



Beloved Teacher, Friend and Colleague

Nigel Philpott

1963 - 2025

Following communication with Mr. Philpott's family, we would like to share with you the details of his funeral via this link:

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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

So, another academic year has passed and this one, like all others, has been very busy, but it has also been a very productive year. The school is going from strength to strength with improvements and amazing successes seen across the board. Many thanks for all the invaluable feedback we have received from parents and carers - for the third year in a row, almost 90% of you would recommend us to others. This is mirrored by staff who say, overwhelmingly, how proud they are to work at the school. We know there are always things we can do to improve and we will continue to strive to be the best we can be.

The end of an academic year is often when staff leave. This year is no different and we say a sad farewell to the following staff and we thank them for all their great work during their time at Helston: Mr Dagleish (History), Ms Morbey (French), Mr Heron (RE), Ms Hearne (Catering Manager) and Mr Bispham (Science) are all retiring - collectively having served over 100 years at the school!

Also leaving us to pastures new are Eugene McFadden (SENCO), Sophie Brown (PE), Will Gilbert (PHSE and Cover Supervisor), Naomi Woodhouse (TA) and Mandy Hammond (Technician) - we wish them all the best in their new roles.

As I'm sure you are aware, we have also lost a much-loved colleague, in Nigel Philpott, and we thought it appropriate to assign some space to him in this edition. He will be greatly missed by us all. Mr Philpott would be the first person to want us to celebrate all the great things our students have achieved or been part of, and this bumper edition of The Helstonian certainly does that. Well done to all the students who feature and thank you to all the staff who have supported or provided some amazing opportunities throughout the year.

May I finish again by saying a huge thank you to our parents and carers, who offer such amazing support and work so well in partnership with us. I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully

Alex Lingard

Headteacher



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RETURN DATES

- Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 return on Wednesday 3rd September (8.45am start)
- All other students return on Thursday 4th September (8.45am start)

Please remember that students must remove any piercings for PE, so please ensure any new piercings occur at the beginning of the summer holidays!

NEW CATERERS AND A FULLY CASHLESS SYSTEM

Due to the retirement of our Catering Manager, we have decided to outsource our catering to Aspens. Aspens currently work across a number of Trust schools and we have received very positive feedback about their food and service. We have an exciting new menu with a variety of meal deals to choose from. Please be aware that we will be a cashless school from September, so all payments for the canteen must be via ParentPay. This will commence from the first day back in September (for Years 8 to 13) and from the second day back for Year 7 (due to ParentPay details not being issued until the first day back).

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We will be holding Parents' Evenings in the first two weeks of September, as shown below. Please save the date! If you have more than one Y7-11 child at the school, please just come to the oldest child's evening.

- Year 11 - Monday 8th September - 5pm (North Site Hall)

- Year 10 - Tuesday 9th September - 5pm (North Site Hall)
- Year 9 - Wednesday 10th September - 5pm (North Site Hall)
- Year 8 - Thursday 11th September - 5pm (North Site Hall)
- Year 7 - Monday 15th September - 5pm (North Site Hall)
- Year 12 - Wednesday 17th September - 5pm (North Site Hall)

MOBILE PHONES

We've made a couple of small changes to our mobile phone policy. This is a Trust-wide change, so it is the same across all our secondary schools. The changes are:

- If a student needs to leave the classroom, e.g. to use the toilet, they must hand their phone into the teacher before they leave the room. This is to prevent students from leaving lessons to simply check their phones.
- If a student is seen on their phone without permission and has their phone confiscated more than once in a half-term, then a parent will need to come in to collect the phone. If a parent is unable to collect the phone, the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the following school day. This is to help deter students from using their phones in school.

2025-26 PREFECTS



We are proud to announce the selection of our new prefects and senior prefects for the next academic year. These students have demonstrated exceptional leadership, responsibility, and dedication to our school community, and we are confident they will serve as outstanding role models for their peers.

The selection process was rigorous, reflecting the high standards we uphold. Each prefect was chosen not only for their academic achievements but also for their integrity, teamwork, and willingness to support others. Our senior prefects, in particular, have shown remarkable initiative and maturity, and we look forward to their contributions in guiding the prefect team and representing the student body.

Congratulations to all those appointed. We are excited to see the positive impact you will make in the year ahead.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Please remember that we will be having a two-week half-term break in October this year.

This is being trialed across the Trust to see if it supports attendance during the longer autumn term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

- 18th Last day of term finish 3.15pm
- 30th Uniform Collection NS reception 2pm-5pm

AUGUST

- 14th A level Results Day
- 14th Uniform Collection NS reception 8am-12pm
- 21st GCSE Results Day
- 21st Uniform Collection NS reception 8am-12pm
- 21st-22nd Post 16 Enrolment

SEPTEMBER

- 1st-2nd Inset Days
- 3rd 8.45am Back to school!
Years 7, 11 & 12
- 4th 8.45am All Years return

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

EUROPEAN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to Evie S who represented The Big Dance Company at the European Dance Championships in the Netherlands and absolutely blew us away with her talent and performance in the Advanced U15s category!

We are beyond proud of everything she's achieved:

- 1st – Team (Animate Bulletproof)
- 3rd – Team (Animate Save a Life)
- 3rd – Open Duo
- 4th – Showcase Duo
- 5th – Showcase Solo
- 7th – Open Solo
- 7th – Contemporary Solo

Evie, you are an inspiration! Well done



ST IVES BIATHLON

Emily H and Maya B took part in the St Ives Biathlon on Saturday 28 June. They did it as a team, Emily running and Maya sea swimming. As a team they came 2nd place with an impressive time under 16 minutes. Only 10 seconds after the 1st team in. It's an impressive achievement and time! Also competing were Piran and Aaron Ivey, who also performed equally well!



Amber F playing at an U18s Cricket Match in Brixham. She got her first Cornwall under 18's wicket and had a great day. Well Done!





The Cornish Mining Games took place on Thursday 19 June at King Edward Mine. 12 Year 8 students took part in 6 events to simulate Cornish Mining in the past, competing with other schools.

The events were tough demanding teamwork, organisation, problem solving, strength and endurance. They were:

1. Hand Steeling - Drilling a hole in concrete with a lump hammer and drill bit.
2. Surveying - Surveying the landscape with precise measuring.
3. Mineral Processing - Separating metal from waste material.
4. Sawing - Chopping wood with a band saw.
5. Mucking - Filling a wheelbarrow with stone and carrying it .
6. Panning for Gold.

The team performed brilliantly finishing in first place in the Mineral Processing event and were second in the overall games. Well done!



CORNISH MINING GAMES



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

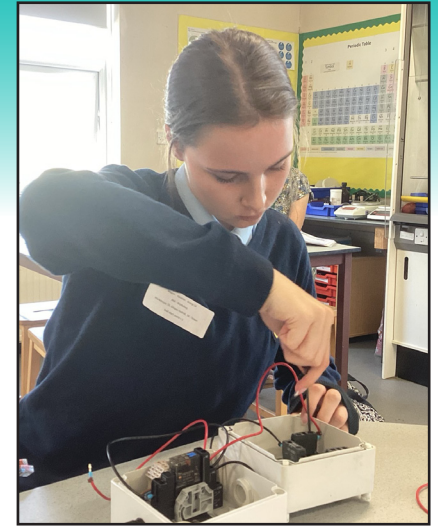
On Friday 20 June, a selected group of Year 8 girls, from Helston Community College, took part in the International Women in Engineering Day (iWED) 2025 event, hosted by Truro High School.

This international event celebrates & showcases the achievements of women working in engineering today, aiming to debunk what a stereotypical engineer might be or look like, whilst also aiming to inspire a new generation of girls into the industry. The event is used to broaden students opportunities of the wide variety of careers available when studying Science, Design & Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

Our girls from Helston Community College were joined by other students, from across Cornwall & got to experience a huge variety of real world engineering opportunities. Students worked in groups, on a variety of set

challenges, hosted by industry professionals, many of whom are also based in Cornwall, using some state of the art technologies, learning about many different aspects of the engineering world, from the designing, making, problem solving & the impact of what we do.

Our students came away from the event with a variety of positive experiences & awareness of what future opportunities await.



Congratulations Josh!

Josh Benton has been a member of Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets for a little over 3 years. In that time, he has worked hard, attended courses in a range of subjects that are as applicable to life in general as they are to being a Sea Cadet. Josh's hard work and commitment to Sea Cadets has been recognised and following an interview with Cornwall Sea Cadets Divisional Officer, Josh has been selected to be the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall's Sea Cadet for 25/26. This is a great honour, and Josh has a very busy year ahead of him, attending social events and activities in support of the Lord Lt, who is his Majesty, the King's representative in Cornwall.

Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets

Each year, three – four cadets considered to be among the

very best of each of the Sea Cadets, Army Cadet Force, Air Training Corps and Combined Cadet Forces are appointed Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets. They assist the Lord-Lieutenant on Royal visits, award ceremonies, parades, services and other civic occasions. As a result, they will enhance their CV and will gain a much greater insight into the people of Cornwall and the great breadth of life here.

Below left: Southwest Area – Best Squad Commander (He also won this award at the Area competition when, his Team also won the unarmed Drill competition)

Below right: Promotion to Leading Cadet.

Right: Penryn Remembrance Parade.



ROYAL LITERARY FUND



The year 12 geography, english, media, and history students took part in the Bridge workshop run by the Royal Literary Fund. The Bridge workshop helps senior pupils develop their writing, as well as prepare for the challenges of more academic or formal writing at university, college, or work. The students learned new techniques to help write clearly and confidently in all contexts and situations, which will be really beneficial for students who have essay & coursework based subjects. The Royal Literary Fund will return next year to deliver more Post 16 workshops.

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enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org

MAYOR MAKING

Earlier this term Mx Marsden and three Year 7 students from the school were honoured to attend the 2025 Mayor Choosing Ceremony at the Guildhall in Helston. In this important annual event Helston Town Council welcomes its new mayor-elect and deputy mayor-elect in front of their family, friends, members of the public, and representatives from local organisations and businesses.

Following a unanimous vote from council members present at the meeting on May 13th Nicola Boase was elected Helston's Town Mayor and head of the Town Council for the 2025/26 civic year. After the ceremony all who attended processed down Coinagehall Street to the Bowling Club to enjoy a wonderful array of refreshments Lilly Cameron said that the event was, "really interesting to watch", and Jesse Williamson agreed with all of us that, "the food was excellent!"



'TWELFTH NIGHT' THEATRE TRIP

On Tuesday 1st July, we took some of the drama students to see a musical version of 'Twelfth Night' at the Burrell Theatre, Truro. The interpretation was set in the 1920s and was a fresh, comical take on the much loved comedy by William Shakespeare and one close to my heart having put on this version with the music by Frank Moon at college in 2014 as a Post 16 production! There was a cool live jazz band and it was great to see performances by two ex HCC students, Immy and Emily Oldfield. As an added bonus, the students got to get up and have a groove to the band after the bows!



On Wednesday 2nd July, 11 students from Y7 to Y11 delighted an audience at the LAMDA Summer Showcase. The students who all have lessons with our lovely LAMDA teacher Sarah, performed a superb, eclectic collection of monologues, poetry and prose centred around the themes of 'The Seven Ages of Man' exploring what it means to be human, and all that life may throw at you. The students performed several pieces each and showed a wide range of theatrical skills in their delivery. Thank you to Sarah for her expert coaching. If your child would be interested in a drama lesson within the school day, either individually or in pairs or a group, please contact the Drama Department for more information.



Well the weather wasn't great but we stayed dry! The group of Year 10 GCSE Drama students, Year 9s soon to be GCSE Drama students and some Year 8s all had a good time at The Minack. We went to see Illyria's 'Wind In The Willows' which was a musical, slapstick take on the classic tale. A member of the public asked which school we were and commended the students for their good behaviour and mature attitude.



GRADUATE DEGREE SHOWS TRIP

Each year the College's art department takes a group of Year 10 students to Falmouth University to enjoy the graduate degree shows. This year the group enjoyed the Games Expo, the Graduate Fashion Show and the Fashion Design & Styling and Textiles degree shows, which were of a particularly high quality.

Year 10 GCSE Art, Craft & Design student Lucy Robinson -Masters said of the day " It was actually really fun. It was really interesting to see all the different fashion designs in the show, and it made me want to study at Falmouth University." Teacher Mx Marsden commented that "It was wonderful seeing the students faces as they enjoyed all of the incredibly creative work, and the fashion show in particular."



POST 16 AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW



For the second time, Helston Community College Post 16 had a stand for all three days at the Royal Cornwall Show. Alongside other further and higher education providers, we were there to make people aware that there is a thriving Post-16 College at Helston, and to promote the diverse range of courses that we offer.

Staffed by Dr Ryan, Mrs Howe, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Weir, and ably assisted by some of our Post 16 students, the stand was busy, and visited by a diverse range of people. Some of the visitors were as young as Year 8 students, already researching their future education pathways, as well as older students, who were interested to find out about the different qualifications that are available for Post-16 students at Helston.

With almost three lovely days of sunshine, and a great spot overlooking the main ring, we gave out promotional tote bags, containing branded stationery and prospectuses. It was lovely to see several former students who came over for a chat, having spotted the Helston Post 16 flag fluttering in the breeze above the stand.

We felt that the stand was a success, and we also ran one at the Stithians show on 14th July. We plan to continue our presence at these events in the future.



Lots of 'Thank You!'s are in order from the library this last half term.



Rotary



After a kind donation from the Rotary Club in Helston, the library is pleased to announce we will have a 12-month subscription for audio books to go alongside the

eBooks on ePlatform. This is available to all students and staff, free of charge. The eBook Platform app is already on every iPad and can also be placed on home devices to be able to read or listen to on phones at home, even throughout the summer, if desired. All that is needed is your TPAT email address and password to log in. Please pop by the library with any questions. And again, a HUGE thank you to Helston Rotary Club for their kind and generous donation!!!

We have created a wish list on Amazon for donations to the library as we have stretched our budget to the maximum. We have had an amazing response from the general public and are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of others. Thank you to those who donated to the library! There are a few books left on the list if anyone would like to donate to us still: <https://amzn.eu/dCMP3YJ>

If there is a book you think we should add to the list please email SFord@helston.tpacademytrust.org

The PTFA has agreed to buy the library a new table. We are looking forward to the delivery of that to add more working space to our lovely environment. Thank you, PTFA!!

Our Student Librarians have been busy keeping the library tidy, creating displays, and doing all the jobs required to keep our library the beautiful space it is. They have now received their Student Librarian badges. If you see them, please make a fuss. We are celebrating them with a lunch and a little token gift. A big thank you and congratulations to the Student Librarians for all they do with cheery dispositions.

Happy reading,
Mrs Ford & Mrs Rogers



APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 8 AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS.

George Slater, the Education Projects Manager for Cornwall Education Business Partnership attended the college to deliver an assembly for Year 8 students regarding apprenticeships and technical education. The students were given an insight into local apprenticeship opportunities and the range of industry areas that currently offer apprenticeships. George then worked with 75 Year 9 students, helping them to explore employability skills through practical team challenges. These sessions were well received by the students. George was able to give the students feedback regarding how they worked together and how the activities performed would be assessed by potential employers/apprenticeship providers. A rewarding experience for all students involved.



YEAR 9 & 10 CAREERS CAROUSEL AND OPEN EVENING A BIG SUCCESS

Local businesses, colleges and training providers attended the college to take part in a careers event aimed at raising awareness and aspirations of our students. Students in Year 9 were able to spend half a lesson discussing how their strengths and interests fit with jobs within a wide variety of industries. The opportunity to meet with industry experts was a good challenge for the students with many growing in confidence throughout the experience and finishing the session enthused and motivated. The guest employers were full of praise about Helston's students, and enjoyed the opportunity to help open their eyes regarding developing awareness of the range of job opportunities that exist.



From 4pm Year 9 and Year 10 students were invited to attend a careers evening with parents/carers. This was an informal session where visitors could roam freely around the hall asking our guests from industry questions about courses and career prospects. The careers evening was well supported by Helston students and with it being so popular and successful it is hoped there will be further careers evenings in the future.



A PLAY IN THREE DAYS - 'CLUEDO - THE REUNION'

A group of students opted for the drama activity for Activity Week, 'A Play in Three Days'. This involved me writing a play for the students to be cast, blocked, rehearsed and performed in three days! I wrote a comedy murder mystery based on the characters and type of events found in the game of Cluedo, much silliness and awful jokes! The students got to perform it to their parents on South Site stage with costumes, props, set, lighting and sound on the final afternoon of the three days.



RNLI CHALLENGE 2025



On Friday, despite the intense heat, students and staff walked, ran and rowed a colossal 2000 miles between them in their attempt to raise funds for the RNLI. Organised superbly by the PE department, students from each year group were challenged to complete a minimum of 16 laps of the course over an hour. PE teacher, Ms Bragg, took control of the PA system to offer words of encouragement and motivation throughout the day. Tutors supported their students, checking in with them on each lap, whilst a water station and shade were on hand for those struggling with the heat. Congratulations to Gabriel Phillips who ran a remarkable 38 laps of the course, covering 7 miles on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year! Several members of staff took up the challenge to run the distance too including Mr Lingard, Mr Woolcock, Mr Richardson, Ms Hawkey, Mr Hattam, Mr Carpenter, Dr Ryan, Mr Jones and Ms Weir. The school has now raised £8000 for the RNLI in their attempt to fund an inshore rescue boat to celebrate their 200th anniversary.

FILM MAKER JOHN SMITH VISIT

On Thursday, 12 June, we were honoured to welcome the distinguished artist and film maker John Smith to the college. Described by his former student Jarvis Cocker as "my favourite British film maker." Smith's work is held in prestigious international collections, including the Tate Gallery. Based in London, he studied at the Royal College of Art and currently lectures at the University of East London. Since 1972, John Smith has created over forty films, videos, and installation pieces, often exploring themes rooted in everyday life. During his visit, he presented a selection of his short films to both GCSE and Post-16 students, followed by an engaging Q&A session. We extend our sincere thanks to CAST for coordinating this inspiring visit.

FOOD STUDIES FLOURISHES

Mrs Morgado's Food Studies classes have been a hive of activity this term, with students from across the school rolling up their sleeves and showcasing their culinary skills.

The ever-popular Year 8 Cooking Club has been especially busy, stirring up creativity and confidence in the kitchen, experimenting with a variety of delicious dishes—from hearty homemade vegetable soup paired with warm pitta bread to the sweet and spiced crunch of traditional Cornish fairings. The club culminated in a much-anticipated pizza party, where students created their own dough and toppings, celebrating their progress with plenty of flavour and fun.

Meanwhile, older students have taken their skills to the next level. Year 10 and Year 12 students wowed guests at the school's Celebration Evening, preparing and serving an incredible array of nearly 900 petit fours - a true testament to their dedication, teamwork, and growing expertise in catering.

And finally, to round off a packed term, Year 10 and Year 8 students joined forces to prepare and serve hotdogs and colourful mocktails at the End of Term Music Concert, adding a summer holiday feel and fuelling the crowd for a night of performances and celebration.



SURF LIFE SAVING CORNISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Piran Ivey 10G and Maya Brockwell 10E

Both took part in the Surf Life Saving Cornish Championships 2025

- Piran:
- U15s Male Surf Ski Race - 2nd place
 - Board race - 8th place
 - Taplin relay - 1st place
 - Beach sprints - 4th place out of 50
 - Maya unfortunately got injured so didn't get any medals, but well done for taking part!



CORNISH NIPPER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

HCC pupils help HSLSC to win the Cornish Nipper Championships!

While many of us were enjoying the wonderful weather at the weekend some of our children donned their wetsuits and braved the jellyfish to compete in the Cornish Nipper Championships at Carlyon Bay.

They were competing for Hayle Surf Life Saving Club against 16 other club teams from across Cornwall in events that included 1km beach run, sprint and relay races, sea swims, beach flags and board paddle races.

Every child earned points for the club with some outstanding individual and team events. Well done to both Bradley Hughes and Emily Harvey (Nipper Captain)."



HELSTONIAN NEWS



The Helston Pride Picnic returned for a second year on Saturday 28 June, with the aim of creating a town that is a safe space for everyone to live and work in. There were a range of stalls set up and musical acts performing through the afternoon: These included a number of our students, Helston Theatre Company, Sam Mackenzie from popular cover band Bottled Blonde along with a number of our super talented musical students including Amy Johns on the keyboard and Abigail Shawyer.

There were stands and activities from organisations such as Safe Haven Cornwall, the brilliant Intercom Trust, Devon and Cornwall Police and the Museum of Cornish Life. The event had been organised by Helston Town Council in partnership with ex-student Guy Watson from the South Kerrier Alliance, and teacher Mx Marsden with students from Helston Community College, who were the catalyst for the first

Helston Pride last year. The College's Pride club had run a placard designing competition and the results of this were displayed around the event, with messages such as 'Trans people are not your enemy', and 'Everyone should be accepted'.

Guy Watson commented that, "It feels like it's an established event now. The thing that works so well is that it's a relaxing event. That came from the school, that they didn't want it to be a loud event, just somewhere you can come and chill out, and feel like you're in a safe place. HCC teacher and Pride organiser Mx Marsden said, "This year we had many more students from the College and other nearby schools, which is wonderful. Many of them were proudly sporting their particular Pride flags, and all who came said they thought it a really lovely event. Roll on next year!"

The event was brilliantly hosted by local drag queen Betty.



HELSTON PRIDE PICNIC



Sports Day 2025



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CORNWALL SCHOOL GAMES

A Year 8 Football team from Helston Community College took part in this year's Cornwall School Games finals hosted at Liskeard School. The squad of twelve players played matches in a round robin format, rotating players between games to give all players the chance to represent the team and make valued contributions. The Helston side showed great enthusiasm and team work to win three of their matches and drawing five. Remarkably, the team didn't concede any goals throughout the whole tournament. Their performances earned them a third place finish and some bronze medals which they wore with pride on the journey home. Well done team!



24th in the UK!

High Jump Success

Huge congratulations to Stefano D (Y9) who competed at the Duchy Open and smashed his PB in the high jump with an incredible 1.70m! This phenomenal performance now ranks him 24th in the UK for U15s — a fantastic achievement and a credit to his hard work and determination. We couldn't wait to see him in action again at Sports Day – and he didn't disappoint setting a new record!



RNLI CHALLENGE

On Friday 11th July, our school community came together for an incredible challenge in support of the RNLI – and the results were outstanding!

- Total Miles Covered by Students: 1,934.56 miles
- Total Miles Including Staff Contribution: Over 2,000 miles!

A huge well done to everyone who took part – whether you walked, ran, rowed, or moved in any way to help us reach this milestone.

Special recognition goes to Tutor Group 9E, who went above and beyond by clocking an impressive 80 miles – the furthest distance covered by any group!

Thank you to all students, staff, and supporters for your energy and commitment. Also a massive thank you to Mr Lockword in taking this amazing photo! Together, we went the distance for a great cause!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS



A huge well done to Archie, Olly and Reuben, who proudly represented Cornwall on their Germany tour and won the tournament!

A special shout-out to Reuben, who had the honour of captaining the team – an incredible achievement. What an unforgettable experience and what a way to represent your county!

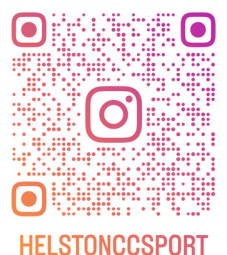
ROUNDERS



What a great performance recently against Truro High in rounders! Well done everyone involved.

- Y7s lost 12.5-8.5
- Y8s won 13-3
- Y9s won 18.5-10.5
- Y10s drew 13.5-13.5

For more HCC Sports news follow us on Instagram! @helstonccsport



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CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

On Wednesday 2 July, our Post-16 Business students visited Tesco Helston as part of their Level 3 Unit 14 Customer Service studies. The visit offered a unique opportunity to see how one of the UK's largest retailers delivers and monitors customer service in a real-world setting. The visit began with a guided tour led by Julie Lawrence, who introduced students to Tesco's customer service strategies and innovations. She explained how Tesco uses the Medallia app to gather real-time customer feedback, helping the store track satisfaction and identify areas for improvement. This directly supports the unit's focus on monitoring and evaluating customer service performance.

Julie also highlighted Tesco's Clubcard loyalty scheme, which offers customers savings, vouchers, and partner bonuses—demonstrating how businesses use incentives to build loyalty and meet customer expectations.

Students explored the variety of shopping options available, including:

- Scan-as-you-shop
- Basket-only and trolley-only self-service tills
- Personal shopping by staff
- Click & Collect and home delivery via Tesco.com

They also learned about Tesco's in-store partnerships with brands like Timpsons, Costa, Yo! Sushi, and Vision Express, as well as seasonal offerings and the "Free From" range. These services reflect Tesco's commitment to convenience, inclusivity, and customer choice.

Later in the visit, Nick Mills, Store Manager, met with the group to discuss how Tesco monitors service quality and addresses customer perceptions. He explained how the store uses customer recommendation scores and feedback data to challenge the misconception that large retailers compromise on quality. Nick emphasized that Tesco is actively working to improve the perception of freshness and service quality, particularly through initiatives like:

- Sustainable bakery options
- Improved store layout for better visibility and appeal
- Fresh Care training for staff
- Cleanliness and safety standards, including deep cleaning and secure storage for high-value items

To bring the learning to life, students took part in a taste test of Tesco's blueberries and strawberries, comparing freshness and flavour—an engaging way to explore how product quality influences customer satisfaction.

To top off the visit, Nick kindly presented each student with a Tesco goodie bag, leaving them with a positive and memorable experience of customer service in action.

This visit gave students valuable insights into:

- Different approaches to customer service
- Meeting customer expectations
- Legal and ethical responsibilities
- Monitoring and improving service delivery

A huge thank you to Julie Lawrence, Nick Mills, and the Tesco Helston team for providing such a rich and practical learning experience for our future business professionals.

INSPIRING INSIGHTS INTO CUSTOMER SERVICE: NICOLA BURGESS VISITS POST-16 BUSINESS STUDENTS

On Tuesday 12 June, students on the Post-16 Business course were treated to an engaging and insightful session with Nicola Burgess from Newells Travel, Helston. Nicola visited the class to share her expertise on customer service; an essential topic the students are currently exploring as part of their Level 3 Business qualification.

Nicola began by introducing the concept of customer service and how it varies across different types of businesses she had worked in. She highlighted the contrasting approaches between high street travel agencies like Newells Travel and online-only competitors, sparking a lively discussion among students about the value of personal interaction and tailored service.

The talk also covered vital interpersonal skills, such as active listening, empathy, and clear communication—skills that Nicola emphasized as crucial for building trust and loyalty with customers. Students were particularly interested in how Newells Travel maintains strong customer relationships through both face-to-face and digital channels. As part of the session, Nicola explored how businesses can meet customer expectations while adhering to key legislation, including the Data Protection Act, Consumer Protection laws, and the Sale of Goods Act. She shared real-world examples of how Newells Travel ensures compliance and handles customer complaints with professionalism and care.

Students also gained valuable insights into how businesses monitor and improve their customer service. Nicola discussed the use of customer feedback, surveys, and even mystery shoppers to evaluate performance and drive continuous improvement.

The visit concluded with a Q&A session, where students asked thoughtful questions about ethical standards, equal opportunities, and the impact of excellent customer service on business success.

This visit not only enriched students' understanding of the unit's learning outcomes but also provided a practical perspective that brought the theory to life. A huge thank you to Nicola Burgess for her time, enthusiasm, and for inspiring the next generation of business professionals.

Mrs Hocking



HELSTON HELP FOR DEVON AND CORNWALL FOOD ACTION



On 26 June, a number of students from HCC (as well as a few from other local schools), travelled to Plymouth to visit the headquarters of Devon and Cornwall Food Action (DCFA). DCFA are a registered charity whose mission is tackle food insecurity, as well as reducing food waste.

They work with partners in the food industry, including producers and supermarkets, to rescue surplus food that would otherwise end up in landfills. It's not just about preventing waste—it's about making sure perfectly good food reaches those who need it most. They team up with local organisations (such as HCC) to ensure that the food we save gets to the people who need it most. It's all about community effort and making sure that everyone has enough to eat.

Whether it's through their Plymouth Hub or at pop-up event, such as the monthly pop-up at HCC, they're there to provide essential food items directly to individuals and families facing hardship. No referrals are needed, but they do ask that you pre-order and bring your shopping bags. DCFA have been working in partnership with HCC since September 2023 and together, we have supported over 1000 families in the Helston Area. Every month, students and staff volunteer on a Saturday morning, welcoming local families to our North Site between 1000 and 1100. For just £30 DCFA provide a week's worth of shopping.

This includes:

- Tea/coffee
- Pasta/rice
- Selection of tins & cereal
- Bag/box of crisps
- Box of pasties/pies
- Bag of frozen items
- Bag of fresh fruit/veg
- Bag of household toiletries
- Bread/rolls/cakes
- Pet food
- (And often more)



At DCFA's hub in Plymouth, we learned more about work that goes on behind the scenes, to make their pop-up events possible. We learned that just keeping the charity running (warehouse rental, electricity bills, etc. costs £15,000 per month! They have 70 volunteers who give up their time to help, but Alan Dunne (Chairman) says he really needs 180!

These volunteers give up their time for no payment and the charity works every single day of the year except Christmas Day.

While the focus of the charity is very much about tackling food insecurity, it is also good for the environment. Food that would have been wasted goes to those who need it most and if any fresh produce perished, it is processed to make biofuel.

When we visited, students learned lots about how big organisations work, including supply chains and health & safety requirements. We also then got down to work – helping to package groceries, re-label products that had lost theirs and allocate products for upcoming pop-up events. We also got speak to a range of people working for the charity. When Year 7 student, Michael, interviewed Alan Dunne (Chairman) and asked him the one thing that he wanted most for the charity, Alan said "For it not to be needed". Alan explained that food insecurity was a growing problem – in 2022/23 7.2 million people faced food insecurity (an increase of 2.5. million from the year before). Alan explained that 82% of the people they support are in working households and that food insecurity is affecting people who are in employment more and more.

We are very proud of our partnership with DCFA and the help that it provides to the Helston community. If you are interested in accessing any of DCFA's events, please visit their website, or follow them on Facebook. Dates for their visits to Helston next academic year will be shared in September.



Space Camp 2025



From the 4th to the 11th July, two year 8 students and Mrs Mullins and I (Miss Long) went to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

The trip was fully funded by Northrop Grumman (an American Aerospace Company) and was set up to take students from the JET project to experience Astronaut Training.

Domas and Kitt stayed in dorms with students from all over the world and took part in activities such as:

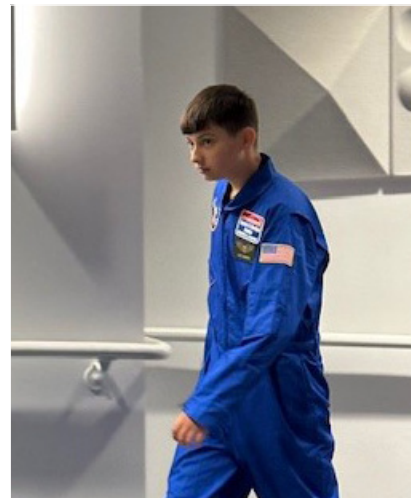
The Multi-Axis Trainer (MAT) which simulates disorientation from in space, and the 1/6 Chair which simulates walking on the moon.

They also crewed simulated missions to the moon.

Mrs Mullins and I also took part in Space Camp for Educators where we took part in all the same activities and experienced a life changing week.

The boys grew in confidence throughout the week and we have never had so much fun.

We look forward to implementing some of the more land based activities back in school!



'During Activities Week, some of our students took part in a Podcasting Academy. Over three days, they learnt technical skills for recording their podcasts, including generating their own original Foley SFX and location and studio recording. They learnt how to edit sound successfully, and recorded and edited a fictional podcast drama about three students who run a school podcast.

They also dipped into branding strategies, learning about sonic branding as well as how to write show notes and create a thumbnail in Photoshop to market their creations.

Along the way, they clocked up 18 of the Guided Learning Hours towards the RSL Grade 3 in Digital Communications, and will be continuing their studies via distance learning and check-ins next term ready to take their exam in October.

They all worked phenomenally hard and should be very proud of the edits they produced.

Your Pupils, Our Singers: United from Land's End to Bude to Showcase Cornwall in the Music For Youth National Festival in Birmingham

On Friday 11 July, 94 singers aged 4 to 25 from across Cornwall, reaching from Land's End to Bude, joined their peers in the Cornwall Youth Choirs family at the prestigious Music for Youth National Festival in Birmingham Symphony Hall. The singers, from Cornwall Junior Choir (KS1), Cornwall Children's Choir (KS2), Cornwall Youth Training Choir (KS3) and Cornwall Youth Choir (KS4+), were selected to perform following their appearance at the regional festival in March at Truro Methodist Church. Out of hundreds of ensembles across the UK, just five were chosen to perform in Primary Live, an hour long, interactive concert aimed at children aged 4–11—and our singers were one of them.

Their set of three songs was beautifully delivered, emotional, and uplifting—notably, two of the songs were performed in Cornish, showcasing the richness of our cultural heritage. The performance brought together the youngest and oldest members in one glorious, powerful moment. Their pride and unity shone through, leaving a lasting impression on every audience member in the hall. The singers' impeccable behaviour and professionalism made them a credit to their schools.

Music for Youth is a national charity that champions free and inclusive performance opportunities, supporting values of diversity, creativity, and musical excellence—values

echoed by Cornwall Youth Choirs, which fosters inclusion, mutual respect, and emotional well-being through singing.

Our singers wore Cornish tartan outfits, a proud nod to our identity—but it was their voices and their polished performance that made the most lasting impression.

A big thank you to all the schools, parents, and volunteers for their invaluable support in helping our singers achieve this incredible opportunity.

We hope every school is as proud of its pupils as we are. What they achieved on this national stage was truly special.



Cornwall Youth Choir performing at Birmingham Symphony Hall in the Music For Youth National Festival 2024

COME AND SING WITH US!

Are you aged between 4 and 25 and love singing? Cornwall Youth Choirs offers a rewarding path for young people aged 4–25, with clear progression across four ensembles:

- **Cornwall Junior Choir** (Reception–KS1)
- **Cornwall Children's Choir** (KS2)
- **Cornwall Youth Training Choir** (KS3)
- **Cornwall Youth Choir** (KS4+; audition from age 14)

We provide free taster sessions, tiered fees with sibling discounts, and bursary or Pupil Premium support. Come and join one of our choirs! Book a FREE taster session by emailing:

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The phrase "Onen hag oll" is at the heart of Cornwall Youth Choirs, highlighting our focus on unity and shared purpose. As a choral arts charity, CYC offers four choirs that regularly meet across Cornwall, creating opportunities for children as young as four up to the age of 25—welcoming all experience levels to sing, grow, and connect through music. We also reach out to the wider community through special projects and activities, making singing accessible to more young people across Cornwall.

Helston Community College Presents the Summer Concert



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Celebration Evening 2025





Celebration Evening 2025



On Wednesday 9th July, students nominated for our annual, prestigious Celebration Evening gathered in the North Site Hall to be entertained by our amazing concert band and to hear some inspirational words from Commander Holland, commanding officer for 814 Naval Air Squadron. The awards presented are our highest accolades and just to be nominated was an achievement in itself. Superbly organised by Ms Woods, the event was hosted by our very own Ant and Dec, Mr Dudley and Ms Martin.

Awards were presented for each subject, along with some long-standing traditional awards that recognised students' determination and effort as well as their outstanding achievement. The Heads of Year each had the challenge to choose just one student for their sought-after Head of Year Awards. The event finished with a delicious spread of treats provided by Year 10 GCSE Food Technology students. It really was a special evening for everyone involved.



Praise Points



Leaderboard

Year 7



Skye W	7B	358
Daniel P	7G	277
Alistair D	7B	263
Ethan R	7H	259
Ellyott M	7E	255
Isla M	7A	246
Jheniela B	7B	238
Henry W	7D	235
Anna H	7F	232
Eloyse H	7A	232

Year 8



Isobel P	8E	342
Aaron I	8F	329
Polly R	8G	283
Millie N	8F	258
Leo B	8F	257
Daniel W	8B	242
Johan C	8D	241
Theo C	8B	230
Emilia R	8E	230
Noah H	8B	224

Year 9



Finley W-H	9E	286
Ava C	9B	275
Frederick W	9E	275
William D	9E	257
Jen F	9H	240
Finley L	9C	240
Kenie M	9E	237
Thea G	9B	233
Millien H	9E	228
Aimee B	9H	223

Year 10



Isaac A	10D	245
Tyler P	10A	244
Lucy A	10H	238
Tamsin M	10A	234
Lewis W	10E	215
Roxy H-P	10H	201
Elsie R	10F	194
David S	10A	185
Charlotte H	10G	184
Harley W	10B	183

Year 11



Andrew D	11C	127
Meah H	11A	120
Charlotte T	11A	104
Lilly T	11H	103
Miriam M	11B	102
Emily M	11C	102
Lily T	11A	98
Ava J	11C	96
Unathi C	11F	93
Will L	11J	93

Year 12



Emily P	12A	32
Rhys W	12E	32
Tom M	12D	29
Jacob S	12A	28
Kieran S	12B	28
Alistair S	12E	24
Gabriel S	12E	23
Ry H	12D	22
Isabella T	12B	21
Jessica G	12B	19
Lilly P	12A	19

Year 13



Martin B	13B	21
Liv B	13D	17
Daniel M	13D	16
Evie F	13D	15
Alia B	13C	13
Harrison M	13A	13
William W	13B	13
Cyen B	13B	12
Daniel W	13A	12
Ashley D	13B	11
Logan H	13D	11

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Well Done!

(Praise Points as of 11/07/25)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Year 7

Daniel P

Nominated for great attendance, perfect behaviour and for his brilliant performances in the summer concert A. Lingard



June - July

Year 8

Orla P

Nominated by Ms Ford for her outstanding attention to detail in DT and by Mr Parekh for her brilliant attitude and effort. Orla has also excelled as a student leader as well as scoring loads of Praise Points. What a great year!



Year 9

Elsie E

Nominated by Ms Westaway for giving her absolute best effort every single maths lesson. Elsie has also been nominated by Mr Lingard for her incredible kindness, resulting in her reaching the final of the BBC Young Hero of the Year Awards in September!



Year 10

Lewis W

Nominated by Ms Hocking and Mr Bannon for his determination and phenomenal effort in Physics and Computer Science. In addition, Lewis has scored well over 200 Praise Points and has become one of our new Prefects!



Well Done

TH Nominations

Reubyn A	7	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Imogen A	7	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Livvy B	7	Consistent enthusiasm and leadership skills in Drama.	S Richardson
Bethany C	7	Overcoming the fear of the Design and Technology machines to use them correctly and perfectly.	L Ford
Ana-Maria C	7	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Oceana C	7	A great effort in Drama.	K. Crawshaw
Alistair D	7	Brilliant focus and effort during lessons.	L Ford
Alistair D	7	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Alice G	7	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Zander G	7	Super progress in English this term.	S. Wilton
Felix G	7	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Anna H	7	Amazing work ethic in Spanish.	S. Morbey
Pearl K	7	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Edward M	7	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Amy P	7	Excellent effort in Spanish.	S. Morbey
Oli S	7	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Amara T	7	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Leilani T	7	Excellent effort in Spanish.	S. Morbey
Ethan T	7	Sharing his experiences during class discussions on multiple topics over the year.	M Bannon
Amelia V	7	Went massively above and beyond on Sports Day stepping into any event others in her tutor group didn't want to do. What a team player!	M Bannon
Grace B	8	Consistent effort and creativity in Drama.	S Richardson
Amelia B	8	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Maddie C	8	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Maddie C	8	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Amy C	8	Amazing work in Spanish.	S. Morbey
Olivia E	8	Outstanding dedication to extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V.Pryor
Katelyn E	8	Outstanding effort in all lessons and commitment to extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V. Pryor
Starla E	8	Never giving up in Science - she has come such a long way.	M Bannon
Emily H	8	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Noah H	8	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Ella J	8	Outstanding dedication to extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V.Pryor
Tori K	8	Outstanding dedication to extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V. Pryor
Jowan L	8	Knowing everything there is to know about Charles Darwin and evolution!	M Bannon
Rowan M	8	Working really hard to catch up his practical after a few lessons of absence.	L Ford
Rowan M	8	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Boo N	8	A great effort in drama.	K. Crawshaw
Isobel P	8	Excellent effort in French.	S. Morbey
India P	8	Great effort in French	S. Morbey
Archie R	8	A great performance with lovely dialogue in Drama.	S Richardson
Luka S	8	For asking the best questions every lesson.	M Bannon
Jack W	8	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Lilly W	8	For super organisation of props and costumes in Drama and for coming such a long way with her confidence in Drama this year.	S Richardson

Chloe W	8	Outstanding dedication to extra curricular clubs and fixtures.	V.Pryor
Eliza Yon	8	Creativity and excellent group work in Drama.	S Richardson
Aimee B	9	Consistent excellent effort in RE.	G. Parekh
Emily B	9	Consistent focus, enthusiasm and motivation in Drama.	S Richardson
Ava C	9	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Ethan C	9	Excellent contributions to class discussion in RE.	G. Parekh
Elena D	9	Consistently excellent effort in English.	K. Crawshaw
Jen F	9	Consistent excellent effort in RE.	G. Parekh
Jonah F	9	Great work on his food outcomes this month.	L Ford
Tommy H	9	Excellent contributions to class discussion in RE.	G. Parekh
Alex H	9	Superb effort this term as we started the GCSE Poetry Anthology.	C. Bloor
Jayden J	9	Working hard to catch up on work missed in English.	K. Crawshaw
Benji Jewell	9	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Liam N	9	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Sophie O	9	For consistent enthusiasm, focus and answering questions brilliantly in Drama.	S Richardson
Neryssa R	9	Brilliant attitude and effort in RE.	G.Parekh
Leo T	9	Excellent contributions to class discussion in RE.	G. Parekh
Ellie T	9	Great work on her food outcomes this month really pushing herself to develop her skill set.	L Ford
Finley W-H	9	Consistent focus and creativity in Drama.	S Richardson
Erin W	9	Excellent effort in Spanish.	S. Morbey
Jake W	9	Great effort in French.	S. Morbey
Jess A	10	Leadership and organisation skills in her group devised piece in Drama.	S Richardson
Olly C	10	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Bryher E	10	Fantastic achievement in Science.	L Davies
Ethan H	10	Fantastic effort this year in Business - well done!	L Hocking
Kateryna K	10	Phenomenal effort throughout the year in Computer Science - well done!	L Hocking
Kateryna K	10	Effort repeated becomes excellence - this is what you have achieved this year in Business. Well done!	L Hocking
Aulay M	10	A great performance in the LAMDA showcase.	K. Crawshaw
Aulay M	10	Attention to detail and leadership skills in devising in Drama.	S Richardson
Amelie M	10	A fantastic effort in your mock exam.	K. Crawshaw
Amelie M	10	Fantastic effort shown in Triple Biology this year - well done.	L Davies
Ella T	10	Fantastic achievement in French.	S. Morbey
Harvey T	10	Fantastic effort throughout the year in Computer Science - well done!	LHocking
Sam T	10	His dedication shown in developing and responding when working on his coursework.	L Ford
Heidi T	10	Your commitment to working hard in Health and Social care every lesson!	J Robertson
Laila C	12	Improved confidence in contributing to class discussion in Philosophy and Ethics.	G. Parekh
Bailey-RaeL	12	Consistency isn't glamorous — but it's unstoppable. Keep it going to reap the success next year!	L Hocking
Rosa T-S	12	Improved confidence in contributing to class discussion in Philosophy and Ethics.	G. Parekh
Jack W	12	Consistently excellent contributions in Philosophy and Ethics.	G. Parekh

Head of Year 7

As we draw the curtain on this academic year, I find myself reflecting with immense pride on the incredible journey our Year 7 students have taken. From their very first day in September to now, they have shown tremendous growth, resilience, and enthusiasm. Starting secondary school is no small feat, and our students have embraced the challenge with open minds and open hearts.

In assemblies throughout the year, I've often reminded students that this is the biggest leap they'll take in their academic journey. And what a leap it has been! From mastering new subjects and routines to building new friendships, they've navigated this transition with maturity and determination.

One of our guiding principles this year has been simple yet powerful: Kindness and Hard Work. These values have been at the heart of everything we've done, and I'm thrilled to share that our Year 7s have earned over 25,000 Praise Points on Class Charts—a testament to their dedication and positive attitude.

Academically, our students have achieved fantastic results. Whether it was excelling in assessments, joining academic clubs, or representing the school in competitions, they've shown what's possible when effort meets opportunity. Congratulations to all who pushed themselves and reached new heights.

But learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. This year, our Year 7s have thrown themselves into a wide range of extracurricular activities—from sports and music to drama.

These experiences have helped them discover new passions and develop vital life skills like teamwork, leadership, and time management. Perhaps most inspiring of all has been the strong sense of community that has blossomed among our Year 7s. Whether in tutor time, assemblies, or day-to-day interactions, they've supported one another through challenges and celebrated each other's successes. That spirit of unity is something truly special.

As we look ahead to Year 8, I encourage our students to carry forward the curiosity, kindness, and commitment they've shown this year. The foundation they've built is strong—now it's time to build even higher. To our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering support. Your partnership has been vital to our students' success, and I look forward to continuing this journey together into Year 8.

To our dedicated staff—thank you for your passion, care, and tireless efforts. And to our wonderful Year 7 students: thank you for making this year so memorable. You've made us all incredibly proud.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to support your child's academic journey then please drop me an email :

jdudley@helston.tpacademytrust.org

Wishing you all a restful, joyful summer break. See you in the new academic year!

Jack Dudley - Head of Year 7 and Transition



Head of Year 8



I cannot believe that we are at the end of this academic year. It has flown by. We have achieved so much. This last half term Year 8 have enjoyed a rounder's tournament on Friday tutor time. The students have really enjoyed taking part in these events. We have had a large number of our cohort taking part in the various musical events that have been happening in College. There have been sporting fixtures and athletics going on. We have also just enjoyed our second sport day. I believe we have a new record in the year group but I am waiting for confirmation! As always this was an amazing day. Seeing students trying their best at the events and really enjoying spending time with their peers is one of my favourite days.

As we move forward and head towards being the oldest at KS3, students need to be reminded of the importance of effort and behaviour in and out of lessons. They need to make the most of every lesson: listening and taking part to ensure they get the most out of the time they spend with their teachers. There is an expectation that in Year 9 we will be more responsible, keen to learn, choose to lead by example. By February the year group will be selecting option subjects, one of the first decisions on the pathway to who they would like to be in the future. I have spoken to them about making the most of every opportunity not just in lessons but made available to them in and out of College. I have asked them to be their best selves and be proud of their achievements. I cannot wait to see where next year is going to take us but I am sure it will be as exciting and wonderful as this year just gone. I wish all the Year 8 families a wonderful summer break.

Helston are proud to announce we hosted the 1st Student Leadership Conference and some of our wonderful Year 8 leaders have been keen to share their experience of that event.

Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 8

The 1st Student Leadership Conference 7 July 2025

Written by Polly R, Matilda T, Betsy R and Amy C

In the morning, we first met with all the representatives and student leaders from Mullion, St Ives, Hayle and Helston schools. I found it interesting talking to students from other schools and finding out about what they do to help their schools flourish. After meeting the leaders, we were assigned into groups and tasked to complete a series of ice breaker challenges to get to know each other. Next, we listened to Floyd Steadman



OBE, a truly inspirational speaker who talked to us about how even though he faced many challenges in his life if you stay resilient, things will work out. Finally, we did a workshop on communication and how it is important for a leader to be good communicators. (Polly)

We were introduced to Floyd in the Northsite Hall at 10:20. He spoke about his childhood and how he ran away at 10 years of age because of his father. He described how he slept in a shed and in a park but was able to get a job working for a milkman. Eventually the police found him, when he was taken home, his father rejected him and he went to live in a children's home. When he started secondary school, he was discriminated against due to the colour of his skin. He did really well at school and things improved. When he was an adult he played rugby for Saracens, he was really good at that too. Later on, he became

a PE teacher and then a Head teacher. He married his wife, who he met at university and had 3 children. Sadly, his wife died. We then go to ask questions and had biscuits and juice. (Betsy)

We were introduced to Floyd and from the start he grabbed our attention. He was amazing to listen to and everyone was interested in what he was saying. He spoke about his childhood and how he worked hard to be the person he is now. He inspired all of us to be better people. It was amazing to see a person not just overcome their challenges but use them to be the best person they can be. We would all like to thank Floyd for his time and how much we appreciated him coming to our College. (Matilda)

Finally, each school prepared a presentation about leadership opportunities in their schools. It was interesting to see how other colleges varied in leadership. Some only have opportunities for the older years, and others were similar to ours and provide leadership from Year 7 to Year 13. I believe it is beneficial to learn about other schools and how they work so we can be the best school possible. I really enjoyed every part of the day, but my favourite was the keynote speaker, Mr Floyd Steadman OBE. He was incredibly inspiring to listen to and we were all really appreciative of his time. (Amy)



Head of Year 9

As we come to the end of what has been a truly remarkable year for Year 9, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the incredible journey this cohort has taken. This year has been one of growth—not just academically, but in maturity, confidence, and character. It has been a joy to witness the transformation of students as they've stepped up to the increasing expectations placed upon them, and it is clear they are more than ready to take on the next chapter of their school lives.



Throughout the year, our Year 9 students have shown impressive academic progress. The assessment windows they've undertaken have not only helped consolidate their learning, but also prepared them for the demands of the GCSE years ahead. These experiences have been vital stepping stones, building resilience, refining revision habits, and encouraging a reflective approach to learning. Their hard work now lays a strong foundation for success in Key Stage 4.

Beyond the classroom, Year 9 have consistently proven themselves to be fantastic ambassadors for HCC. Whether supporting each other on off-timetable days, engaging positively in whole-school events, or representing the college in the community, they have done so with maturity, enthusiasm and pride. Their behaviour, teamwork and attitude continue to be praised by staff across the school.

One of the standout achievements of the year has been their attendance. Year 9 currently sit in the top 20% nationally for attendance in their age group—a truly fantastic statistic that speaks volumes about their commitment to school life. We know that good attendance has a direct impact on achievement, so this is something to be extremely proud of and I thank families for their ongoing support in ensuring students are in school and learning.

This term, one highlight was Sports Day - full of energy, team spirit and some outstanding performances. A huge congratulations goes to tutor group 9F, who claimed the top spot overall after. I'd also like to personally congratulate Stefano, whose outstanding high jump effort broke a school record for his age group - an Incredible achievement!

We also recently held our end of year celebration assembly—a real highlight of the school calendar. It was a joy to reward students for their hard work, kindness, leadership and perseverance. It's always inspiring to take a moment to recognise the efforts of so many students who give their best every single day.

To top it all off, Year 9 have just enjoyed their much-anticipated Activities Week. From trips and excursions to hands-on workshops and team challenges, our students have embraced the chance to try new things, step out of their comfort zones and create lasting memories with friends and staff alike.

As we now head into a well-deserved summer break, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of Year 9 for making this year such a rewarding one. Your energy, ambition, and positive spirit have been a real credit to HCC. I hope you all enjoy a restful summer and return refreshed and ready for what promises to be an exciting and important year ahead as you begin your GCSE journey.

Well done, Year 9—you've made us proud. Here's to the next chapter!

Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 9

Head of Year 10

As we close the chapter on another academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey our Year 10 students have undertaken. This year has been one of growth, achievement, and resilience, and it is my pleasure to celebrate the many successes we've shared as a year group.



From the very first day of term, our students demonstrated a commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom. Whether it was through academic pursuits, creative projects, or sporting achievements, Year 10 consistently showed what it means to be dedicated, curious, and community-minded learners. One of the standout highlights of the year was the impressive performance in our mock exams. Students approached these with maturity and determination, using them as a valuable opportunity to prepare for the challenges of Year 11. The progress made across subjects has been truly inspiring, and it's clear that our students are laying strong foundations for their GCSEs.

A particularly exciting moment this term was the selection of our new prefects. The process was highly competitive, with many students putting themselves forward to take on this important leadership role. It was heartening to see the passion and thoughtfulness in their applications and interviews. Those selected have already begun to demonstrate the responsibility, integrity, and initiative that we value so highly. I have no doubt they will be excellent role models and ambassadors for the school in the year ahead.

Beyond academics, Year 10 has shone in so many other ways. Our involvement in school-wide initiatives—from charity fundraisers to environmental campaigns—has showcased the compassion and leadership that define this cohort. The enthusiasm with which students embraced enrichment activities, including drama productions, music performances, and sports competitions, has added vibrancy to our school community.

I would also like to acknowledge the unwavering support from parents, carers, and staff. Your encouragement and guidance have been instrumental in helping our students thrive. Together, we've created an environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed.

As we look ahead to Year 11, I am confident that our students will continue to rise to the occasion. They have already proven that they are capable of great things, and I am excited to see how they will build on this year's achievements.

To every member of Year 10: thank you for your hard work, your spirit, and your contributions to our school. Enjoy a well-deserved summer break—you've earned it!

Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 10



YEAR 8 LEADERS VISIT TO THE HELSTON GATEWAY PROJECT

In May, the Year 8 Student Leaders were lucky enough to be invited to look around the new Helston Gateway Project in Helston town centre by Mr David Turnbull.

Firstly, we visited the new Cober Valley Health GP Surgery and were surprised at the warm and welcoming feel of this new spacious, colourful and much needed facility for Helston.

We then went downstairs to see the activity spaces for young people starting with incredible indoor climbing facilities which span three areas with many different levels of difficulty ensuring participation for all - we are all excited to have a go!

We also visited the music rooms, eco-friendly geothermal heat pump room, the safe space rooms and the small cafe area to serve hot snacks such as pizzas and drinks at reasonable prices.



Finally, we went to the large utility entertainment space which could be used for films, discos, roller skating and music and drama performances.

We felt that the building has made a good use of space with great access with a reasonable price range for local young people with potential memberships deals.

We also feel this will bring in more tourists and potentially more money for Helston.

We had a very interesting and informative hour hearing from Esther, Sam and David and we thank them for their time we are all excited about the visiting this fantastic facility in the centre of Helston soon.

Mr Richardson and the Year 8 Leadership team



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST STAFF SHARE CAREER PATH OPTIONS WITH YEAR 8 CORE PE STUDENTS

James Ward, and his colleagues Kyran Coulls and Kevin Kendall, introduced the range of careers that could be developed through professional sport. Students had the opportunity to get involved in group discussions and ask/answer questions with our expert guests. The students were amazed by the wide range of opportunities available to them. James, Kyran and Kevin have all taken different paths towards their current coaching roles, which was useful knowledge for the students to know that there isn't just one route into a career in sport. Students also learnt about training and development opportunities available through the Plymouth Argyle Community Trust.



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.

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 term-time 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.

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.





**MUSICAL
IN A WEEK**

2025

CORNWALL

ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL



Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August

9am to 5pm each day

Juniors - Ages 5 to 8 years

Seniors - Ages 9 to 18 years

Performances: 1st August - Juniors @ 1:30pm | Seniors @ 4pm & 6:30pm

To book, contact: tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

**Do you love to sing,
dance and act?**

National Award-Winning All Starz are super excited to bring to Cornwall for the very first time, Musical in a Week!

Within 5 days, the highly qualified team of West End creatives will teach the young actors to perform a much-loved classic musical, which is then performed publicly.

This year we are pleased to be performing MATILDA.

This awesome opportunity is from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August

For all young people aged between 5 and 18 years old
9am to 5pm each day
Performances on the Friday at 1:30pm, 4pm and 7:30pm
At Truro School

An early drop-off service is available if needed.

For children aged between 5 and 8 years old, there is also the option for an earlier collection. All staff are DBS checked.

This exciting opportunity is open to everyone, all abilities are welcome, and there are no auditions to participate. It is first come first served, so make sure you register your place quickly with tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

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

Help Sheet: Installing Microsoft Office from Office.com

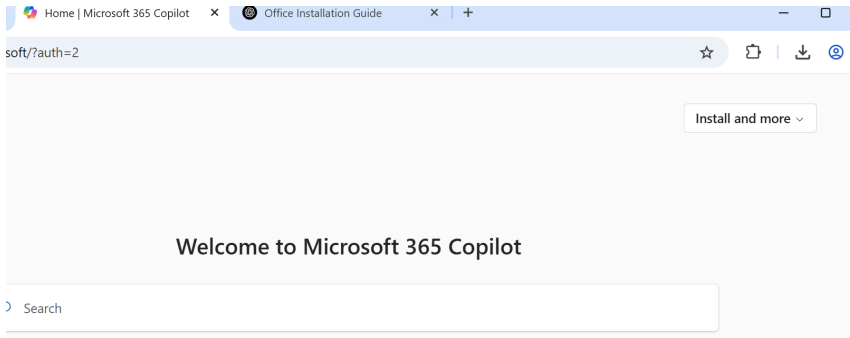
Step-by-Step Guide

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.

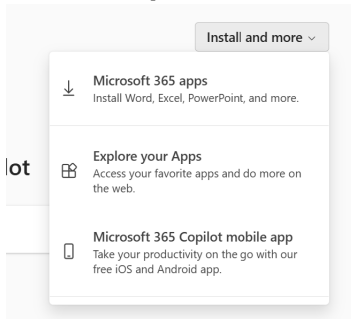
Step 2: Access the “Install and more” Menu

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.



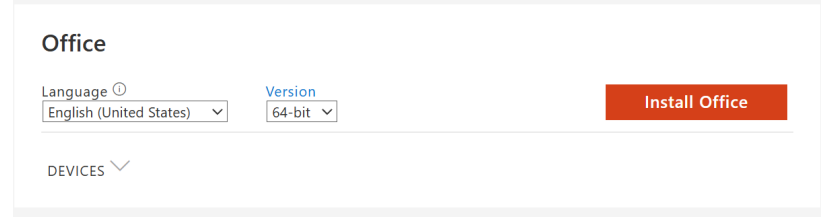
To get started, you just need your school email address and password.

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.

Step 4: Initiate the Installation

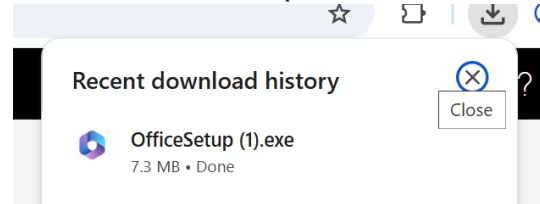
1. A new page will open displaying various options.
2. Click the “Install Office” button under the Office apps section.

Apps & devices



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.