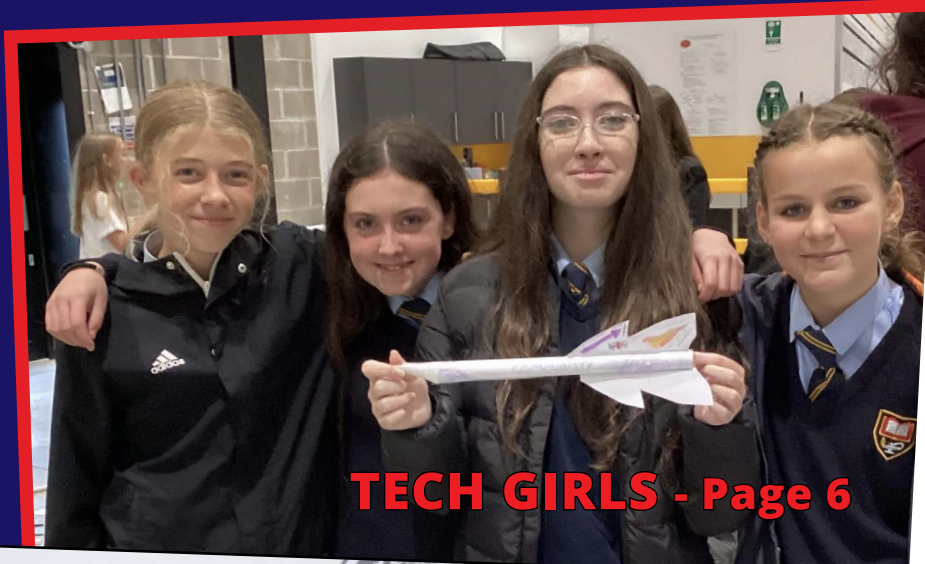


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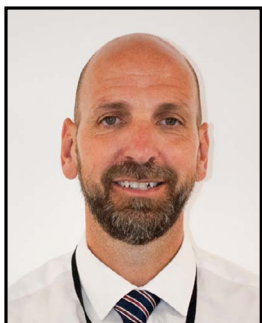
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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

It is great to be sharing with you another edition of our digital magazine 'The Helstonian'. This is the 19th edition since I joined the school 3 years ago and it's something I always look forward to at the end of each half-term. I hope you enjoy it too.

As always it has been a busy first half-term, but a great one. Our Year 7s and Year 12s have settled in extremely well and our students in Years 11 and 13 have really stepped up in preparation for their exams later this year. Years 8, 9 and 10 have made excellent progress too, building on what they achieved in 2024-25. The feel of the school is really positive, and I would say the relationships between staff and students are stronger than ever. It has been lovely to see so many students achieve a high number of praise points already. So far, we have awarded over 35,000; a massive 14,000 more than this time last year! 10 times more praise points have been awarded than negative points, which I think says it all.

We've welcomed a high number of visitors this term, and without exception they have commented on the warmth of the school, the excellent behaviour of the students and the calm environment. Our Year 6 Open Evening was buzzing, and a record number of tours took place throughout the first two weeks of October. We know that a high number of families have already put us down as their first choice for next September. The future looks very bright.

Sadly, though, we say farewell this week to two members of staff. Mrs Newton (Learning Champion) is retiring after 18 years at the school, and Ms Neville (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) is moving on to pastures new after spending 2 great years with us. Both of them have been excellent colleagues and made a significant impact to the lives of students. They will be greatly missed and wish them both well.

Two-week Half-term - Parent Survey

As you'll be aware, the Trust we belong to introduced a 2-week half-term this year and are keen to get your views on the possible term dates for 2026-27 and 2027-28, again with the option of having an extended half-term break in October. Please have a careful look at all the dates for each term before feeding back your response. The link to the survey is here: [TPAT Term Dates 2026-2028](#)

May I finish with saying a heartfelt thank you to parents and carers for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Alex Lingard

Headteacher



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iPads and Styluses

Many thanks to parents for ensuring students have a stylus to use with their iPads - it really does help in a number of ways. Please remember, we have free styluses available from the library for any student in receipt of free school meals.

Please can you also help remind your child(ren) to charge their iPads each evening so that they are at least 80% each day.

Confiscation of Banned Items

Please may we remind you that if a child brings in a banned item to school, e.g. a vape, it is Trust policy to dispose of the item rather than return it, even to the parent.

Assessment Dates Coming Up

- **Year 9** - assessments begin straight after half-term (week beginning 3 November)
- **Year 11** - mock exams begin on Wednesday 12 November
- **Revision resources** can be found here: [Helston Community College - Revision Resources \(Y7-11\)](#)
- **P16** - the first checkpoint assessments begin on Wednesday 19 November

Free School Meals

We are noticing that there are a number of students not coming into the canteen despite being eligible for free school meals. Please be aware that students on free school meals can use some

of their allocation at breaktime as well as at lunch. If your child is on free school meals, please can we ask you to encourage them to take advantage of some of the great meals or snacks on offer.

Attendance

As you know, good attendance to school makes a huge difference to students' achievements. Recent data from the Department for Education shows that students with 95% attendance or higher (approximately 3 days of absence each term) are **twice as likely** to achieve a strong pass in their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those with less than 90% attendance (approximately 6 days of absence each term).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

17th Break-up for half term, 3.15pm

NOVEMBER

3rd Back to College, 8.45am
3rd Year 9 Assessments begin
12th Year 11 Assessments (Mocks) begin
19th Post 16 Assessments (Checkpoint) begin
22nd PTFA Christmas Fayre
28th Year 9 Progress Reports

DECEMBER

2nd Post 16 Open Evening, 6.00pm start
8th Christmas Concert 6.00pm
9th Year 11 Helston Community College Taster Day
11th Year 9 Parent/Teacher Consultations, 4.00pm start
15-16th School Panto
18th Carol Concert - St Michaels Church 6.30pm
19th Break-up for Christmas, 12.30pm

JANUARY

5th Inset Day
6th Back to College, 8.45am
6th Year 10 Assessments begin
6th Year 11 Interviews begin
6th Year 11 Progress Reports
6th Post 16 Progress Reports
14th Year 11 Parent/Teacher Consultations 4.00pm start
19th Year 7 Assessments begin
26th Inset Day
28th Year 9 Options Evening

FEBRUARY

2nd Year 8 Assessments & Year 11 Assessments (Mocks) begin
6th Year 10 Progress Report (Full)

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

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**Open Evening
Tuesday
02 December 5-7pm**

Introducing...

SCHOOL STREAKS

After half-term we are excited to announce the launch of School Streaks - a piece of software that monitors students' attendance and behaviour to enable students to build up streaks and be rewarded for being in school and working hard. Once students have a certain number of streaks they can select their very own reward. Students will be able to monitor their streaks through an app on their iPads. Other schools who have trialed the software have reported increased motivation and consistency in students.

The school has the power to set its own streaks. For example, 1 streak could be achieved for 5 straight days of attendance with no behaviour points. And a reward could be given for all those achieving 5 streaks in a half-term. One of the great things about School Streaks is that if a streak is broken it resets the next day - it doesn't just work from Monday to Friday.

We are really excited about the roll-out of School Streaks and will be discussing with students the type of rewards they would like to see appear at the end of each half-term.

Students can personalise their app on their iPad and use it to see how many days they need to complete a streak as well as using it to choose their reward.

Streaks Are:

- A way to reward consistency
- A way to celebrate progress
- A way to build good habits that last
- A way to motivate you every day
- A way to support your future success

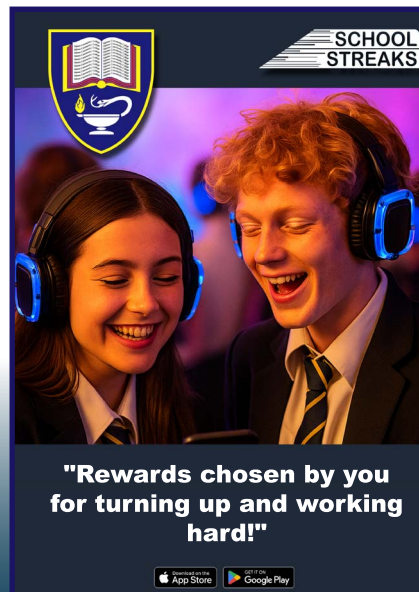
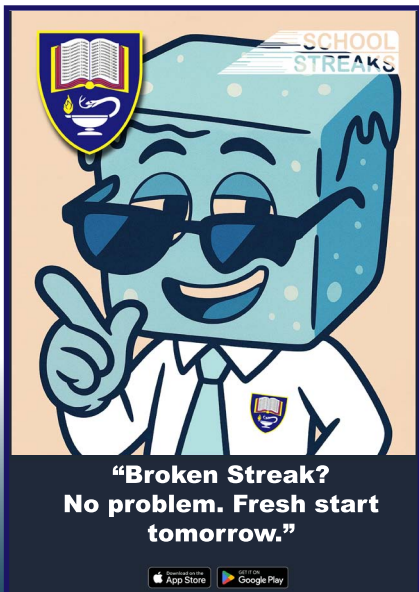


Streaks Are Not:

- A punishment
- About catching you out
- About comparing you unfairly
- Another system to stress you out



"Tea with the head may not be the coolest but it's cake and a free period"



Helston Day Nursery Does It Again!

Our wonderful nursery has again had some excellent recognition from OFSTED who decided to visit us at the very beginning of September. Judged 'Good' on every aspect, the inspector praised our nursery staff for knowing the children so well. Parents and carers who fed back to the inspector were 'full of praise' for the care their children receive. The links with the community, the activities and trips on offer, the daily reading and singing have all been acknowledged for the impact they are having on the children's social confidence, love of books and positive attitude towards learning. We are so proud of the nursery - managed superbly by Caroline Spencer, the team do a great job day in, day out.

Helston Day Nursery caters for children aged 0 - 4, offering day care during term time between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact Caroline via email: nursery@helston.tpacademytrust.org



Lord-Lieutenant's Annual Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday 7 October, Mr Lingard had the honour of being invited to the Lord-Lieutenant's annual awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of Josh Benton (Year 12), who has been named as one of only three Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets for Cornwall. As such, Josh will now support the Lord-Lieutenant on formal engagements including any Royal visits over the next 12 months. Below is the citation that was read out at the evening detailing why he was chosen. Congratulations to Josh for an amazing achievement!

Leading Cadet Josh Benton

Since joining the Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets in August 2021, Leading Cadet Josh Benton has been a model of character and discipline. He has rapidly become a role model to his peers, mastering numerous courses in boating, leadership, and drill instruction. His exemplary conduct at civic parades and Royal Navy engagements has earned him high praise from onlookers and seniors alike.

Joshua's commitment is exemplified by his impressive victory at the Southwest Area Drill Competition, where he was named the Best Guard Commander. He is also a dedicated volunteer, recently organising a successful fundraising quiz night for a local care home.

As the Cadet Voice Representative and a passionate ambassador, he inspires new cadets and adults alike, upholding the core values of the Sea Cadet Corps with commendable dedication and respect. For his outstanding commitment, Leading Cadet Josh Benton has been invested as His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for Cornwall.

TECH GIRLS TRIP TO SPACEPORT IN BODMIN



Ten girls from Helston had an unforgettable experience at the Tech Girls Aeronautical Engineering Day held at Spaceport Cornwall in Newquay. The day was packed with exciting, hands-on STEM activities that brought engineering concepts to life. From exploring aerodynamics through plane experiments to launching pressurised rockets and investigating electronic

systems, the girls were immersed in the world of aerospace innovation. They also got to see 3D printers in action, learning how rapid prototyping is shaping the future of aircraft design. The event was not only fun and engaging but also empowering—boosting confidence, sparking curiosity, and showing that engineering is a space where girls can thrive.



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HCC Students 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).



Sempai Davey - 1st Dan Black Belt

A huge congratulations to Sempai Davey on successfully passing his grading and being promoted to 1st Dan Black Belt!

Sempai Davey, who at only 14 years old has shown outstanding maturity, focus, and determination on his journey to black belt. His effort and commitment shine through, setting a brilliant example for others coming up through the ranks.

We are so proud of you for your hard work, commitment, and the example you set for others in the dojo. This is just the beginning of an even greater journey in martial arts.

Sandokai Karate train at Helston Community College on Tuesday and Friday evenings, for more information click [HERE](#).



HCC Students World Champions!

McKenzie B & Kian H competed in the WMAC World Championships in Hull on 20th-21st September. McKenzie came home a World Champion with 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals (one of which was from the adult category).

Kian gained another two world titles, this now makes him a 4x World Champion! He has shown so much resilience and determination, having missed out last year through injury and only resuming training a year ago, he has worked really hard to achieve this. Kian also picked up one silver and two bronze medals. He now has 15 British titles under his belt, and continues to remain dedicated to martial arts.

Community Open Evening

At the end of September hundreds of Year 6 pupils and parents enjoyed a great Open Evening to get a taste of school life at Helston. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities that were available especially in the Science department! A huge thank you to our Year 10 student leaders: Andrew C, Jenson G, Emma K, Harriet F, Ava C, Chloe W, Erin W and Elsie E and Senior P16 leaders - Evelyn B, Sennen O, Zenna W and Daisy F. All were absolutely amazing showing off their science skills.



RSC Associate School's Programme

This year, our school will be involved in a prestigious national programme, working with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Two of our staff will gain valuable experience working with practitioners from the Royal Shakespeare Company and Mrs Crawshaw's drama club will perform a ten-minute extract from a Shakespeare play at the RSC Associate School's Showcase on the 16th June. As well as this, four students, chosen by Mrs Crawshaw will be able to be part of a Cornwall Ensemble, made up of students from across the County also performing at the Showcase.



Hall For Cornwall Partner School!

This year, HCC are partnering with the Hall for Cornwall Theatre for the first time. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to work closely with a professional theatre and will lead to involvement in workshops, work experience, theatre trips and much more!



DofE Bronze - Year 9 Students



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students took part in a creative and challenging team-building activity: pitching a tent using only one hand. This task was designed to strengthen essential life skills such as communication, cooperation, and problem-solving. By working in groups, students had to rely on clear verbal instructions, patience, and mutual support to overcome the physical limitations much like they may have to when on their bronze final. The activity fostered resilience and adaptability but also boosted confidence and empathy, as students experienced the importance of inclusive teamwork. It was great to see so many students attend the sessions and develop leadership and communication skills—key qualities that will benefit them both in future expeditions and everyday life.

DofE Project Presentations: A Huge Success!

We were thrilled to hold our students' Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentations this term. The event celebrated the outstanding achievement of planning and completing their expeditions.

This year's journeys took our students to challenging landscapes: Our Silver team completed their three-day expedition across Bodmin Moor and our Gold teams travelled to Wales to complete their four-day journey in the Brecon Beacons.

As a requirement for the award, all teams delivered presentations based on a project they completed on their journey. This year's theme for the three groups was "Group Morale," which offered an insightful look at teamwork and resilience. The students reflected on their own experiences and offered valuable advice to the audience.

Despite some natural nerves, the teams presented their findings brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of the students' planning, presentation skills, and commitment.

Please join us in congratulating them on their hard work! We wish them the best as they complete the final sections of their DofE awards.

Mr Semmons and Mrs Ford
DofE Team



Helston Community College PTFA

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 22nd November

11am - 3pm

See you there!

Come along and do your Christmas shopping!

Refreshments Available • Come & see Santa!

For more information please email Marie/Dee:

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What a busy start back to term we have had!! We have had lots of excitement and enthusiasm from the Year 7! Of the 458 books borrowed in the first 4 weeks of term, 193 were from Year 7!! Way to go Year 7!

We have had each Year 7 tutor group come and visit the library for an induction and we have also visited during assemblies for year 7 and 8 to let students know about how to log onto ePlatform, our eBook and Audiobook platform.

Here's a quick recap on how to get logged onto ePlatform from iPads:

- Go to your app store: 
- At the top left click 'My resources' (if list of resources doesn't show)
- Scroll down the alphabetical list at press 'get' on ePlatform: 
- (this will automatically load on the iPad home screen)
- Once installed, click on the ePlatform icon
- Click 'add new library'
- Type in 'Helston' and press enter. It should pop up underneath. Click on it.
- Click 'sign in using Helston Community College'
- Sign in using your school email address and password
- It will ask if you want to stay signed in: tick the 'don't show this again' box and answer 'yes' if it is your iPad.
- ePlatform will now be fully available to use and you will not need to sign in again, it will automatically recognise you.



We are also starting up our library competitions again. Before half term we have been running a Library Halloween Hunt. Those who get the correct answers to the clues found in the library will be in for a prize draw. After half term, we will be running an all-school competition. The tutor group with the highest number of physical books taken out will be able to have Beatrice the Library Chick in their tutor room the following week. And we are running a book competition for the Year 7 tutor groups. The year 7 tutor group with the most books taken from the library from after October half term to Christmas break will win a prize. Keep your eye out for more details to come in through tutors.



Thanks everyone for their kindness and support through this busy first half term.

Happy Reading,
Mrs Ford & Mrs Rogers

Sloop to Slipway: St Ives to Hayle IRB Challenge

Maya and Piran are doing a fundraiser with some other youth members of Hayle Surf Life Saving to raise money for a new Inshore Rescue Boat. Please support them if you can on the link [HERE](#)



Join our team... Under 14s

We are looking for those interested in playing rugby, must be in Year 9 in September 2025.

No experience necessary. Just a good attitude and wanting to be part of a growing team.

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SPIRAL UK - NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY 2025



On Thursday 25 September, Students of Helston Community College were fortunate enough to be invited to celebrate National Manufacturing Day 2025 at a local design, engineering & manufacturing company SpiralUK. The company specialises in designing & manufacturing a range of staircases, from the purely functional through to the truly opulent. Students from KS4 & KS5 got to experience & speak to staff at all stages of the design & manufacturing process, from concept

& through the various manufacturing stages. They were also introduced to the apprentices who spoke to the students about their journey with the company, to help gain a first-hand insight into the career path of becoming an engineer. Whilst many of their projects are based here in the UK, they also have projects which sees their work being shipped & installed all over the world, having all been designed & manufactured here in Helston.





Poster competition

with RNAS Culdrose

Design and transform your surroundings with
colourful works of art

We challenge you to create posters, banners and works of art around the theme of Culdrose, and the Helston area – what does that mean to you?

Think about the people, places, history, or special moments that make this community unique. Your artwork should celebrate the spirit of Culdrose and it's connection to Helston – whether that's through landmarks, local wildlife, community events, or your own person experiences.

This poster competition is open to all primary and secondary schools with the top 5 winning designs being printed and displayed on our site hoarding.

To be in with a chance to win a gift voucher and a potential site visit for your class, please submit your winning designs by Friday 31st October 2025.

For more information, please contact: **Fallon Hart:** Fallon.Hart@kier.co.uk



Day Trippers!

We recently took 44 Year 10-13 Art and Photography students on an exciting day trip to London. The group explored the Victoria and Albert Museum and the National Gallery, rounding off the day with some shopping at Camden Market.

It was a fantastic cultural experience for our Helston students—many of whom had never visited London before. They gathered valuable research for their coursework, immersing themselves in the incredible collections at both museums. And of course, a bit of retail therapy added to the fun!



**SCHOOL
STREAKS**



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RUGBY RESULTS

It's been full-on for our rugby teams, with some strong performances and great character shown across the board!

Year 7 vs Redruth (Home)

7A lost 5-3

7B lost 7-3

Both games were tight battles – lots of positives to take forward.

Year 8 – County U13 Tournament

A brilliant day at the County Tournament!

Played: 7 Won: 5 Drew: 2. Finished 5th in the county! Not a single try conceded all day – outstanding defence!

Year 9 vs Redruth (Home)

A dominant display saw our Year 9s take a commanding 52-7 win. Great teamwork and execution!

Year 10 @ Richard Lander

A close and competitive match that ended in a 21-14 loss (3 tries to 2). A great effort from the team throughout.



WEEKLY SPORTS ROUND-UP

W/c 6 October

A strong week for our teams with some standout performances across football, netball, and rugby!

U15 Boys Football – National Cup

Our U15s delivered a dominating win in Round 2 of the National Cup! A brilliant all-round team performance sees them safely through to the next stage – momentum is building!

Netball vs Mullion

Great effort from our netball teams this week in a competitive fixture against Mullion.

Rugby vs Camborne

A physical encounter with Camborne tested our rugby teams, who showed grit and determination throughout the matches. Valuable experience gained all round.



Coming Up...

More National Cup action ahead as our Girls Football teams take to the pitch for their next round. Also with our school league of netball and rugby. Good luck to all involved – we'll be cheering you on!



HELSTONCCSPORT

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Enrichment Timetable Autumn 2025

The Library is open everyday after school until 3.30pm.
To sign-up to a club, students simply register their interest with the teacher leading it.

MONDAY

Activity	Year/KS	Time	Venue	Staff
Lego Club	Y7-9	1.00 - 1.35pm	Co1	Mr Burke
College Choir	All Years	1.00 - 1.35pm	M1	Mrs Parker
Guitar Ensemble	All Years	1.15 - 2.00pm	M2	See Mr Martin
Melomaniacs	KS3	3.15 - 4.15pm	M1	Mr Parker
KS3 Board Games Club	KS3	1.00 - 1.35pm	A22 (A24 or A27 from 01/10)	
Badminton Club	Y9-10	1.00 - 1.35pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Pryor
Muga Football	Y10	1.00 - 1.35pm	Muga	PE Staff
Homework Club	All Years	3.15 - 4.00pm	South Site Hub	Mrs Bloor
Netball Club	Y7 - 11	3.15 - 4.30pm	Muga/Courts/Sports Hall	PE Staff
P16 Panto Rehearsals - Until Christmas 2025	KS4	3.15 - 4.30pm	A2	Mrs Richardson
Duke of Edinburgh	Bronze Y9	3.15 - 4.30pm	SS Hall	Mr Semmons

TUESDAY

Activity	Year/KS	Time	Venue	Staff
Acapella Singers	All Years	1.15 - 2.00pm	M2	Mr Parker
Jazz 2	All Years	1.15 - 2.00pm	M1	Mr King
Muga Football	Y11	1.00 - 1.35pm	Muga	PE Staff
CyberCenturions	All Years	1.00 - 1.35pm	Co3	Mr Birkett
KS3 Board Games Club	KS3	1.00 - 1.35pm	A22 (A24 or A27 from 01/10)	
Pride Club	All Years	1.00 - 1.35pm	MA7	
Girls Football	Y9-10	3.15 - 4.30pm	3G Pitch	Mr Lovelock
Duke of Edinburgh	Silver Y10	3.15 - 4.30pm	SS Hall	Mr Semmons
Homework Club	All Years	3.15 - 4.00pm	South Site Hub	Mrs Bloor
Podcasting Club (After half term)	All Years	3.15 - 4.30pm	A28	Ms Stevenson / DSe
Boys Rugby	Y7-9	3.15 - 4.30pm	Fields	PE Staff
Production Rehearsals	Y7 - 11	3.15 - 4.30pm	A2 or A29	Mrs Crawshaw
All Yr10 & 11 GCSE Art classes	Y10 & Y11	3.25 - 4.30pm	B10	
Science Club (Crest awards)	Y7-9	3.15 - 4.15pm	Lab 12	Miss Charlesworth
Cookery Club (30th Sept - Christmas)	Y9	3.15 - 4.45pm	FO2	Mrs Morgado
Languages Homework Club	Y7-9	3.30 - 4.15pm	L3	Miss Cristea

WEDNESDAY

Activity	Year/KS	Time	Venue	Staff
Running Club	Y7-11	3.15 - 4.30pm	Courts/Field	PE Staff
Sports Leadership Club	Y7-11	3.15 - 4.30pm	Activity Studio	PE Staff
History Catch Up "Revision Drop-in"	Y10-11	1.00 - 1.35pm	A23	Mrs Creaser
Sports Club	Y8 & 9	1.00 - 1.35pm	Sports Hall	Mr Woolcock
KS3 Board Games Club	Y7-9	1.00 - 1.35pm	A22 (A24 or A27 from 01/10)	
Homework Club	All Years	3.15 - 4.00pm	South Site Hub	Mrs Bloor
All Yr10 & 11 GCSE Art classes	Y10 & Y11	3.15 - 4.30pm	B10	
Production Rehearsals	Y7 - 10	3.15 - 4.30pm	A2 or A29	Mrs Crawshaw
Concert Band	All Years	3.15 - 4.30pm	M1	
Post 16 Maths Workshop	Y12-13	3.15 - 4.30pm	MA4	Dr Godwin & Mrs Hart

THURSDAY

Activity	Year/KS	Time	Venue	Staff
Sports Club	Y7	1.10 - 1.35pm	Sports Hall	Mr Richardson
Year 8 Sports Activities (From Nov.)	Y8	1.10 - 1.35pm	Sports Hall	PE Staff
Muga Football	Y10	1.00 - 1.35pm	Muga	PE Staff
History/Archive Club	Y7-11	1.10 - 1.35pm	A24	Ms Creaser
Homework Club	All Years	3.15 - 4.00pm	South Site Hub	Mrs Bloor
KS3 Board Games Club	Y7-9	1.00 - 1.35pm	A22 (A24 or A27 from 01/10)	
KS4 Science Support	KS4	3.15 - 4.30pm	Lab 2 & 3	Science Staff
Drama Club	Y7-11	3.15 - 4.15pm	A29	Mrs Crawshaw
All Yr10 & 11 GCSE Art classes	Y10 & Y11	3.25 - 4.30pm	B10	
Brass Ensemble	Brass players	1.15 - 2.00pm	M4	Mr King
HSJO	Invitation Only	3.15 - 4.30pm	M1	Mr King
Netball Fixtures	Y7-11	Check w/PE Staff	Muga/Court/Sports Hall	PE Staff
Rugby Fixtures	Y7-11	Check w/PE Staff	Fields	PE Staff

FRIDAY

Activity	Year/Key Stage	Time	Venue	Staff
Muga Football	Y11	1.00 - 1.35pm	Muga	PE Staff
Sax Ensemble	All Years	1.00 - 2.00pm	M1	Mrs McDonagh
KS3 Board Games Club	Y7-9	1.00 - 1.35pm	A22 (A24 or A27 from 01/10)	
Creative History Club	Y7-9	1.00 - 1.35pm	A24	Mrs Oates
Young Carers Club	All Years	1.00 - 1.35pm	L2	Mrs Martin
Exercise to Music	Yr 7-11	3.15 - 4.30pm	Activity Studio	PE Staff
Fitness Club	Y10-11	3.15 - 4.30pm	Fitness Suite	Mrs Lealand



College Uniform



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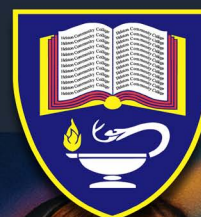
- 28" - 32"£13.95
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- 40" - 44"£15.65

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SCHOOL STREAKS



"Your streak. Your success."





Thursday 20th November 7pm. South Site Hall, Helston Community College

Pipeline Theatre brings you a no-holds-barred exposé of life in a Year 9 classroom, as faced by an Early Careers Teacher trying to cope with the lost and lonely girl who latches on to her. In a first for Pipeline's touring theatre shows, eleven talented young people from all corners of Cornwall have been cast alongside professional actors, to reveal the comedy, the madness and the heart-break of life in a rural secondary school in 2025. Age guide 14+ (repeated use of bad language.)

An exciting new play by local playwright Jon Welch. Two of our Year 12 students are in the cast.

TICKETS

£15 for a supporter

£12 standard

£8 concession

£5 14-18 yr olds

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pipelinetheatre/1860304>

Praise Points



Leaderboard

Year 7



Reuben W	7E	87
Elowen I	7D	81
Sienna L	7G	76
Mollie C	7E	72
Isaac C	7D	69
Matthew B	7F	66
Olivia H	7D	65
Elsie B	7C	59
George W	7E	58
Lottie C	7G	58

Year 8



Harley T	8D	75
Jessica B	8E	73
Olivia C	8D	70
Elana-Brooke R	8D	67
Ava H-E	8D	59
Ana-Maria C	8G	57
Ethan R	8H	57
Skye W	8B	56
Rebekah S	8A	53
Anna H	8F	53

Year 9



Aaron I	9F	102
Archie R	9B	79
Noah H	9B	74
Daniel W	9B	73
Theo C	9B	67
Tori K	9C	67
Jesse H	9F	66
Polly R	9G	61
Maddie C	9B	54
Charlie L	9D	54
Amelia B	9F	54
Issy S	9J	54

Year 10



Jen F	10H	72
Evan C	10H	68
Frederick W	10E	61
Tyler W	10E	60
Lily R	10H	60
Jacob C	10C	57
Ethan C	10H	56
Poppy F	10B	54
Joel R	10H	51
Emily B	10E	50

Year 11



Hugh K	11D	63
Aiden M	11B	59
Jay H	11D	58
Lewis W	11E	57
Gabbi R	11D	56
Dylan P	11H	53
Charlie G	11C	52
Will R	11C	52
Chase R	11E	52
Hannah B-R	11C	51
Oscar P	11H	51

Year 12



Elias B	12A	14
Summer R	12A	14
Finley Strachan	12C	14
Maya C	12B	13
Emma S	12A	12
Alfie C	12B	10
Andrew D	12C	10
Chloe S	12E	10
Aimee W	12A	9
Jacob C	12C	9
Zenna W	12C	9
Beth W-R	12E	9

Year 13



Rhys W	13D	14
Jacob S	13A	12
Emma T	13A	10
Lilly P	13A	9
Lillie P	13B	9
Isabella T	13B	9
Kaitlyn W	13B	9
Lilly-Mai T	13D	9
Tom M	13C	8
Kieran S	13C	8


Well Done!

(Praise Points as of 13/10/25)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

September - October

Year 7

Isaac D-F

Isaac was nominated by Mx Cowen for his consistently hard-working and curious attitude to Maths, and for always being faultlessly polite. He was also nominated by Mr Parekh for his excellent engagement, attitude and offering of ideas to RE lessons. If that wasn't enough, he has also achieved his Bronze Award and has perfect behaviour and attendance. What a start to Year 7!



Year 9

Agnes C

Agnes was nominated by 3 members of staff! Mr Ryder praised her for consistently working hard and being excellent in English; Ms Long said she is always pushing herself to do better, and has a very mature attitude; and Ms Pryor commented on her fantastic engagement in PE lessons and her commitment in extra-curricular netball.



Year 11

Sam T

Sam was nominated a record 4 times this month for his amazing effort and engagement in lessons. A particular mention was made about his dedication and 'imaginative responses' to his coursework. Sam received his nominations from Ms Ford, Mr Gillman, Ms Crawshaw and Ms Stevenson.



Year 8

Jessica B

Jessica is leading the way with a massive number of Praise Points already and a perfect attendance. She was also nominated by Mr Thomas for her fantastic effort in class and beautifully presented homework tasks. Great stuff Jessica!



Year 10

Emma K

Emma was nominated by Ms Mullins and Mr Parekh for being the most amazing hard worker. In physics she completes the extension work every lesson (with not a single calculation wrong yet!) and in RE she has made a 'fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons'. With lots of praise points and a perfect attendance, Emma is smashing Year 10 already!



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Sophie J

Joining us from Mullion, Sophie has made an exceptional start to life at Helston Community College - the future looks very bright!



Well Done

TH Nominations

Amy S	7	Absolutely brilliant effort, engagement and reflection in RE!	G Parekh
Amy P	7	For excellent effort and engagement in PE lessons and extra curricular activity.	H Palmer
Ashiq R	7	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Bella C	7	Giving it your all in RWI.	S Ford
Cary P	7	Super keen and consistently works hard every lesson.	S Mullins
Elowen I	7	For being a kind, considerate member of the tutor group.	K Crawshaw
Elowen I	7	For excellent effort and engagement in PE lessons and extra curricular activity.	H Palmer
Elsie B	7	For giving some fantastic answers and considering other people's views.	G Bloor
Harvi-Jay H	7	Excellent engagement, attitude and offering of ideas to RE lessons.	G Parekh
Leo H	7	Thanks for the effort and engagement in RWI.	S Ford
Liam N	7	Liam shows great improvement in focus, joins in with enthusiasm, and always tries his best in every lesson.	R Cox
Lottie C	7	Excellent engagement, attitude and offering of ideas to RE lessons.	G Parekh
Lydia W	7	For excellent effort and engagement in PE lessons and extra curricular activity.	H Palmer
Maia F	7	Outstanding extra work at home using the 3D printer to create 3D shapes and objects.	L Ford
Matthew B	7	Beautiful manners and behaviour.	S Wood
Millie A	7	Always contributing and helping others in her group.	S Mullins
Nellie H	7	For excellent effort and engagement in PE lessons and extra curricular activity	H Palmer
Nura P	7	Excellent engagement, attitude and offering of ideas to RE lessons.	G Parekh
Oliver D	7	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Reuben W	7	A really confident and engaged start to Drama, well done!	S Richardson
Rosen S	7	Fantastic start to Year 7, helpful, hard-working and considerate.	R Godwin
Sienna L	7	For her consistent hard work, enthusiastic engagement and thoughtful answers; Sienna truly shines in every lesson.	R Cox
Sienna L	7	Excellent engagement, attitude and offering of ideas to RE lessons.	G Parekh
Alice G	8	Excellent contributions to science lessons.	K Watson
Alistair D	8	Excellent contributions to science lessons.	K Watson
Annabelle P	8	Offering to help out another student find her pencil case without being asked to.	L Ford
Annabelle C	8	For a really confident, more involved start to Drama this year - well done!	S Richardson
Aston P	8	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Ava H-E	8	Great effort in drama and always so kind and helpful.	K Crawshaw
Blake L	8	For his positive attitude towards learning and for always having a smile on his face.	H Westaway
Bradley H	8	For offering his help without prompting during the set up of the Year 6 Open Evening.	S Parker
Eloyse H	8	For outstanding engagement in PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.	E Bragg
Erin B	8	Fantastic start to her Science lessons.	L Davies
Imogen M	8	For outstanding engagement in PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.	E Bragg

Imogen M	8	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Isabelle S	8	For outstanding engagement in PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.	E Bragg
Jheneila B	8	Amazing attitude to learning in every English lesson.	C Bloor
Lilly C	8	For outstanding engagement in PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.	E Bragg
Matthew M	8	A motivated start to Drama this year with a real effort to contribute to discussion.	S Richardson
Micheal T	8	Super effort every lesson. Always asking questions to ensure he understands the concepts fully.	S Mullins
Autumn M	8	Excellent punctuality and consistently great effort on class work and home work.	C Charlesworth
Raya P	8	Pushing herself each lesson, her confidence has sky-rocketed! :)	S Mullins
Zander G	8	Great engagement and contribution to The Gothic Genre work in class.	C Bloor
Zippy C	8	For his strong start in Maths this year, with great engagement and hard work in class and on homework.	M Cowen
Aaron Ivey	9	Brilliant focus and attention to detail in his work and his oracy responses in lesson.	L Ford
Erin M	9	Fantastic engagement in her Science lessons.	L Davies
Evie D	9	Started Year 9 with a desire to push herself and achieve the best she can.	D Long
Isaac F	9	Excellent effort in science lessons!	C Charlesworth
India P	9	For recognising and articulating her own strengths and weaknesses.	S Garty
India P	9	Great contributions in English.	K Crawshaw
Ella J	9	Fantastic engagement in PE lessons and excellence and commitment in extra curricular netball.	V Pryor
Corey J	9	An engaged a more mature start to Drama, well done!	S Richardson
Jorja F	9	For giving some amazing answers during the string quartet workshop.	S Parker
Jude N	9	Jude puts in great effort, listens well, and always contributes with thoughtful answers.	R Cox
Tori K	9	Fantastic engagement in PE lessons and excellence and commitment in extra curricular netball.	V Pryor
Leo B-R	9	Excellent contributions to English lessons.	D Gillman
Lily S	9	Lily shows great focus in class, joins in with enthusiasm, and gives thoughtful answers every time.	R Cox
Luka S	9	Great contributions in English.	K Crawshaw
Maddie C	9	A really engaged and motivated start to her Drama lessons.	S Richardson
Nevaeh L	9	Excellent effort and engagement in Maths - pushing to understand the topics fully and practise well even when it's hard.	M Cowen
Polly R	9	Great start to the year and positivity in Maths.	R Godwin
Starla E	9	For her dedication and resilience in Maths.	H Westaway
Thomas M	9	A mature, engaged and focused start to Drama this year.	S Richardson
Joeli T	9	Excellent effort in science lessons!	C Charlesworth
Aimee B	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Aimee B	10	Consistently working hard.	H Roberts
Alex H	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Amy J	10	Amazing start to her GCSEs, completing every task with maximum effort.	S Mullins
Benji J	10	Consistent hard work and positive attitude	J Stuteley

TH Nominations

Cayden A	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Courtney K	10	For persistence, positivity & determination with JET.	J Lovelock
Darcy F	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Dillon A	10	Excellent engagement and effort in Computing.	A Birkett
Elena D	10	Involvement in the class is always 100%, giving great answers to questions.	D Long
Emily B	10	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Emma K	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Erin W	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Evie R	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Finley W-H	10	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Florence K	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Florence J	10	For being a positive role model in PE lessons.	E Bragg
Grace N	10	Consistently working hard every lesson, asking for extension work.	S Mullins
Thea G	10	Excellent punctuality and consistently great effort on class work and home work.	C Charlesworth
Isabel G	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Isobel S	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Isobel S	10	Excellent engagement and effort in English.	P Ryder
Jacob C	10	Consistently excellent attitude towards learning in Maths - engaging with teaching and working hard to complete independent work.	M Cowen
Jake W	10	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
James W	10	For consistently producing work to a very high standard and always willing to help others around him.	H Westaway
James W	10	Fantastic start to his Biology GCSE.	L Davies
James W	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Jasper B	10	Diligence in every lesson, asking questions to ensure his understanding is secure.	D Long
John C	10	For always being engaged and enthusiastic in his chemistry lessons.	K Watson
John C	10	Making excellent Physics contributions every lesson.	S Mullins
John C	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Joshua B	10	Josh always works well in science. He keeps his group focused and working well together.	R Cox
Jowan W	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Katie K	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Kayna G	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Lily R	10	Lily tackles every science lesson with focus, curiosity, and thoughtful answers.	R Cox
Marley K	10	Excellent contributions to lesson and consistently working hard.	C Charlesworth
Millie H	10	Fantastic engagement in Marine Engineering both in school and out	L Ford

Sam J	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Sophie O	10	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Sophie O	10	A really motivated and focused start to GCSE Drama both in written and in practical work and extra curricular activities.	S Richardson
Thea G	10	Fab start to the final year of GCSE Religious Studies lessons!	G Parekh
Narla W	10	Well done for getting fully involved in extra curricular drama activities!	S Richardson
William D	10	For always being engaged and enthusiastic in his chemsitry lessons.	K Watson
Emily B	10	Excellent engagement and effort in English.	D Gillman
James W	10	Great start to Year 10 - excellent engagement and contributions.	D Gillman
Amelie M	11	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Amy M	11	For consistent effort and hard work for her devised piece in Drama including very thorough script writing.	S Richardson
Eli B	11	Great start to year 11, you are showing a desire for success and improvement.	D Long
Ellie P	11	Ellie has taken on the challenge of learning lots of new science content with calm focus.	R Cox
Emily L	11	Emily has made a positive start to Y11 Science involving herself in every practical and making contributions - well done.	S Mullins
Harry P	11	Excellent start to Y11. Working with a desire to achieve his best.	S Mullins
Jess A	11	Fantastic effort and engagement in Drama.	K Crawshaw
Kateryna K	11	Kateryna works hard in science, shows great care in her work, and excels in practical tasks with focus and precision.	R Cox
Hugo K	11	Striving to improve by developing his physics equation skills.	C Charlesworth
Lewis G	11	Lewis approaches every science lesson with curiosity, focus, and thoughtful contributions that show real understanding.	R Cox
Merryn B	11	Excellent sequencing of ideas and strong editing showing care and attention to detail in NEA production.	E Stevenson
Oliver M	11	For returning to his coursework dedicated and focused this year.	L Ford
Ruby C	11	Consistent hard work and positive attitude.	J Stuteley
Seth C	11	Seth works diligently in every science lesson, showing consistent focus and effort.	R Cox
Tamsin M	11	For always being so helpful and thoughtful - she is such a support to the Drama Department.	S Richardson
Molly R	11	Excellent engagement and effort in English.	D Gillman
Elias B	12	Elias has had a really positive start to A Level Drama with excellent attendance and attitude. I am also delighted to see them involved in extra curricular drama activities.	S Richardson and K Crawshaw
Ethan K	12	Fantastic start to A-level Physics showing a great determination to succeed.	S Mullins
Jessica M	12	Great contributions in sociology and lovely attitude to learning.	D Harrison Webb
Tom M	13	Great work ethic on the Thermal Physics topic.	S Mullins

Head of Year 7

Dear all,
I hope the start of term has treated you well and your children are skipping to school with a big smile on their face in the mornings.
Well done to all the Year 7s for making such a big step of the transition to HCC and doing such a good job ready for their journey with us...and thanks to all the Mums and Dads who are undoubtedly being a massive support to ensure this happens.



Our first few assemblies have focused on kindness and the importance of belonging and what it means to be a Helstonian. Our next assembly will focus on leadership opportunities within the College so the Year 7s can make an impact and be part of the College Student Voice. The Year 7s have also had their Library induction and a fantastic live classical music concert from the Elmore String Quartet during an extra special assembly.
The extra-curricular clubs timetable has now been circulated so are up and running and sporting fixtures have started with fixtures against Pool, Penryn and Richard Lander Schools already. Please encourage your sons and daughters to join a club at lunchtime or after school to make the most of the opportunities at HCC including the upcoming auditions for the College Production of 'Annie'.
Just a reminder for all regarding the importance of routines to ensure the school runs as smoothly as possible so please check your sons and daughters' attendance, punctuality, uniform and equipment so they are ready for the day ahead, looking their best and ready to learn.
I am proud of the first half-term working with the Year 7s as they are settling in extremely well and demonstrating the Helston values, we hold so close.

Please contact me, Mrs Cameron or Mrs Harris via e-mail if you have any queries or would like to make an appointment and thank you as always for your support.

With best wishes,

Terry Richardson - Head of Year 7 and Transition

Head of Year 8

As we reach the first half term break, it's clear that the Year 8 students have made a fantastic start to the school year. It has been my pleasure seeing their enthusiasm in lessons and their contributions to college life beyond the classroom. This term has been packed with energy, achievement and success. As I am writing here, I am delighted to share that the Year 8 cohort have achieved a whopping 6221 Praise Points between them. This works out as an average of 214 per day.



Teachers across the College have praised Year 8 for their positive attitude to learning and growing confidence. Many students have shown real determination to build on the progress made last year, producing high quality work across all subjects.

Year 8 students have continued to impress me on their performances beyond the classroom. They have outperformed other schools in multiple football, rugby and netball fixtures. Beyond sport, many students have taken part in lunchtime clubs, theatre rehearsals, showing that Year 8 talent stretches far and wide. I would still like more students to sign up to a club from our Enrichment Programme. This has been updated and is available on our College website.

It has also been fantastic to see Year 8 student leaders stepping up as role models for our younger Year 7 students, helping them navigate the first half term in secondary school. From meetings with myself, leaders have approached topics with maturity and willingness to make a difference and be noticed by staff and peers alike.

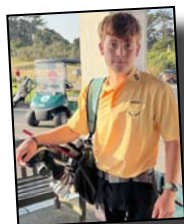
Well done to everyone in Year 8 - keep up the brilliant work and enjoy a well-deserved break!

Jack Dudley - Head of Year 8



Head of Year 9

It has been a genuine pleasure working with our Year 9 students this half term. Many have returned with a noticeably mature and positive attitude towards their studies, and it's been lovely to hear about their activities outside of College. A special thank you to the families of Jesse H and Emily H for sharing their recent achievements:



- Jesse H represented Cornwall U14 in a match at St Enodoc Golf Club against Somerset, winning both his pairs and individual matches and contributing to Cornwall's overall victory.

- Emily H won three gold medals in the junior beach sprint, beach flags, and beach relay events, followed by another three golds and two bronzes in the Nippers competition.



These students are excellent role models, demonstrating commitment and perseverance. If your child has achieved something awesome outside of school, please do share it with us—we love celebrating their successes.

This term, we've introduced a new oracy strategy during Tutor Time. It's designed to help students think more deeply and express their ideas clearly. The impact has been exciting, with even our quieter students engaging in thoughtful and respectful discussions.

As we approach the options process, I've encouraged students to reflect on all subjects and consider their interests and strengths. These conversations are important at home too—please help your child think about the purpose behind their choices, rather than simply following friends.

Finally, the Year 9 assessment window will open after the break. You should have received the revision booklet via email, which outlines test dates, content, and useful resources. These assessments are a valuable opportunity for students to demonstrate their progress and help guide future option decisions.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish you a very lovely half term.

Warm regards,

Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 9

Head of Year 10



Happy half term! I hope this message finds you well and students are looking forward to a slightly longer break this time around. I couldn't be prouder of the way our Year 10 students have launched into the new academic year. The energy, maturity and enthusiasm shown across the board have set a powerful tone for what promises to be a transformative chapter in their education. Year 10 marks the beginning of Key Stage 4—a pivotal moment in every student's journey. It's the foundation upon which GCSE success is built, and the attitude students adopt now will shape their outcomes in Year 11. I'm thrilled to see so many embracing this challenge with determination and focus. A special shout-out goes to those navigating new tutors, new teachers, and brand-new courses never before on offer. Your adaptability and open-mindedness are commendable. From day one, the commitment to the new courses has been outstanding. Teachers are reporting high levels of engagement, thoughtful contributions and a genuine desire to succeed - this work ethic will be your greatest ally in the months ahead. It's also wonderful to see so many Year 10 students getting involved in extra-curricular activities—from sports and drama to STEM clubs and student leadership. These experiences enrich your school life and build skills that go far beyond the curriculum. Our PSHE programme continues to be a vital part of the Year 10 experience. Through weekly tutor sessions, students will explore topics ranging from wellbeing to future aspirations. We were also fortunate to welcome a guest speaker recently who led powerful sessions on mental health—an area we're deeply committed to supporting.

A reminder that the work experience process for next summer has now begun. Students should be actively seeking placements, as securing a spot early greatly increases their chances of finding a role that suits their interests and aspirations - well done to those who have already ticked this off their to do list. All relevant information, including guidance and deadlines, can be found on the school website or via the year group's Showbie page. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mr Woolcock. Thank you for your support in helping students make the most of this valuable opportunity.

For the two previous years, Year 10 set a fantastic example with attendance. While we've seen a slight dip at the start of this year, I'm confident we can bounce back after half term and hit the ground running. Every day in school counts—not just for academic progress, but for friendships, routines and personal growth. Your support at home makes all the difference. Encouraging daily attendance, helping with homework routines, and staying engaged with your child's progress are key ingredients to their success. We're grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing this journey together as we delve deeper in KS4 and the challenges and opportunities ahead. Let's keep the momentum going, Year 10. You've made a brilliant start—now let's build on it.

Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 10

Head of Year 11

As we reach the end of the first half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and productive start for Year 11. From the very first day back in September, it was clear that this year group had arrived with focus, determination, and a genuine commitment to making their final GCSE year count.



It has been particularly encouraging to see so many of you making the most of the support available - attending your period 5 lessons, engaging fully in class, and using your flashcards to strengthen revision habits early on. These small, consistent efforts will make a huge difference as we move closer to your November mock exams.

The next few weeks will be an important opportunity to put all your preparation into practice. The mocks are not only a chance to show what you have learned, but also to identify areas for improvement before the real exams arrive. Keep revisiting your notes, testing yourself regularly, and asking for help when needed - we are here to support you.

As we approach the next stage of the journey, remember that success isn't just about exam results - it is about effort, perseverance, and the attitude you bring each day. Make use of every opportunity, support one another, and keep believing in what you can achieve. The habits you are building now will serve you well, not only in your GCSEs, but in everything that follows.

I also want to stress the importance of excellent attendance. Every lesson really does matter, especially in Year 11. Being in school every day ensures you don't miss vital teaching, feedback, and practice that can't easily be replaced. Regular attendance builds confidence, improves understanding, and helps you stay connected with your teachers and peers - all key ingredients for success.

Looking back over the past few years, it has been remarkable to see how much you have all grown and matured. You have developed, not only academically, but also in your sense of responsibility, independence, and character. It is a privilege to watch you take on new challenges with such positivity and purpose, and I am genuinely excited to see you continue to thrive as the year unfolds.

Well done to everyone for such a fantastic start. Your attitude, resilience, and teamwork have set the tone for what promises to be a successful year. Keep the momentum going and remember - every bit of effort you invest now will pay off later.

Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 11

Activities Week 2025 - Cornish Hedging



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.




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

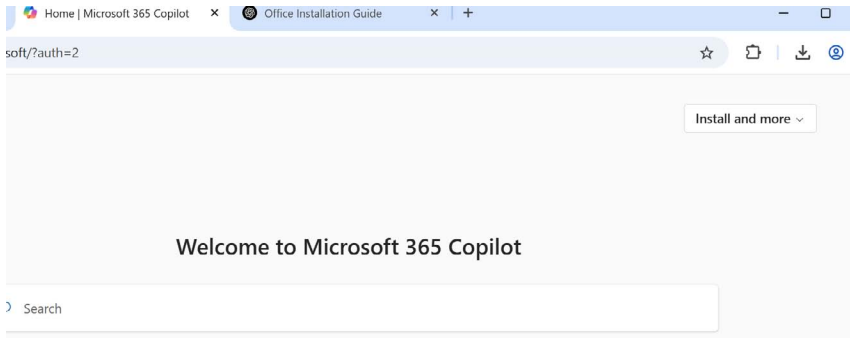
 Step-by-Step Guide

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.

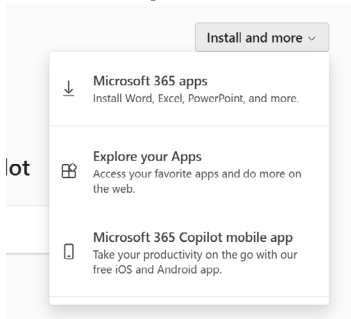
Step 2: Access the “Install and more” Menu

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.



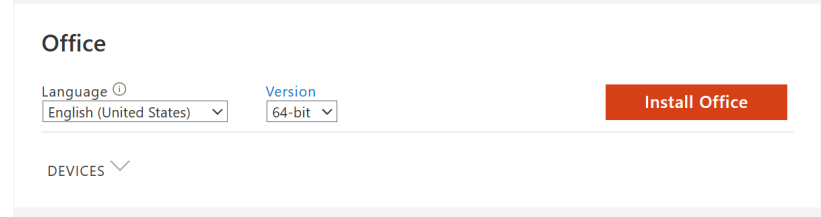
To get started, you just need your school email address and password.

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

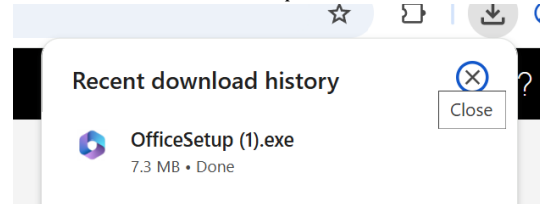
1. A new page will open displaying various options.
2. Click the “Install Office” button under the Office apps section.

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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.