

# The Helstonian



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## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

I hope this finds you well.

As Annie told us, 'the sun will come out tomorrow' and it eventually did! It has been great having lighter afternoons and seeing the sun again this week after some miserable weather. And what a performance the cast, crew and band of Annie put on for us in our recent college production. It was a joy to see such quality acting, singing, music and choreography. A wonderful team effort and clearly lots of fun was had by all the students involved. A huge thank you to parents for their support and a special thanks to the staff, especially Ms Crawshaw, Ms Richardson, Mr Parker, Mrs Parker and Mr Semmons for all their hard work and skills to make it happen.

We have had more celebrations in the world of sport and technology including being crowned county football champions and winners at the Lego League competition - congratulations to all the students putting themselves forward to represent the school. There's been a royal visit to Helston, lots of individual achievements in sport and music, plus the creation of some impressive scaly mythical creatures (see P10 for more details)! Flora Day rehearsals are now well underway and it is always great to see so many students continually wanting to take part in this wonderful tradition.

In addition to all the fun stuff, our older students have been working very hard in preparation for their GCSEs and A Levels. Lots of practical exams have now taken place (with some amazing outcomes) and students are gearing up for the written tests in May. We wish them well over the next few weeks and I would like to thank all the staff who have volunteered to give up some of their holiday to run our Easter revision sessions.

In March, we always find out how many new students will be joining us in September. Once again, our numbers look very strong, with nearly 240 students in Y6 choosing us. The transition team have already started making arrangements to get to know the students and we look forward to meeting them next term.

I wish you all a lovely Easter. Please can I ask that you read through the reminders and updates on the next page, before moving on to the much more interesting articles and photos!

As always, many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours

*Alex Lingard*

Headteacher



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

### IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT UNIFORM

There are a few uniform issues that need to be resolved after Easter. We will be focusing on them when we return, but please can I remind you of the following:

1. The only jewellery students are allowed to wear are studs - a maximum of one stud in the nose and one stud in each ear.
2. Students should not wear nail varnish or have false nails in school. Any false nails need to be removed after the holidays.
3. Students must wear a school blazer or jumper when in school. A coat cannot be worn instead of these, only in addition to. In lessons, students are able to remove their blazer or jumper if needed.
4. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn.

### Confiscation

Please remember that any non-uniform items (hoodies, jewellery etc) will be confiscated and not returned until the end of that half-term. Mobile phones are returned at the end of the day. If a student has a phone confiscated for a second time within a half term, then a parent/carer must come to the College to collect the phone or the phone will be kept until the end of the next day.

If a student refuses to hand over the item, they will be placed in the Reset Room to complete their work until it is resolved.

### Notice to Parents

Keeping our systems up to date and personal information current we are able to communicate and contact parents/carers quickly and efficiently.

After the half term break the College will be launching the Arbor parent portal. This will mean that primary guardians will be able to check their data and request a change to their own details. 'Watch out' for the notification/email giving clear instructions as to how you can register/log in. In the meantime if your details have changed please let us know by emailing enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org.



### 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.

### 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).

### Term Dates 2026-2027

September 1st and 2nd - INSET Days

September 3rd - Students in Y7, Y11 and Y12 return

September 4th - All students back in school

October half-term: Monday 19th

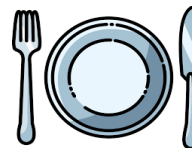
October - Friday 30th

January 4th and 5th - INSET Days

## COMIC RELIEF

### Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief, we raised a total of £434.85.



### 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL	
2nd	Break-up for Easter, 3.15pm
20th	Back to College, 8.45am
23rd	Year 8 Parent/Teacher Consultations (4.00pm start)
24th	Purple Day
30th	Year 10 Parent/Teacher Consultations (4.00pm start)
MAY	
4th	May Day
4th	GCSE and A Level Written Exams start
8th	Flora Day
22nd	Break-up for Half Term, 3.15pm
JUNE	
1st	Back to College, 8.45am
8th	Year 7 and Year 9 Assessments start
15th	Year 10 and Year 12 Assessments Mocks start
22nd	Year 8 Assessments start
24th	Year 13 Leavers Day and Celebration Evening
24th	Contingency Day for GCSE and A-Level Exams
25th	Year 13 Summer Ball
25th	Year 11 Celebration Day
29th	Summer Fair
JULY	
2nd-3rd	Year 6 Super Transition (selected students)
3rd	Years 7 and 9 Progress Report
3rd	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessment (Starts on)
3rd	Year 11 Ball
6th	Year 6 SEN Transition
7-8th	Year 6 Transition for all students
14th	Sports Day

**2026-27 Term Dates are available to view on the College website.**

## SCHOOL STREAKS

### School Streaks Success!

School Streaks continues to motivate and enthuse the students with hundreds of students managing to complete their streaks and claim another reward this term. Students have chosen rewards such as attending a silent disco, free stationery, shopping vouchers, prom tickets, skip the queue lunch passes and surprisingly, very popular, tea with the Head!

#### If you're not yet in the know about School Streaks here's the lowdown...

School Streaks is 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. 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



### LEGO LEAGUE SUCCESS AT CULDROSE

Students from Years 7-9 recently represented our school at the exciting LEGO League "Unearthed" tournament, held at RNAS Culdrose. The event brought together teams from across the region to compete in a series of challenges combining coding, engineering, teamwork and presentation skills.

Our team worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to the event, designing and programming their LEGO robot to complete a range of missions, as well as developing an innovative project linked to the "Unearthed" theme. On the day, they showed outstanding determination, creativity and teamwork throughout all elements of the competition.

We are proud to announce that our students were awarded the Innovation Project Trophy, recognising the quality, originality and impact of their idea. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the effort they put in both during club sessions and in their own time.



Beyond the competition, the trip to a working Royal Navy base made the experience even more memorable, giving students a unique insight into STEM careers and real-world applications of technology.

A huge well done to everyone involved—you represented the school brilliantly!

#### Interested in joining the club?

If you are in Years 7-9 and would like to be part of next year's LEGO League team, new members are always welcome.

Come and see Mr Burke in Room CO2 to find out more!



## Science XP Stars - Spring 2026

Congratulations to the following Science XP Stars who gained the highest XP points on Sparx Science over the Spring 1 term.

### Year 7

1st	Olivia H	4187 XP
2nd	Isla P	2910 XP
3rd	Sienna L	2830 XP

### Year 8

1st	Amy P	5480 XP
2nd	Mollie J	2606 XP
3rd	Parran G-J	2442 XP

### Year 9

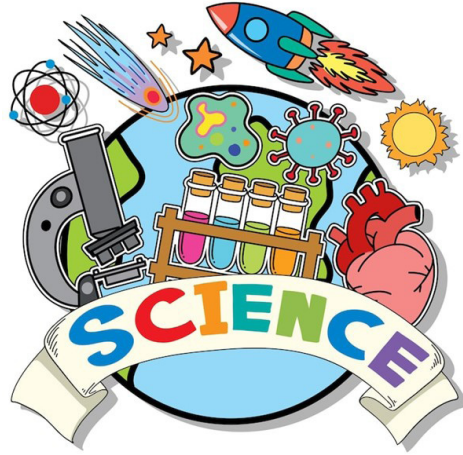
1st	Callum P	5659 XP
2nd	Thomas D	4440 XP
3rd	Mia L	4170 XP

### Year 10

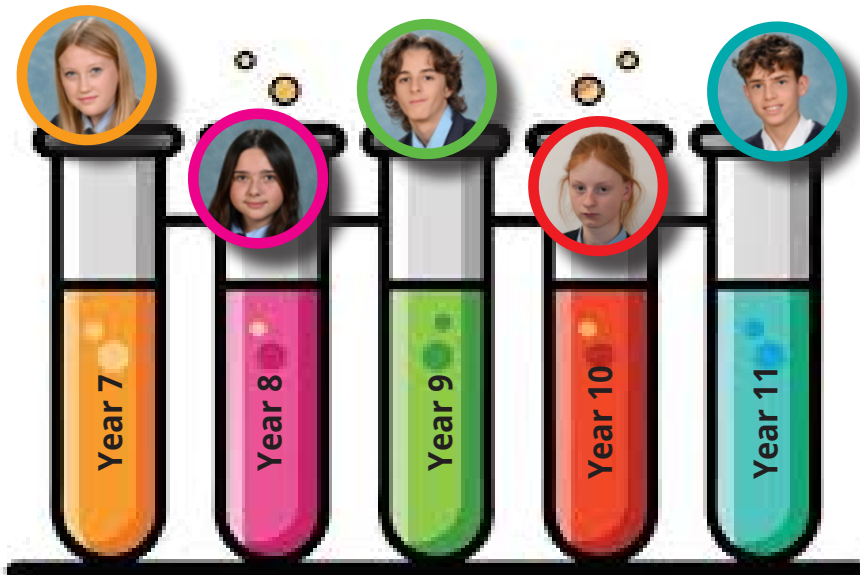
1st	Lissa M	4435 XP
2nd	Isabelle G	3308 XP
3rd	Thea G	3130 XP

### Year 11

1st	Aulay M	4670 XP
2nd	Merryn B	4120 XP
3rd	Sophie T	3720 XP



- Well done everyone! You will receive a certificate, praise points and your names will be entered into the draw for a prize at the end of the year!
- Remember, you can gain extra XP points by completing the XP boost and your additional study elements each week, as well as your compulsory homework.



## BENNI'S BRANCH



This half term, I have been mostly...  
... 'helping' at the Year 7 Parents' Evening!



...and guest starring in the College production of Annie!

## HCC'S THERAPY DOG

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## Year 5 & Year 7 Careers Carousel Event

On Tuesday 10th March over twenty local businesses and training providers were represented at Helston Community College for a large careers event that featured Year 5 students from eight feeder primary schools and Year 7 students from Helston. The theme of this event was to enable students to gain a greater understanding of the range of jobs and career options available to them. Students had five minute consultations with a range of guests in groups ranging from two to four students. This set up enabled students to have the comfort of meeting alongside friends but also have enough time to have a good two-way conversation with guests. This was a very successful event with students developing their communication skills and leaving the session inspired by our guests and with a greater focus and idea as to their future.



## FUTURE CAREERS EVENT DATES:

### ASK THE EXPERTS

This popular series of careers events features professionals from a range of industries informing interested students in Years 10, 11 & Post 16 about jobs and training options available. Guests give students an insight into their own career history, benefits of their job roles, earning potential in the sector, and give students the chance to ask their own questions. The next Ask the Experts events are:

**20/04/2026 - Ask the Experts: Aviation.** This event will be featuring guests from Ascent Flight Training (Culdrose).

**18/05/2026 - Ask the Experts: Agriculture.** Ian Hampton from Skern Training will be our industry expert for this event.

**23/05/2026 - Ask the Experts: University.** Josh Thomas (ex-Helston student) will be giving insights into university applications, tips on life at university, and careers lined with finance.

**06/07/2026 - Ask the Experts: Marketing.** Charlie Guidal, Marketing Manager from Polurrian Hotel, will be giving insights into marketing job roles.

### Monday 11 May - Bank of England

A presentation about careers in finance. An ambassador from Bank of England will be attending the college and delivering a presentation for a group of KS3 students during a period 4 lesson.

### Thursday 11 June - Public Services Careers Event

Year 8 students will have the chance to meet with experts from a range of public service careers during the school day. After school there will be the opportunity for all other students in the college to attend with parents/carers to find out about possible careers.

### Year 10 Work Experience - Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July

There are a number of students who are still seeking placements for this week. If your child is one of these students please get in contact to discuss possible options for placements.

**Appeal to businesses** - if you or your company are willing to accept students for our work experience week please let me know:

Martin Woolcock  
Careers Lead

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## Cambridge University visit Helston Community College

On Monday 9 March a representative from Downing College, Cambridge visited Helston Community College to inform and inspire students. He worked with groups of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are aspiring towards university courses after they leave Helston by explaining the application and admissions process and benefits of attending Oxbridge universities. In addition, an assembly was delivered to Year 9 students which included general information about university education, some examples of courses delivered, a list of some familiar celebrities who attended Downing College, and some of the societies which have been formed by students within the university.



## University Education presented to Year 7-11 students by Falmouth University

During March, Aby Underhill-Carey and Sarah McCullough from Falmouth University visited Helston Community College to present assemblies to all students in Years 7 - 11. The themes of the assemblies were as follows:

- Year 7 = What is a University?
- Year 8 = University Myth Busting
- Year 9 = University Myth Busting
- Year 10 = Routes to University
- Year 11 = Routes to University

# FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY

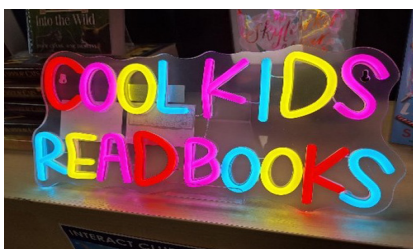
In January and February students across the college were able to learn about apprenticeships through visitors to the college in careers events and through online presentations. Through developing more awareness of universities all students have been able to gain a greater awareness of the options available to them after Helston Community College.



We've had a *whirlwind* of a term in the library! Since returning after Christmas, our shelves have been buzzing — a grand total of **814** books, eBooks, and audiobooks have marched out in students' hands. That's a lot of stories on the move.

We've also welcomed some shiny new titles, and an even bigger book delivery is swooping in right after Easter. Think of it as our own mini literary avalanche.

World Book Day was a blast. Students jumped into activities,



tackled competitions, and even got a surprise visit from Ginny at Helston Bookshop — a definite fan favourite. The library itself has had a glow-up too, with fresh décor making the space feel extra cosy. And the fun isn't over. A brand new competition is ready to launch after Easter, so keep your eyes peeled and your reading glasses polished.

**And just a reminder:** staff and students have access to ePlatform for audiobooks and eBooks over the holidays, so your next great read is only a click away.



Happy Reading,  
Mrs Rogers and Mrs Ford

## eBooks & Audiobooks

Anywhere, Anytime.

**1** Open app on iPad

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**2** Add library: Helston Community College

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**3** Type THAT email address & password

Any problems, please go to the library



## Spring Thing Dragons!

You may have spotted some mysterious dragons appearing around Helston this week!

These fantastic creations were made by our Year 8 students in collaboration with pupils from Helston's primary schools, as part of a community arts project led by artist Vicky Wiltshire and CAST for the 'Spring Thing' festival.

The dragons take inspiration from Helston's rich folklore. Local legends tell of heroic dragon slayers—St Michael and St George—whose stories are woven into the town's heritage. We're sure you'll agree that the dragons looked fantastic in their new (temporary) homes around town. A huge well done to everyone involved!





The 2026 Helston Community  
College Production of

SOLD OUT!

# Annie jr.

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***"You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile"***

and there were certainly smiles on the faces of audience members who came to watch our college production of 'Annie' last week, Starring Nellie H and Ava H-E as Annie, with a full band playing the musical numbers and Benni the dog making his stage debut!

Mrs Crawshaw, Mrs Richardson, Mr and Mrs Parker and Mr Semmons are incredibly proud of all the work the students put in to making this show a great success - they have been a pleasure to work with!

There will be an announcement about the next production soon!

The 2026 Helston Community College Production of



# Annie jr.

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## CORNWALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Ruby played in Cornwall Music Festival recently in the grade 3 and 4 brass class. She played a grade 3 piece and got 2nd place. She is also playing with Helston Youth Band.

A big thank you to Kirsten for her brilliant tuition and the music department for encouraging her love of music.

She has received lessons via the Academy fund and here is evidence of the impact and success gained with lessons she would have otherwise not had access to - Well done!



## TREGULLAS FARM

We have been so lucky to spend time at Tregullas on The Lizard again this term, As you can see from the photographs, the students have had such a great time on the beach, with baby animals and enjoying the glorious outdoors. Thank you so much to Rona, Elsa and Mrs Bolton.




**HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



# Wanted!

## Donations of Pre-loved Prom Clothing

If you have any dresses, suits, shoes etc you would like to donate, please drop them in to either of the College Receptions.

**Many thanks!**

# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



## YEAR 11 COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS!

What a phenomenal achievement from our Year 11 Boys Football Team who have been crowned County Cup Winners! Very proud - well done boys!!



## U15 COUNTY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Helston showed great resilience at the U15 County Hockey Tournament, improving with every game as the day went on. After a tough start, the team grew in confidence, worked tirelessly for one another, and produced stronger performances in each match.

Player of the Tournament Olivia Eaton was outstanding in goal, making a series of superb saves and leading from the back. A fantastic team effort and a day full of progress for Helston.



## GYMNASTICS SUCCESS!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of Daniel W who has recently enjoyed outstanding success in gymnastics. Daniel trains five times a week at @swallowsofhelston Gymnastics Club and has achieved some fantastic results this season.

At the South West Regional Competition in Barnstaple on 15th February, Daniel competed in the Under 14 Voluntary competition. He won three individual medals, was crowned Under 14 South West Champion, and was also part of the Cornwall team that won the Under 14 team competition.

Just two weeks later, Daniel travelled to Telford to compete at the English Championships, a qualifying event for the British Championships. We are delighted that Daniel qualified for the Under 14 British Championships.

The British Championships took place at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool last week, where Daniel competed against the best gymnasts in the country.

Daniel's dedication, hard work, and commitment to his sport are truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of everything he has achieved so far. Congratulations Daniel!



## BRITISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A huge congratulations to Elsie B on an incredible weekend at the British Dance Championships in Blackpool!

Elsie achieved outstanding results across multiple categories:

- 2nd place - Lyrical Solo
- 2nd place - Lyrical Duos
- 2nd place - Jazz Team
- 3rd place - Lyrical Team
- 4th place - Commercial Team
- 4th place - Parent & Child

What an amazing accomplishment across such a competitive event!

We're also proud to hear that her dance school, @thebigdanceco, had fantastic results overall, with other Helston College students also performing brilliantly. Your hard work, dedication, and passion are truly inspiring, Elsie - we are all so proud of you!





## U15 INCLUSION FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

What a great day at the U15 Inclusion Football Festival at Falmouth School!

We finished 3rd place overall after a brilliant set of games.

- Beat Redruth
- Beat Penryn
- Drew with Falmouth
- Lost to Camborne

So proud of the team for the effort, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout the tournament. Everyone played their part and represented the team brilliantly! A fantastic event with some great football and great sportsmanship all around.



## YEAR 7 COUNTY NETBALL TOURNAMENT

A great day for the Year 7s at the County Netball Tournament.

It was a tough start to the tournament, but the team showed fantastic resilience and determination as the day went on.

The second round brought some brilliant performances, with a couple of great wins and a well-earned draw. The effort, teamwork, and attitude from everyone involved were excellent to see.

Really proud of how the team responded and supported each other throughout the day.

## YEAR 8 NETBALL – COUNTY TOURNAMENT

A huge well done to our Year 8 netball team who competed in the County Tournament recently in some extremely challenging conditions

– including very cold weather and even hail!

Despite the conditions, the team showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the afternoon session, winning lots of matches and representing the school brilliantly.

A special shout out to co-captains Imogen and Jasmine for their excellent leadership and encouragement on and off the court.

We are very proud of the whole team for their effort, resilience, and positive attitude!



## CORNWALL UNDER-15s CRICKET TEAM

Tom J (Y10) has recently returned from an incredible tour of Dubai and Sri Lanka with the Cornwall Under-15s cricket team

The boys had a fantastic trip, winning 7 out of their 8 matches on tour. Tom finished as joint top wicket-taker with 9 wickets and, on the final day, achieved a huge milestone by scoring his maiden T20 century — an outstanding \*\*115 not out from just 69 balls\*\*!

Off the field, the team had an amazing time experiencing the culture, food and meeting wonderful people in both countries. To top it all off, they even had the chance to meet the England cricket team at Colombo Airport — a moment the boys won't forget!

A brilliant tour and some great memories made. A massive well done Tom, we are very proud of you!





## U15 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Finals, here we come! Huge congratulations to our U15 Girls! An incredible unbeaten run at the 7-a-side qualifier.

Game after game, they delivered - strong in defence, creative in attack and a clean sheet across the board. Well done girls - looking forward to the final!



## SOUTHWEST TABLE CRICKET COMPETITION

A mix of year Helston Community Colleges students from year 7 and 8 attended the Southwest Table Cricket competition.

This year there have been nine competitions from Cornwall to Northumberland. Lord's Taverners have welcomed more than 420 participants from 67 schools, and it was fantastic to be a part of this on Wednesday 25th of March at Exeter university for the Regional finals.

The team of 7 students, led by captain Daniel Penrose and vice-captain James Herdman travelled to Exeter and joined in the competition with enthusiasm and team spirit. They played with true determination and skill, but the competition was tough this year.

Unfortunately, we were pipped at the post and sadly the team will not be going through to the finals at Lord's. Helston Community college are extremely proud of the team's efforts, and they remain Cornwall County Champions.



A busy week of fixtures with plenty of goals and great effort from all teams!

- Year 8 boys lost 4-3 in a close game vs Mounts Bay (home)
- Year 10 boys lost 1-0 vs Mounts Bay (home)
- Year 7 girls drew 4-4 vs Mullion School (away)

## Big wins for the girls' teams:

- Year 8 girls won 6-0 vs Mullion School (away)
- Year 9 girls won 9-0 vs Mullion School (away)



Well done to all players for their hard work and team spirit this week!



# Praise Points



# Leaderboard

## Year 7



Reuben W	7E	333
Elowen I	7D	273
Charlie B	7F	264
Ashwin A	7F	240
Matthew B	7F	232
Mollie C	7E	232
Sienna L	7G	232
Lottie C	7G	226
Kerenza E	7F	222
George W	7E	221

## Year 8



Jessica B	8E	360
Harley T	8D	304
Ana-Maria C	8G	234
Olivia C	8D	234
Elana-Brooke R	8D	216
Edward M	8E	209
Maisie B	8E	207
Ethan R	8H	196
Anna H	8F	195
Raya P	8G	194

## Year 9



Archie R	9B	282
Aaron I	9F	271
Amelia B	9F	250
Isobel P	9E	242
Tori K	9C	236
Noah H	9B	226
Daniel W	9B	223
Theo C	9C	221
Jude N	9D	219
Winnie N	9G	208

## Year 10



Tyler W	10E	228
Jacob C	10C	222
Frederick W	10E	202
Finley W-H	10E	186
Lissa M	10C	183
Jen F	10H	179
Sophie O	10B	178
Cayden A	10C	177
Lily R	10H	174
Hayden B	10A	173

## Year 11



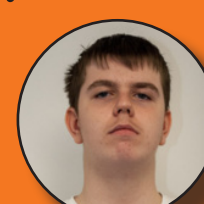
David S	11A	212
Lewis W	11E	206
Hugh K	11D	201
Thomas H	11D	195
Alex M	11G	189
Maisy M	11B	184
Gabbi R	11D	184
Lucy A	11H	183
Dylan P	11H	183
Jay H	11D	182

## Year 12



Elias B	12A	39
Summer R	12A	37
Finley S	12C	34
Andrew D	12C	34
Emma S	12A	32
Maya C	12B	30
Zenna W	12C	25
Alfie C	12B	24
Chloe S	12E	24
Jacob C	12C	22

## Year 13



Jacob S	13A	34
Tom M	13C	22
Alistair S	13D	21
Kieran S	13C	20
Samuel T	13A	19
Emily P	13A	17
Lucas F	13C	16
Lilly P	13A	16
Emma T	13A	15
Rhys W	13D	15

★  
*Well Done!*

(Praise Points as of 31/03/26)

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

March - April

## Year 7

### Sophia M

Nominated by 3 members of staff (Ms Creaser, Ms Barnes and Ms Mullins) for her consistent effort and tenacity; working on things that she finds a challenge, and also for her amazing contributions and achievement. Well done Sophia!



## Year 8

### Eden N

Nominated for his outstanding commitment and attitude to learning in English. Eden always tries his absolute best and produces excellent work which reflects his high level of effort. What a great role model!



## Year 9

### Polly R

Like many others, not only did Polly perform brilliantly in Annie, she was also a star helping with the technology. She has amassed nearly 200 praise points and has a near perfect attendance record. A great ambassador for the school!



## Year 10

### Lily R

Lily has had a great month, not only taking part in Annie, but also for her efforts in science and for her organisation of her time and work. Nominated by Ms Cox, Ms Mullins, Ms Crawshaw and Ms Richardson.



## Year 11

### Maisy M

Maisy has been recognised for her hard work by achieving an incredible number of Praise Points in Year 11. Her determination to succeed and commitment to revision has been noted by Ms Gilsean and Ms Hawkey resulting in Maisy's nominations this month. Keep going Maisy!



## Post 16

### Chloe S

Chloe has been nominated for the continued effort and excellent achievement she has shown in her A-level Physics lessons recently - pushing her grade up to an A! She is also a wonderful student all round, giving up her time to support the college, especially the music department.



Well Done



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

*Nominations*

YEAR 9

Ethan W	9	For being a super organised, unflappable backstage crew member for 'Annie'.	
Cayden A	10	Cayden consistently demonstrates excellent focus and commitment in maths. He is highly punctual and always contributes positively to the learning environment.	H Westaway
Cayden A	10	Excellent effort, Contribution and work in RE.	G Parekh
Isabelle A	10	For taking positivity everywhere you go - you're a consequence card legend!	Mr Lovelock
Rue B	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in RE.	G Parekh
Ian B-L	10	Great improvement in confidence in RE.	G Parekh
Emily B	10	For your time and efforts helping to clear up and sort the Green Room out after Annie.	
Emily B	10	For the amazing hair and make-up you did for so many people in 'Annie'.	
Jacob C	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K.Crawshaw
Bella C	10	Great effort in RE.	G Parekh
Elena D	10	Going the extra 100 miles with her RE prep - refining excellence.	
Stefano D	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in RE.	G Parekh
Imogen F	10	For smashing your maths lessons every single time. Keep up the fantastic work you are doing.	Mr Lovelock
Imogen F	10	Her effort in Science is exemplary. I have been so impressed with how Imogen strives to be the best version of herself.	T Armstrong
Elowenn F	10	Persistently working so diligently with Maths in school and at home, always trying to understand independently and asking for help when needed. The perfect attitude to improving in the subject.	M Cowen
Thea G	10	Great effort in RE.	G Parekh
Jenson G	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in Computing.	A Birkett
Florence J	10	Outstanding effort and progress in Science.	C Charlesworth
Sam J	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in RE.	G Parekh
Emma K	10	Excellent work in RE.	G Parekh
Florence K	10	Excellent work in RE.	G Parekh
Jacob L	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in Computing.	A Birkett
Finley L	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in Computing.	A Birkett
Finley I	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K.Crawshaw
Austin M	10	Great effort in History and always helpful.	Mr Trevithick
Darcy M	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K. Crawshaw
Charlotte M	10	Working hard always.	L Ford
Nick M	10	For being so hard working, determined and polite.	L Ford
Lissa M	10	Outstanding effort and progress in Science.	C Charlesworth
Sophie O	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K. Crawshaw
Sophie O	10	For your time and efforts helping to clear up and sort the Green Room out after Annie.	
Evie R	10	For taking positivity everywhere you go - you're a consequence card legend!	Mr Lovelock
Rosie S	10	For smashing your maths lessons every single time. Keep up the fantastic work you are doing.	Mr Lovelock
Henry S	10	Turning it around in History.	Mr Trevithick
Connor S	10	For the continued effort, amazing contributions that he has made to the Space topic and excellent achievement in all of his Physics lessons	S Mullins
Jacob S	10	Great contribution in History	Mr Trevithick
Florence S-W	10	Insightful contributions in History lessons to class discussions	Mr Trevithick
Liv S	10	Liv has shown commendable effort in ensuring her understanding of a tricky topic in her Chemistry lessons. She is proactive in seeking support and feedback to improve her knowledge.	K Watson
Liv S	10	For having a brilliant, positive attitude towards school this year.	Mr Lovelock

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Liv S	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in RE.	G Parekh
Beautie S	10	For her hard work and dedication to achieve the best grade that she can in her PSA.	J Robertson
Noah S	10	For making noticeable progress in their learning and showing increased effort in class.	R. Cox
Leo T	10	For showing a fantastic commitment to his education and extra curricula activities.	Mr Lovelock
Finley W-H	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K.Crawshaw
Narla W	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K.Crawshaw
Frederick W	10	For positively engaging and contributing to class discussions.	
Jake W	10	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K.Crawshaw
Chloe W	10	For the continued effort, amazing contributions that she makes and excellent achievement in all of her Physics lessons.	S Mullins
James W	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in RE.	G Parekh
James W	10	Excellent effort, contribution and work in Computing.	A Birkett
Jess A	11	For the additional effort she had placed in to her science, attending additional after school tutor sessions with her teacher to ensure that she is fully prepared for the higher tiered papers.	S Mullins
Jess A	11	Outstanding performance in Annie!	K. Crawshaw
James B	11	James's effort and determination in the lead up to his GCSE exams has been exemplary!	K Watson
Maddie B	11	For her hard work and commitment to revision to ensure that she achieve the best grade she can in her exam.	J Robertson
Hannah B-R	11	For consistency in completing Sparx science homework.	T Armstrong
Seth C	11	Consistent effort, throughout the Synoptic NEA for Marine Engineering.	O Jones
Elijah C	11	For outstanding work ethic and determination ahead of the upcoming summer examinations, you're hard work is going to pay off!	Mr Lovelock
Riley C	11	Excellent work and perceptive contributions in English.	D Gillman
Riley C	11	For all his efforts with revision and extra essay practice in English.	E Hawkey
Anya E	11	For her unwavering resilience and determination in maths lessons, intervention sessions, and Period 5 — not just this month, but every month! It has been such a privilege teaching Anya for the past four years!	S Robinson
Anya E	11	For consistently working hard to improve in geography.	
Theo E	11	Mature and dedicated approach to his GCSE Computer Science revision since joining Helston this year.	L Hocking
Stanley F	11	Consistent effort, throughout the Synoptic NEA for Marine Engineering.	O Jones
Lewis G	11	For showing exceptional resilience throughout his GCSE preparation, remaining focused and determined even when the workload is increasing, and continuing to give his best effort each lesson.	R. Cox
Charlie G	11	Finally making the shift to do his best in Science, your effort has increased significantly!	T Armstrong
Toby G	11	For really trying to turn it around and stepping up!	L Ford
Hattie G	11	For her outstanding contribution to Interact Club over the past few years.	C Bloor
Daisy G	11	For her hard work, focus and continued commitment during lessons.	T Gilsean
Adam H	11	Consistency in completing and keeping his accuracy high in Tassomai.	L Hocking
Ben H	11	For coming to P5 to complete the practical element of his coursework and doing so.	L Ford

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

*Nominations*

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- Charlotte H 11 Great focus and determination to improve in History. Mr Trevithick
- Charlotte H 11 For her outstanding contribution to Interact Club over the past few years. C Bloor
- Lacey H 11 For outstanding work ethic and determination ahead of the upcoming summer examinations, you're hard work is going to pay off! Mr Lovelock
- Roxy H 11 For being a super organised, unflappable backstage crew member for 'Annie'.
- Dylan H-P 11 For giving 110% effort to his own work, pushing himself for a better grade and outcome. L Ford
- Piran I 11 Incredible effort and dedication to English lessons. Always works very hard to reach his potential and shows excellent focus. S Doolin
- Piran I 11 Consistent effort, throughout the Synoptic NEA for Marine Engineering. O Jones
- Belle J-R 11 Outstanding performance in Annie! K.Crawshaw
- Karl K 11 Absolutely smashing the number of Tassomai questions answered this month! L Hocking
- Kateryna K 11 Great focus and determination to improve in History. Mr Trevithick
- Edward K 11 Outstanding performance in Annie! K. Crawshaw
- Bethany L 11 For being a super organised, unflappable backstage crew member for 'Annie'.
- Olly L 11 For making noticeable progress in his learning and showing increased effort in class. R. Cox
- Alex M 11 for great work ethic and effort in construction. N Eathorne
- Tamsin M 11 For your help with hair and make-up and the grand after how cleanup after 'Annie'.
- Amy M 11 For being a super organised, unflappable backstage crew member for 'Annie'
- Amelie M 11 For her unwavering resilience and determination in maths — not just this month, but every month! It has been such a privilege teaching Amelie for the past four years! S Robinson
- Isaac N 11 For consistent effort in lessons and for supporting another student in Spanish. S Barnes
- Benjamin N 11 Consistency in completing Tassomai daily goals and being very close to completing 100%. L Hocking
- Karenza P 11 Outstanding work and effort in English D Gillman
- Karenza P 11 For continually striving to be better at Science. T Armstrong
- Edward Q-W 11 Consistently working in hard in preparation for the science GCSE exams. C Charlesworth
- Edward Q-W 11 Consistency in completing Tassomai daily goals and being close to completing 100%. L Hocking
- Reuben R 11 Improved focus and independent revision in Science. C Charlesworth
- Molly R 11 For outstanding work ethic and determination ahead of the upcoming summer examinations, you're hard work is going to pay off! Mr Lovelock
- Molly R 11 Outstanding work and effort in English. D Gillman
- Elsie R 11 For consistently showing resilience in the lead-up to her GCSE assessments, staying motivated, organised, and determined despite the pressure of exam season. R. Cox

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- Gabbi R 11 For outstanding work ethic and determination ahead of the upcoming summer examinations, you're hard work is going to pay off! Mr Lovelock
- Lydia S 11 Outstanding performance in Annie! K.Crawshaw
- Poppy S 11 Great focus and determination to improve in History. Mr Trevithick
- Sam T 11 Absolutely smashing the number of Tassomai questions answered this month! S Barnes
- Jack V 11 Incredible effort and dedication to English lessons. Always works very hard to reach his potential and shows excellent focus. S Doolin
- Lewis W 11 Great focus and determination to improve in History. Mr Trevithick
- Lewis W 11 For his contribution to Interact this, giving so much of his own time to support good causes C Bloor
- Oliver W 11 For working to consistently high standard in order to achieve progress in history whilst balancing it with his music commitments. E Creaser
- Poppy W 11 For showing steady focus during lessons and always staying engaged with the work. R. Cox
- Chloe A 12 Excellent Unit 1 coursework for L3 Business - Chloe always works hard in and outside of class, listening and acting on feedback to produce Distinction pieces of work. Well done Chloe L Hocking
- Elias B 12 Outstanding performance in Annie! K.Crawshaw
- Teddy S 12 For showing outstanding progress in Medical Science, demonstrating vastly improved test scores through increased focus, consistent engagement in lessons, and a determined effort to strengthen his understanding of challenging content. R. Cox
- Elieanna T 12 Making a spectacular start to the Medical Science course - impressive! T Armstrong
- Lillie P 13 For confident and effective practical work in the Clinical Laboratory Techniques unit. T Armstrong
- Isabella T 13 For demonstrating significant progress in Medical Science, shown through higher assessment scores, improved focus during lessons, and a consistently organised approach to her studies and revision. R. Cox

Well Done

### Head of Year 7

Dear All,  
 Glad we are seeing the back of Winter and welcoming Spring with some prolonged sunshine last week!  
 In the last few assemblies, we have presented on the themes of educational pathways (with visitors from Falmouth University,) togetherness and building positive relationships making it clear to Year 7 that we are aiming for consistent progress not always perfection. Mr Oates also led assembly on how well year 7s have progressed in the first half of the Year. Year 7 s were leading the way in a number of the categories in the School PERKS (Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and Safe) but just a reminder to all to keep it going and keep working together to be successful.  
 Flora Day rehearsals are now coming thick and fast which I hope the students are enjoying and finding reassuring ready for Helston's big day - any questions please get in contact.  
 Congratulations to all students who supported the school production of Annie, I thoroughly enjoyed the show and was proud to see so many Year 7s involved and doing such a fantastic job. As always well done to all the students that are doing a little bit extra with their Drama, Sport, Music or any extra-curricular clubs playing a significant role in our College Community.  
 Members of the Year 7 Leadership team and College Leadership team had a chance to meet Richard James from the Town Council who is leading the bid for Helston to be a UK Town of Culture. We had some interesting discussions

regarding what Helston can offer and what we would like to see in the future. We also completed some postcards and circulated to others in Year 7 to give us their thoughts...



Good Luck to Helston in the bid!  
 Well done to all of those students that have been making a real effort in racking up those praise points to achieve their awards, completing their positive consequence cards and getting a golden ticket ready for the Easter Prize Draw! Also well done to all students maintaining their excellent attendance and have shown an improvement since last term...Keep it going! Students will be rewarded this week if they have completed their 5-week streak for 100% attendance.

Thank you for all your support with the basics including organising uniform, ensuring the children are on time for school and they have all their equipment including a charged Ipad. From a parent's perspective I understand your efforts and from a teacher's perspective it is much appreciated because it makes a significant impact when your class is on time, looking smart, equipment set and they are all ready to learn and you can get going straight away.  
 Hopefully all the students have a good break and Happy Easter!

Best wishes,  
**Terry Richardson - Head of Year 7 and Transition**

### Head of Year 8

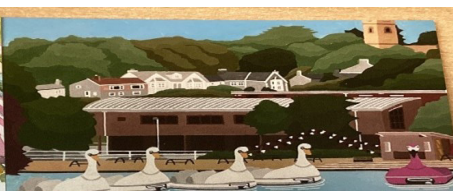
As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our wonderful Year 8 students. The past few weeks have been filled with learning, growth, compassion, and some truly impressive successes—both in and out of the classroom. I am incredibly proud of everything our year group has accomplished. We have had students taking part in hours of whole school productions, culminating in the production of Annie. In lessons, our Year 8 students are working hard, keen to learn and impress their teachers. We have had lots of students achieve their Gold and Platinum awards, and I had had the pleasure of handing out plenty of Student of the Week awards in our assemblies. This shows us their commitment to their learning.  
 One powerful moment this half term came during our year-group assembly, where we welcomed a guest speaker, a previous student, who shared their experience of living with Tourette Syndrome. Their talk helped to dispel common myths, highlight the challenges that individuals with TS can face, and, most importantly, encourage empathy, understanding, and allyship among our students. Year 8 listened with maturity and genuine interest. Many students commented afterwards on how the assembly changed their perspective and increased their awareness of how they can support classmates who may be managing tics or other neurodiverse needs. The respectful atmosphere in the hall made it clear that our young people are growing into a thoughtful and supportive community.  
 Sport has been a real highlight for Year 8 as well, and our students have truly stepped up with determination and teamwork. The Year 8 girls football team has been going from strength to strength.  
 As we progress through the academic year, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support in ensuring that our Year 8 students are well prepared, presentable, and displaying positive behaviour at College. Our College uniform reflects our values and plays a significant role in fostering a sense of belonging and pride within our College community. I would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform with pride and adheres to our Uniform Policy. Please continue to support us in maintaining high standards by ensuring that your child's uniform is clean, tidy, and in accordance with our guidelines. Positive behaviour is essential for creating a conducive learning environment where all students can thrive. I am grateful for your partnership in reinforcing the importance of respectful and responsible behaviour with your child at home. Encouraging good manners, empathy, and organisation will help our students develop into well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to our College community.  
 From powerful learning experiences in assembly to outstanding achievements in sport, this half term has shown what makes Year 8 such a remarkable group. Their kindness, enthusiasm, and willingness to support one another continue to make our school a better place. As we head into the Easter break, I hope all our students take time to rest, reflect, and recharge. We look forward to seeing them return ready for an exciting and successful summer term.



Warm regards,  
**Jack Dudley - Head of Year 8**



IF HELSTON HAD THE CHANCE TO TELL ITS STORY TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD SAY?



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HELSTON TO SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER BEEN HERE?

### Head of Year 9



It is fair to say that the Royal visit must be one of the highlights of this term, and HRH Prince William didn't even come to the College! Seeing all the photos of those who represented their Year Groups and hearing how patient and well behaved they were, despite the weather, makes us all really proud here at HCC. In Year 9 we have some very talented actors who took to the stage in the production of Annie. The show was really well received and by all accounts very fun to take part in. On behalf of the Year 9 students, I would like to thank all the staff involved. Sports teams have been out and about doing well and showing excellent sportsmanship. Our JET students who have been taking part in a variety of different challenges, excelled themselves in boat building skills down in Falmouth, Miss Batchelor was really impressed with their achievements. I also had a chance to listen for a while to the TPAT Ensemble last week. Those taking part were working together to produce a performance with students from across a variety of different schools and age groups. This is an amazing achievement. I feel quite envious of these opportunities which were most definitely not available in my day!

The Student leaders were able to take part in discussions with Richard James from the Town Council to gain insight into potential ideas for a bid for Helston to be the Town of Culture. It's a shame he was not around last week as he would have seen some excellent examples, from the Annie Production to the Flora Day practices. There is nothing better in College than when they start! A promise of spring and better weather. Regularly hearing the beat of the Flora music in the hallways and seeing students of all age groups taking part is amazing.

In our last assembly Mr Oates came in to talk about 'Being our Best Selves'. In that assembly we were able to hear how well Year 9 are doing. It's nice to see the numbers that back my experiences and my personal opinion of the Year Group. We are a big group however we are thoughtful, kind and responsible. We are not perfect but we strive to be the best that we can be. With this in mind the options process is now complete and students were informed of their confirmed choices today. If there are any errors, students have been asked to go and see Mrs Martin on South Site so she can sort the errors out. I know these young people are now ready and mature enough to take on the challenges of Key Stage 4. I have high hopes and aspirations for them all. I would like to wish all the families, particularly our Services families, a very lovely Easter and a well-deserved break. Fingers crossed for a dry few weeks so that we can get out in the fresh air and come back refreshed.

Warm regards,

**Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 9**

### Head of Year 10

As we reach the end of another busy and productive term, it's time to reflect on all that Year 10 have achieved over the past few months. There has been a noticeable and very encouraging improvement in attendance across the year group. Tutor groups 10E and 10F deserve particular praise for consistently featuring on our weekly Top 10 Attendance Leaderboards, showing real dedication and commitment. A special well done also goes to 10B, who broke into the leaderboard in the final weeks—an excellent effort and something to be proud of. While the overall picture is positive, we must still acknowledge the impact that occasional single day absences can have on learning. Every lesson matters and even one day away from school can mean missing essential content that is difficult to catch up on. We would like to remind students and parents of the importance of being present every day and taking full advantage of the learning opportunities available. With brighter, warmer weather on the way after Easter, I am hopeful we will see even more consistent attendance across the board.

Behaviour this term has also been a real strength of the year group. Students continue to demonstrate resilience, ambition and a willingness to go the extra mile in their lessons. Over the past month alone, Year 10 have earned more than 4,000 engaged points which is an outstanding achievement and reflects the positive attitudes we see daily. Even more impressive is that these points have been earned while accumulating very few negative points across the year group. This work ethic and maturity contribute to excellent learning in all subjects and position students incredibly well as they look ahead to the challenges of Year 11.

Looking forward, it's vital that students begin preparing for their upcoming summer mock examinations, as well as their official GCSE exams in R.E, which take place on 12.5, 20.5 and 1.6. This is an important milestone and effective preparation will make a significant difference. Good revision strategies include breaking topics into manageable sections, using retrieval practice, completing regular self quizzing, revisiting class notes and creating a timetable that spreads revision evenly. Students should also make good use of the abundance of support available in school—teachers will continue to provide guidance, resources and targeted revision within lessons to help everyone feel confident and ready.

Beyond the classroom, Year 10 have been representing the college brilliantly in a wide range

of sporting events. Their commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship have been excellent. They continue to show what it means to be strong ambassadors for the college. A special mention to the girls football team who smashed their qualifiers (going on an unbeaten run) and are through to the finals later in the summer term. We must also recognise the fantastic contribution Year 10 students made to the spring production of Annie. Their talent, confidence and dedication—on stage, backstage, and in all supporting roles—were exceptional. They helped bring the show to life and made it a memorable highlight of the term. I hope you had the opportunity to witness this spectacle!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Year 10 students now have the opportunity to apply to become prefects for the upcoming academic year. Prefects play an important role within our school community: they act as positive role models, support younger students, assist at key school event and help uphold the values and expectations of the school. It is a position of responsibility, trust and leadership. Taking on a prefect role is not only a fantastic way to contribute to school life, but it also looks excellent on college, sixth form and apprenticeship applications. It demonstrates commitment, reliability, communication skills, teamwork and the ability to take initiative—qualities that future educators and employers value highly. Students who take on this role often develop increased confidence, stronger organisational skills and greater independence. Over the Easter break, students will have the chance to complete a prefect application form (found on Showbie), reflecting carefully on why they would be a strong candidate and what they can bring to the role. Application forms must be submitted by Friday 24th April, ahead of a selection process.

As we close the chapter on two successful terms, I want to congratulate all Year 10 students on their hard work, positive attitude and commitment to improvement. You have achieved so much already and, with one final push after Easter, you can set yourselves up brilliantly for the transition into Year 11. Keep going, stay focused and continue striving to be the best version of yourselves.

Well done, Year 10—enjoy a restful break, and come back ready for an exciting final term.

**Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 10**



## Head of Year 11

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the hard work, determination, and growing maturity shown by our Year 11 students. This has been a demanding few weeks, and I am incredibly proud of how our year group has risen to the challenge.



Firstly, well done to every student who has been working hard on their revision and exam preparation. Whether you have been attending afterschool sessions, completing practice papers, or organising your revision timetable, your effort is genuinely paying off. I would also like to offer a special congratulations to those who have already completed exams or controlled assessments - your focus and commitment have been excellent, and you should feel very proud of yourselves.

As we head into the Easter break, I want to encourage all students to make the most of this valuable time. While rest and recharging are important, it is equally vital to maintain momentum with your revision. Please continue working through your subjects, complete as many past papers as you can, and take advantage of the Easter revision sessions offered in school. These final weeks before the GCSE exams are crucial, and what you do now can make a real difference.

There is also plenty to look forward to after Easter. Flora Day will bring a wonderful sense of tradition and community, and we can hopefully enjoy some brighter weather as spring properly arrives. And of course, next halfterm marks the beginning of the GCSE exam season - a significant milestone in your school journey. Although this can feel daunting, remember that you are not facing it alone; your teachers, tutors, and support staff are all here to guide and encourage you.

Most importantly, remember how far you have come. Year 11, I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Your resilience, enthusiasm, and determination continue to impress me, and I know that with continued effort, you will achieve great things.

Have a restful, productive, and positive Easter break. Keep going - you've got this.

**Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 11**

## Parenting a young person 12-19



 ParentsPlus

## Parents Plus Adolescents Programme

A 9-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This face to face programme gives you the option to attend in-person.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rule positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
- Creating a discipline plan
- Family problem solving
- Empowering teenagers
- Establishing routines
- Parent self-care
- Active listening

### When?

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm  
starting 23rd April 2026

### Where?

Helston Family Hub



### To book visit

[parentbooking.cornwall.gov.uk/  
book/add/p/4](https://parentbooking.cornwall.gov.uk/book/add/p/4)

### Contact us

Website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)  
Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)



Together   
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parenting](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

## 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.



## Opening times of the College receptions and our contact details:

### South Site reception is open 8.15am – 2.15pm

(Once the reception at South Site is closed students will need to walk up to North Site to sign out before they leave the College, parents/ carers will need to collect their child from North Site).

### North Site reception is open 8.00am – 4.15pm

### Leaving/Returning to school during the day

If a student is required to leave school at any point during the day, they must sign out at a Reception and sign back in at the attendance office if they return the same day. This is to ensure that we comply with our safeguarding requirements.

### Enquiries

Email: [enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org)

(Year 7-11) Tel: 01326 572685

(Post 16) Tel: 01326 575022

## Absence – What to do if your child is absent

If a student is absent from school, a parent/carer must inform the school by 8.30am on the day of the absence, by contacting the Attendance Team. If a student is absent for more than one day, the Attendance Team must be contacted on each day of the absence.

• (Years 7-11) Tel: 01326 575016

• (Post 16) Tel: 01326 575001

## Medical Appointments

Every effort should be made to arrange appointments outside of school hours. Where students need to attend medical appointments in school hours, please organise them for the afternoon to reduce impact on lessons and notify the Attendance Team prior to the appointment.

Our website can be accessed via this link: [Helston Community College - Home](#)



# Ask the Experts 7: Aviation



An event for students interested in learning more about careers in Aviation.

Chloe Taylor from Ascent Flight Training will be attending.

Places are limited. Scan the QR code to add your name and secure a place at this event.

Speak to Mr Woolcock for more details.



Monday 20th April 2026



1.45pm – 2.15pm



Post 16 Building



Open to students in Years 10 - 13

Aviation careers could include the following options:

Pilot, Aircraft Technician, Aircraft Maintenance Technician, Flight Attendant



# UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

**3** DESIGN A STAINED GLASS WINDOW  
12-2pm & 3-5pm  
Become part of Helston's History

**3&10** ROLL THE DICE - GAMES NIGHT  
6.30-10pm (13+)  
Tournaments and terrains

**4,11,13** YOUR STORY YOUR ART  
4&11 10am-1pm, 13 6pm-8pm (11+)  
Print making workshop

**4** ROLLER DISCO  
Year Group Sessions 2-5pm (11+)  
Book your time slot

**6** PODCAST PRO WORKSHOP  
10.30am-2pm  
Become a pro podcaster in a day

**8&15** HN DANCE COLLECTIVE  
6-6.45pm Teen Street Dance  
session (see web for other sessions)

**9** YOUNG PEOPLE CORNWALL TAKEOVER  
11am-3pm (11+)  
Drop in for fun activities

**9&16** COACH FRANK  
5-6pm (Under 11's) 6-7pm (11+)  
Drop-in Skate Workshop

**10** FLASH MOB FRENZY  
10am-2pm  
with HN Dance Collective

**10&17** ARTY FRIDAY  
4.30-5.30pm (11+)  
Special Easter edition (FREE)

**13-17** BUILD-A-BAND HOLIDAY COURSE  
10am-1pm or 1.30pm-4.30pm  
Pre-bookable 5 day course

Build-a-Band  
returns  
13-17  
April



Dear Musician,  
You, & your instrument, are invited to join the  
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## Hal and Tow

as part of Flora Day 2025.

Meet at 7.45am Epworth Hall May 8th

The 'Hal-an-Tow' Pageant is an integral part of the Flora Day celebrations. Starting at around 8am at St John's, the revellers make their way around the town to designated points to perform the ritual from 8am. From Robin Hood and Little John, St George & the Dragon, St Michael & the Devil to the Spaniards of Mousehole, All re-enact the battles of 'good defeating evil' to 'drive out the old and welcome in the new'.

### REHEARSALS

In College:

Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th  
Music Department M3 with Mx Marsden  
1-1.30pm (Bring lunch)

In Helston:

Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 29th April, 6th May  
At the Bowling Green, bottom of Coinagehall Street  
Or the Methodist Chapel if it's wet  
7-30pm



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## Join us in celebrating 'Month of the Military Child'

Feeling creative? The perfect rainy day activity (although hopefully we do get some sunshine!)

Create a piece of art or a poem that fits this year's theme –  
*Winds of Change*

You could think about the following:

- Have you had a big change recently?
- Is there a change coming?
- What is a change you would like to see in the world?
- Is there a change you would like to make?
- What was the most memorable change you've had?
- What are some of the different emotions that change has made you feel?

Prizes include Praise Points, Easter Eggs and a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher in the national competition

Get entries to your tutors by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

We are inviting you to 'Purple Up!' to show our support by wearing something purple alongside your school uniform.

