just like Alistair in Year 7, Noah was also nominated in RE for his effort and attitude, and also recognised for his amazing work in languages too. He is on track for his Platinum Award and has a near perfect attendance. G Parekh and E Martin

#### Year 11

#### **Evelyn B**

Evelyn has been nominated for her determination, dedication and perseverance in both History and Science. She is a wonderful student with a great all-round attitude. She is a joy to have in school. K Trevithick and D Long

### Year 9

#### **Connor S**

Connor has been nominated again by Ms Creaser for his exceptional effort in both History and RE. In addition, his enthusiasm and contributions in English have also been praised by Ms Bloor. Well done Connor, keep up the great work! E Creaser and C Bloor

#### Post 16

#### Susannah M

Susannah has been a model student throughout her time at HCC. Her nomination comes from Dr Ryan for the exemplary approach she continues to show in preparation for her exams. K Ryan







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	Ethan R	7	Always helpful, even on days that he isn't o		9	Jasper B	9	Dedication to English - fantastic response	, KII
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#### MESSAGES FROM OUR DIRECTORS OF KEY STAGE

#### **Head of Year 7**

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students, As we step into the final stretch of the academic year, the summer term is in full swing, and Year 7 is buzzing with energy, growth, and sunshine! Here's a roundup of all



the exciting things that have been happening. Students have been working hard through their second round of assessments this year with many celebrating academic successes. I have been very impressed by their levels of resilience and engagement in preparation through revision activities.

We will once again be celebrating academic and sporting successes at our Celebration Evening. I have been really impressed by the number of students receiving 'Student of the Week' awards and special shoutouts in this magazine. I have also received a number of emails from colleagues who are super impressed with the level of engagement in Year 7.

A very special shout out to 7E, skippered by Mr Eastman with the highest overall attendance in the College at 96.2%. A fantastic achievement showing such dedication to life at our school.

Once again, the sun was shining for Flora Day and can I just say how proud I was of the Year 7 students, looking smart and dancing throughout the town. They certainly stepped up their game for their first secondary school celebration.

This term we have had a number of guest speakers in our assemblies: from Miss Cass and the Anti-Bullying Team to the RNLI covering beach safety. This is such an important topic to me, living in Cornwall in ensuring that our children know their limits when in the sea and can enjoy their summer with friends and family safely.

There are a great number of things to look forward to after May half term with Sports Day and Activities Week on the horizon. I am really looking forward to spending the week at Trevassack Lake with all of Year 7 before our next journey into Year 8.

As always, parents and carers if there is anything that I can do to support your child in the term that follows, or in the future then please email me on jdudley@helston. tpacademytrust.org and I would be happy to get back to you.

Wishing you a lovely half-term break.

Warm regards,

Jack Dudley - Head of Year 7 and Transition

#### **Head of Year 8**

These last few weeks have just flown by helped by the warm weather and being able to have more accessible space on the fields. I am sure the year group have really valued this after all the hard work during the two weeks of assessments. These are mostly completed. Teachers will give them the opportunity to look over the work they have done and see how well they have



achieved. Currently we are trying to instil in our young people the value of testing and how reviewing and preparing is key to doing well. Effort pays off but if things do not go as well as they think, reviewing what went well and what needs improving will help identify where to focus their attention for next time.

At the last assembly Miss Cass launched the Antibullying Champions and she is asking for Year 8 applicants who feel they could offer support to go and see her. We were able to see older students doing an assembly explaining why having these Champions is so important in a College. The disco fundraiser was a success raising just short of £300. The year group student leaders are really pleased with their efforts.

To follow is an update from the PE staff on how the year group are doing in sporting fixtures this half term. The Cricket, Rounders and Athletic seasons have started. The year group have taken part in outside competitions with the Cricket team gaining an outstanding 7th in the County Competition. We were delighted by their success and would like to congratulate our players for their commitment. The Athletics team have been out and about competing successfully as well. There are still more competitions ahead but we already have some good success. The PE Department would like to thank Year 8 for their commitment to sport, describing it as outstanding, with excellent numbers of attendees to the tournament. Please continue to encourage your child to take part in these events and to be proud of representing the College. I would like to thank you for the inevitable changes in routine that after-College events create and thank the staff who take them out for their time.

Finally I would like to say that Flora day was amazing. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did. The year group were really good leading up to the day, behaving well in practices and putting in the time to get it 'just right'. They were also awesome on



the day. When looking back at them, I could see them constantly dancing, smiling and desperately trying to keep in time with the differing bands. This is actually very tricky when you are towards the back of the event! They also looked gorgeous and I could tell they really enjoyed the experience. It was a pleasure to be with them on the day. I would like to wish you a lovely half term. I hope the weather holds out. Next term will

be very busy with a good number of exciting events coming up.

Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 8



#### MESSAGES FROM OUR DIRECTORS OF KEY STAGE

#### **Head of Year 9**

As we bring the Spring Term to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a whirlwind few months for Year 9 – a term full of energy, progress, and a growing sense of maturity across the year group. It has



been a real pleasure to see how our students have begun to step up, showing increased independence and responsibility as they prepare for the transition into their GCSE years. Their attitude and approach this term have been incredibly encouraging, and I couldn't be prouder of the progress they've made both in and out of the classroom. Year 9s attendance to school continues to be a strong representation of the commitment the students have towards their studies. It is always my pleasure to share the weekly figures to the students through out weekly assemblies and tutor programme.

Among the many highlights this term, Flora Day certainly stands out. The students represented the College with pride and positivity during the celebrations. Their conduct was exemplary, and they truly were fantastic ambassadors for the school. It was wonderful to see them engaging with the community, celebrating local traditions, and doing so with respect, enthusiasm, and a great sense of joy. We also reached another significant milestone this term with their final set of Year 9 assessments. These moments are not only important markers of academic progress but also vital preparation for the rigour and structure of GCSEs. The way our students approached these assessments with focus, determination, and maturity was genuinely impressive. It's this attitude that will serve them well in the years ahead and lay the foundations for future success.

As we head into a well-earned half term break, I want to thank Year 9 for their effort, their spirit and their continued commitment to growth. I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term, where we have even more to look forward to, such as 'Sports Day', 'Activity Week', and much more.

Have a fantastic break, Year 9—you've earned it!

**Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 9** 

#### **Head of Year 10**

With another half-term completed, it has been wonderful to reflect on the successes and achievements of Year 10 over the last few weeks. Time seems to be flying, and I can't believe we are about to enter the final half-term of the academic year. Although short, this has been a particularly busy half-term for us.



The highlight, for me, has to be Flora Day. As somebody

who does not originate from Helston, I am still amazed by the immense joy and sense of community Flora Day provides for our students and their families. I felt extremely proud to be part of the College and to walk alongside Year 10 during the Children's Dance. To see so many smiling faces in the crowds and amongst the students made me realise what a special place Helston is and how fortunate I am to work here.

Our students have continued to reach impressive milestones this half-term, with more Silver and Gold Praise Point Awards being handed out each week. This is testament to the students' hard work, enthusiasm and determination to succeed – something I am sure the students will be able to continue in the final few weeks of term and beyond.

This half-term has also seen another round of 'Student Voice' meetings and the launch of Year 11 Prefect applications. Anybody interested in becoming a Prefect should complete the application form (available in the Year 10 Showbie class) and return it to me by Monday 2 June.

The final half-term of the year looks to be another busy one. The majority of Year 10 students have already completed two of their GCSE RE exams. I was immensely proud of how the students approached these exams, showcasing the positive attitude and diligence I know they are all capable of.

As well as the final RE paper, we also see the commencement of the Year 10 summer exams on Monday 16 June. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our GCSE Success Evening on Monday 19 May; I hope you found it helpful when thinking about how best to support your child during their exams. As mentioned at the Success Evening, your child will be learning and utilising revision strategies during tutor time after half-term. Each child will be provided with their own supply of flashcards and will be taught how to use the Leitner method to revise ahead of their summer exams and into Year 11. More information about how to support this at home can be found on the College website.

As well as the summer exams, our students also have 'Work Experience' week to look forward to (14-18 July). Please could I request that anybody with outstanding work experience paperwork get this completed and returned to us as soon as possible.

With another busy half-term on the horizon, please could I also remind students of the importance of attendance, punctuality to lessons and being organised with the correct equipment and uniform. The College has high standards and expectations which all students should adhere to, even in the final weeks.

Finally, I would just like to thank all the parents and carers for their ongoing and continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely break.

Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 10



#### MESSAGES FROM OUR DIRECTORS OF KEY STAGE



#### **Head of Year 11**

Dear all,

Hope you are all well and the revision in your household is in full flow (they know a lot don't they!) The students have started the exam season with a bang and I hope feel ready and prepared for the coming weeks.

Just a reminder that lessons, intervention and Period 5 revision sessions are still ongoing to give the Year 11s the best possible opportunity for success so we hope that we can make every session count. Well done to all the students that have already started taking exams, completing their coursework and doing practical assessments the bar has been set high from the start. The final exam revision guide has been sent to all students from Mr Dudley and it is also on their Showbie and College intranet.

I hope you all had a fantastic Flora Day as always I was so proud of the Year 11s leading the way they did a wonderful job as you would have seen. 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. Please be aware that the Prom is a celebration of the Year 11 successes and students that are not adhering to the College Behaviour or Attendance Policy might not be granted the opportunity to attend. We also have a celebration evening to organise in the summer to help celebrate the best of Year 11 throughout the Year.

If you are interested in supporting the Prom or Yearbook and would like to donate or help fundraise to ensure the Prom is everything the Year 11s would like it to be please contact me at trichardson@helston.tpacademytrust.org We are right in the middle of it now, and not long to the end so I hope we can keep pushing through together...and look forward to the long, hot summer of 2025! I continue to be proud of the efforts made and the resilience shown by Year 11 and I am sure this will continue over the next two months. 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.





## Young Lives vs Cancer - Fundraising



Over April, May and June, Mr Lingard has taken on 3 running challenges to raise money for charity and to test his stamina...

- 1. The Beacon Beast (April 27th) a marathon through the countryside around Bodmin **COMPLETED!**
- 2. The Classic Quarter (May 24th) an ultra-marathon (44 miles) along the coastal path from Lizard Point to Land's End **THIS WEEKEND!**
- 3. The Cotswold Way Ultra Challenge (June 21st) a circular 100km ultra-marathon (64 miles) with over 2000m elevation gain **COMING SOON!**

Mr Lingard is running in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer, one of the official charities of The Cotswold Way Ultra Challenge.

Every day 12 more children and young people hear the devastating news they have cancer. Young Lives vs Cancer help families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them.

To donate, if you can, please go to: https://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-lingard-1971





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A bag of frozen items
A bag of fresh fruit/veg
A bag of household toiletries
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Pet Food
Other extra items as available



All welcome. No referral needed We look forward to seeing you there

Remember to bring a trolley or plenty of strong bags

Saturday 21st June 10:00 - 11:00

Please use the link to book or scan the QR code

https://forms.office.com/e/MgmBfCGVaw



## Flora Day Donations

Before packing away this year's Flora Day outfits... please bear in mind that donations are always gratefully received here at Helston Community College for future Flora Days.

Please leave donations at Reception. Thank you



#### **RETURN BORROWED ITEMS**

Those who borrowed outfits this year, please can these be brought back into college asap to be stored for next year.

Thank you

#### Microsoft 365

We're pleased to let you know that all students now have access to Microsoft Office at home — completely free of charge! This means you can download and use Microsoft Office 365 on your personal computer to help with your school work. Once installed, you'll have access to a full suite of powerful tools, including:

- Word for writing essays and assignments
- Excel for data handling, charts, and calculations
- PowerPoint to create impressive presentations
- Outlook for managing email and calendars

To get started, you just need your school email address and password.

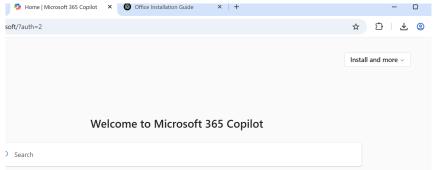
Please see the help guide below for clear step-by-step instructions — it includes everything you need to download and install Microsoft Office on your device.

#### **X** Help Sheet: Installing Microsoft Office from Office.com

☑ Step-by-Step Guide

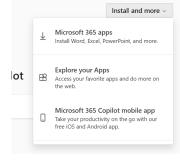
#### Step 1: Sign in to Office.com

- 1. Open your web browser and navigate to: https://www.office.com
- 2. Click Sign in.
- 3. Enter your College email address and password.
- Step 2: Access the "Install and more" Menu
- 1. After signing in, locate the "Install and more" button at the top right corner of the screen.
- 2. Click the down arrow next to it.



#### Step 3: Select Microsoft 365 Apps

1. From the dropdown menu, choose Microsoft 365 apps.



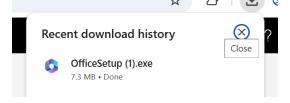
#### Step 4: Initiate the Installation

- 1. A new page will open displaying various options.
- 2. Click the "Install Office" button under the Office apps section.



#### Step 5: Download and Run the Installer

- 1. The file OfficeSetup.exe will begin downloading.
- 2. Once the download is complete, navigate to your Downloads folder.
- 3. Double-click the OfficeSetup.exe file to start the installation process.



#### Final Step: Complete the Installation

- 1. Follow the on-screen prompts provided by the Office installer.
- 2. Once the installation is complete, you will have access to Office applications like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint on your computer.



## **Helston Community College PTFA**



## Saturday 28th June 11.00am - 3.00pm

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- Emergency Services
- Entertainment Bouncy Castles and much, much more!!

Calling all local businesses, stall holders musicians, ice cream vendors - book your pitch now to avoid disappointment!

For more information please email: ptfa@helston.tpacademytrust.org

## When Legends Return

Reconnect. Rematch!



## **HCC 7-a-side Alumni Football Tournament**

"Class of 1995 vs Class of 2000" style!



Saturday 28th June



**3G Pitch at HCC** 



12:00 - 15:00

Gather your school friends & register a team today!



Then come together for the "3rd half" from 19:00 that evening at:



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