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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This is our fourth edition of The Helstonian and once again it is full of photos and articles about some of the great activities students have been involved with. It also celebrates some of the great achievements of our students. I hope you enjoy browsing through it over Easter.

I'd like to thank those of you who completed the recent parent survey. Overall, it is a very positive picture with 86% of you saying that you would recommend the college to other parents. Against national benchmarks, this statistic is considered 'outstanding'. However, until it is 100%, we will continue to look at ways to further improve. Of all the questions asked, all but two have shown significant improvement since the last survey in June 2022. Of particular note, were the percentage of you saying your child is happy and feels safe; how much student behaviour had improved, and how we were doing better with communication.

On another positive note, I'd like to publicly celebrate the achievements of our wonderful Deputy Headteacher, Paula Martin. Paula was nominated for the Pearson National Teaching Awards as an 'Unsung Hero' by one of our students. The award recognises school staff who have positively enhanced the lives of others in their school community; working quietly behind the scenes with a positive attitude, always showing a willingness to help and who consistently go the extra mile. We are very proud to have Ms Martin as part of the College. Her commitment to supporting the staff and the students is both impressive and relentless - she thoroughly deserves this recognition.



May I finish by thanking you again for your continued support as I know the recent strikes have caused disruption to many students and parents. As always, we aim to continue to work in partnership with you to ensure we are doing all that we can to provide the highest level of care and education.

I wish you all a lovely Easter.
With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Alex Lingard

Headteacher

INFORMATION & UPDATES

EQUIPMENT

In preparation for the final term, please can I ask for your support ensuring all students come fully equipped to College. Please use the break to re-stock on any missing items. As a minimum, students must have the following each day:

A pencil case containing:

- a black pen
- a green pen
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a pencil sharpener
- an eraser



We also recommend that they bring in a reading book.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Should you wish to make an application for free school meals, please follow the link below which will take you directly to the Cornwall Council website where you can complete your application.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

PIERCINGS

As the Easter break is only two weeks' long, there isn't enough time for new piercings to heal before students return. We therefore politely request that students do not get any new piercings until the summer break as all students will need to remove all jewellery for their PE lessons.

FURTHER STRIKE DATES

We are aware that the National Education Union has rejected the latest pay offer from the Government. We are therefore anticipating further strike action. A couple of dates have been proposed, but we are waiting for official confirmation. As soon as we hear we will let you know.

On Monday 20 February, the Army Air Corp put on an information session for a group of Year 10 students. They spoke about the roles available within the Army Air Corp and pathways into the Army and the skills needed to be successful. As part of the session students got to develop their maths and team working skills.

They also got to try their hand at piloting a helicopter on a simulator, managing to take off, barrel roll and in some cases, successfully land the helicopter.



"Pupils are kind, respectful and polite towards each other. Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. Leaders and staff have embedded effective routines to support pupils' behaviour."

- Ofsted 2022

ABSENCE – Important Notices for Parents and Carers

If your child is absent from College, please can you call the College every day of their absence before 9.15am. Please leave a message with specific detail as to why they are unable to attend. Please can we also ask you to let us know of any medical/orthodontist appointments in advance. This helps unnecessary phone calls being made.

Please note: If your child is absent from College 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/carer, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the College may 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. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

YOUTH MANIFESTO

We are proud to announce that our student leaders have worked with Helston Town Council to create the first ever Youth Manifesto!



Charlotte Caldwell, Projects Officer at Helston Town Council said, "We are really proud to have worked with such amazing students, to create the first ever Youth Manifesto in Cornwall – the young people have come up with some really compelling issues they need addressing."

Citizenship4Life Programme

We are delighted to announce that four of our Year 9 students have been successful in their application to take part in the prestigious Citizenship4Life programme.

The aim of the 12 month programme is to provide students aged 13-15 years from across Cornwall with the opportunity to experience theme days based on many different aspects of being a good citizen, and in so doing, help them increase their life skills.

Each month the students will attend an organised event to meet inspiring people and see inspiring places. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of all the applicants.

Salamanca Exchange Trip



In February, 13 Key Stage 4 students had a fantastic experience on the Spanish Exchange Trip to Salamanca with our partner school, IES Fernando de Rojas. Their exchange partners had visited them in November and they were able to do the return visit to stay in Spanish homes for 5 days. Participating in an exchange is both exciting and challenging and our students had a great time and participated fully in Spanish life!

Students attended some lessons in school with their partners and were able to see the differences and similarities between life here and in a Spanish school. They also enjoyed visits to the local Cathedral, University and other parts of the beautiful and historic town of Salamanca. The weekend was spent with Spanish families with visits to different parts of the local area and new experiences of different Spanish food and culture. Finally, on the Monday it was time for sad farewells as we headed off to Madrid for some sightseeing before returning home the following day. It was a fabulous opportunity for students who made



amazing friendships, developed their language skills and built their confidence. Alex Parry who participated in the exchange said "It was a great experience of family life in Spain. I enjoyed picking up a new language and meeting so many different people, not just my exchange partner, through activities like playing basketball. I would definitely recommend it!"



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

World Book Day 2023



First Place Winners Prussia Petre and Lilly Thomas from 9H



Second Place Winners Oscar Baish, Reuben Fitzgerald and Safiyya Chowdhury from 7C



Best Dressed Member of Staff - Miss Batchelor

World Book Day 2023 was FAB!

As well as World Book Day quizzes and competitions, many teachers dressed as book characters to celebrate a shared love of books and reading. For students, the competition was to name as many members of staff and the book or character they were representing. First place went to Prussia Petre and Lilly Thomas from Tutor Group 9H. Second Place went to Oscar Baish, Reuben Fitzgerald and Safiyya Chowdhury from Tutor Group 7C.

The best dressed member of staff award went to Adele Batchelor for her costume as Cruella DeVil. Her entire room, desks and class door was covered in dalmatian spots. Thanks to all the staff and students who took part to make the day a bit of fun and to help encourage reading for pleasure.



Commonwealth Day Service



Monday 13 March 2023

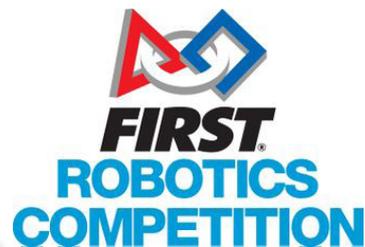


Helston Lantern Procession Saturday 4 March



St Piran's Day Parade
A selection of Year 9 students had the privilege of working with practising artist Chris Nixon to create some large scale willow and tissue paper lanterns. The lanterns were used in the St Piran's Day Parade, which took place at Helston's Coronation Lake. All the students taking part thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We would like to thank the City of Lights team for creating this wonderful opportunity.

LEGO Robotics



Led by Year 11, Ned Petre, the Lego club were lucky enough to take part in a visit to RNAS Culdrose in Helston. The students took part in the regional 'Lego First' robotics heats at the naval base.



Following a tour of one of the aircraft hangars, where they discovered the vast array of different displays, including a naval fire engine, Search and Rescue equipment and medical first aid demonstrations, the team watched a Science show, presented by Mad Science.



Next was the robotics task, where they had to put their robot through its paces to complete as many of the pre-designed tasks as possible. After a difficult start and some tweaking to the coding, the team did very well and scored a respectable 140 points on their best run.



Finally was the 'Innovation Project', where the team presented their idea for an offshore solar farm. The presentation was given to a number of high ranking navy personnel and members from the STEM hub. The team's presentation went very well and they were able to field some very challenging questions from the panel, showing a huge amount of confidence in their idea.



We ended the day with a presentation by Captain Stuart Irwin, who presented the team from HCC with an award for their innovation project, specifically the sustainability thought given to their work.

Here is a link to a facebook video showing an overview of the day:

https://fb.watch/j9_yB9KiK/

Thanks to the team at Culdrose, who were fantastic, to Mr van der Lem who has worked with the team all year and to Mrs Birkett, who gave up her day to drive the minibus and get us there and back safely.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their day and were a credit to themselves and the college.

Mr Birkett & Mr Worthington

International Women's Day

On Wednesday 8 March, International Women's Day, 12 Year 8 and 9 students visited the University of Exeter's Streatham Campus for their annual International Women's Day Conference.

The day started with a question and answer panel with the members consisting of leading female academics from the university and high ranking officers from Devon and Cornwall Police. Students were then given a campus tour, and the afternoon was capped off by a Women in Politics talk.



Dragons Den Competition

In their Science lesson, class 8k/Sc took part in a Dragons Den competition where they had to design a product to sell based on the science knowledge they had gained so far this year.

One used their knowledge of magnets to design a toy train that moved around the track using the theory behind the Maglev Transport System.

Not only was their presentation well thought out and engaging but Seth even made a prototype of the train at home. Well done for the time and dedication put into this.



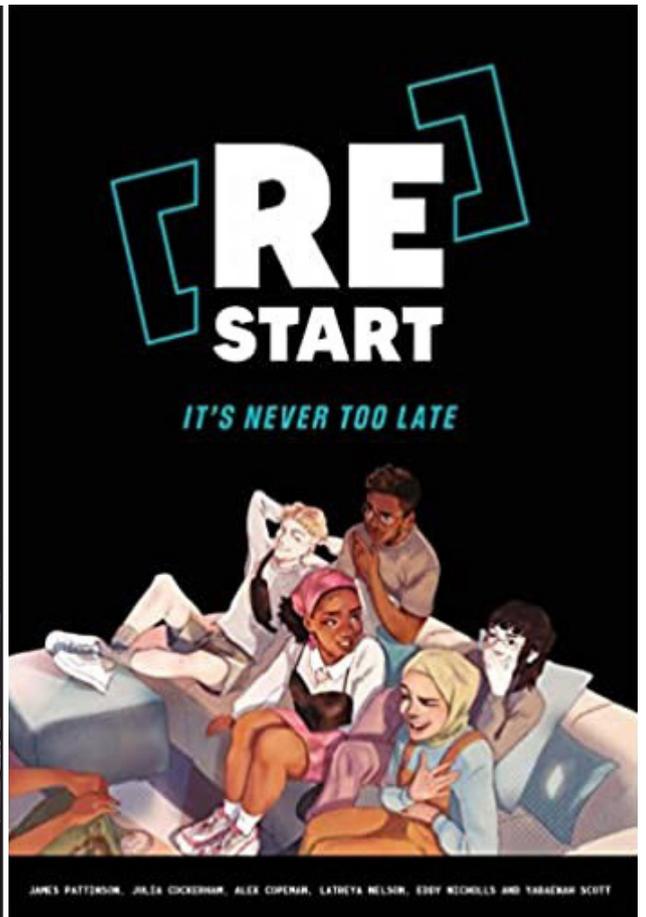
Spotlight on Creative Careers: *Julia Cockerham*

After Easter, the Arts Faculty will be welcoming back one of our former students, Julia Cockerham, to talk to BTEC Art students about working in the creative industries. Julia studied a range of creative subjects in Post 16, including Drama, Media Studies, Creative Writing and BTEC Art. Initially Julia considered studying Musical Theatre, however, decided in the end to pursue a degree in Illustration.

Julia has recently co-authored a graphic novel/guided journal which is designed for people 15-21 years old who are at critical decision-making points in their lives. It features seven young, diverse and relatable characters who are all facing different challenges in their lives.

We're all super-proud of Julia and delighted to see her career taking off so well.

Julia (below) holds the floor with her co-authors at the book launch.





Continuing with the College's first Kindness Month, students have been creating kind and positive message pebbles this week. These will be distributed around Helston to those who are most vulnerable.

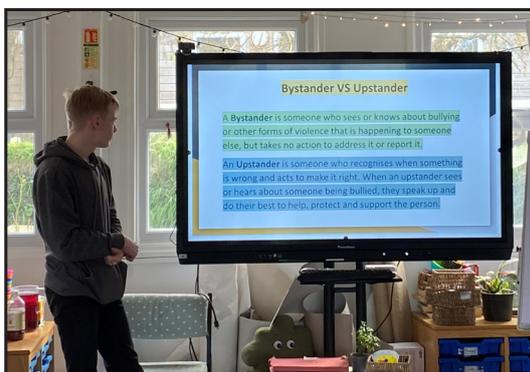


Also, last Thursday we held our Cake Sale and raised £57.26 which was amazing and all the money raised will be donated to Cancer Research UK.



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have continued their roadshow, attending Gernoe School on Thursday and Boskenwyn last week. Our students represented the College extremely well. Once again, we are very proud of the team!



Donations Please!

Helston Community College
Flora Day Clothes Library

We are seeking suitable clothing, headdresses and/or footwear donations for our students who will be dancing on Flora Day.

All donations gratefully received.

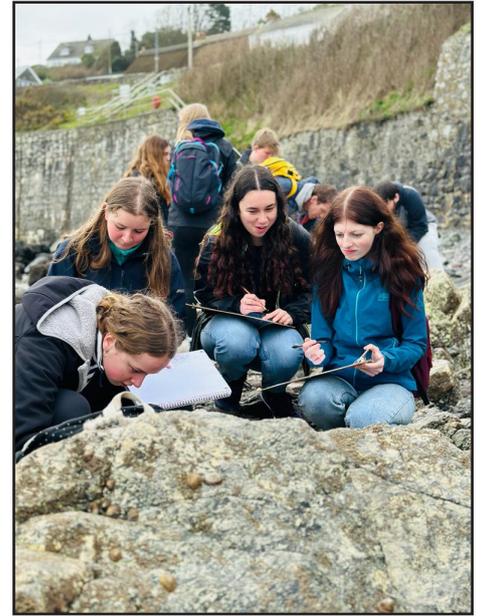
Please leave with North or South Site Receptions or Post-16.





Geology Fieldwork

This month Years 12 and 13 geologists visited Coverack Beach as part of their course fieldwork. The trip was led by Dr Kate Moore from the University of Exeter. The students applied their knowledge of minerals to identify rocks that formed deep in the mantle and worked out the relationship between the different rock types. As they crossed Coverack beach Dr Moore explained they had just walked over the boundary between the crust and the mantle, one of the few places in the world where tectonic forces has brought the boundary to the surface. The students fieldwork investigating the unique geology of Cornwall will continue in the summer term.



Mock Trials

After 6 months of practising their roles as lawyers, witnesses, defendants and magistrates our Mock Trials Team took part in their long awaited competition. After competing against four schools we were very proud to draw as winners with another local school.

As there was a draw it went down to the number of verdict wins in the Court. Helston Community College therefore took 2nd place!

A brilliant result for our first experience in court! We are very proud of the team and pleased to say we will be taking part again next year.



Well done to the Fastrack Big Band and the HCC Jazz Band - raising money for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal.



HCC Jazz Band performed for local primary schools

PE - SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 Girls Cricket Champions

Well done to our amazing Year 7 Girls' Cricket team who were crowned Indoor County Cricket Champions 2023.

They played in a round robin competition against all the other qualifying schools, Liskeard, Poltair, Redruth and St Ives.

Match 1

Helston 63-2 v Liskeard 61-4, Helston winning by 2 runs after a tense final over saw Liskeard needing 3 runs off the last ball. Up stepped Faye A who bowled the perfect delivery to bowl out the Liskeard player and therefore, winning the match.

Match 2

Helston 86-3 v Poltair 45-6, Helston winning by 41 runs with some fantastic batting from Neve C and Maya S. Backed up with a strong bowling performance.

Match 3

Helston 71-4 v Redruth 43-All Out, Helston winning by 28 runs with

a fantastic all round performance from Zara S with the bat and bowl. Once again the girls were brilliant in the field.

Match 4

Helston 53-5 v St Ives 33-All Out, Helston winning by 20 runs in the competition decider. Helston batted first and put up a competitive total but knew they would have to bowl and field well to be in with a chance of winning. They just did that, taking some early key wickets, with direct hit run outs from Olivia and Maya. Followed up by some great bowling, as well as catches from Olivia and Laila to bowl out a strong St Ives team for 33 runs.

The girls have all done amazingly well and should be so proud of their achievements. As a College we are so excited to see how this team develops.

Well done to the following girls, Laila S, Maya S, Neve C, Chloe T, Olivia A, Faye A, Isabel G & Zara S.



Well done to Year 7 student Zack B who recently competed in the Men's Artistic South West Festival. He received a Gold Medal for High Bar, as well as the South West team getting a Gold overall.

We look forward to hearing more achievements like this in the future Zack.



U13 Cricket

Well done to both of our U13 Cricket teams this week, who both competed in the U13 Indoor Cricket qualifiers. Both teams narrowly missing out on qualification by finishing 2nd overall. All players performed brilliantly and did the College proud. We look forward to working with these young cricketers in the Summer term.



Well done to McKenzie B who recently became a MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) British Champion. She will be competing on Sunday 26 March for the World Championships, so we wish her all the best of luck and can't wait to hear how she got on.

PE - SPORTS NEWS



Schools' Show Jumping Competition

On Sunday 12 March Helston Community College participated in the Schools Show Jumping competition at Pendarves Equestrian Centre. Both teams put in maximum effort jumping a difficult course on a very wet day. Individual results included Keira A being awarded third place and Willow F eighth place for the Novice 60cm. Thank you to all for the help and support from each family and we look forward to the next schools' show jumping event in June. Well done all.



YEAR 8 CORNWALL YOUTH FOOTBALL SELECT - GERMANY TOUR 2023

Congratulations to the nine Year 8 Helston football players who have been selected to represent Cornish Youth Football Select Team in an international tour to Germany and Holland at the end of May. This is a brilliant and exciting opportunity for the boys and we wish them all the very best of luck. Good luck to Archie S, Reuben R, Olly L, Thomas H, Jack V, Leo J, Felix P, Oscar P & Evan B.



Year 7 Hockey Tournament

The Year 7 Hockey team competed in their first county tournament at Penair School. The girls demonstrated excellent team work and positivity throughout the day and achieved some fantastic results against strong opposition. Well done to the player of the tournament Olivia A who performed superbly in defence!



Hockey Success!

On Thursday 9 March our students from Years 7, 8 and 9 played fantastically well against Pool School. Considering the weather wasn't in our favour, everyone showed great determination, resilience and excellent teamwork skills.

- Year 7s won 6-0. Joint player of the match, nominated by players of Pool, Elodie H and Lyla P for dictating the tempo of the game.
- Year 8s won 2-0. Player of the match, nominated by players of Pool, Lucy A for her strong defensive tackles.
- Year 9s won 4-2. Player of the match, nominated by players of Pool, Daniela H for absolutely bossing the midfield.

Looking forward to our upcoming games after this week's performance. If you wish to be involved in this year's Hockey team please come along to training. Year 7/8 Hockey club on Mondays after school and Year 9 Hockey club on Tuesday after school.





Year 7

Dylan R-R	7D	293
Jen F	7H	246
Liv S	7G	242
Elsie E	7E	239
Finley W-H	7E	225
Isabelle G	7D	221
Jonah F	7G	217
Tehya P	7F	215
Ashley M	7G	215
Aimee B	7H	210



Year 10

Imogen S	10B	247
Phoebe J	10D	216
Annie H	10E	194
Ruby P	10E	173
Emily P	10D	172
Chloe C	10D	162
Hollie-Mai H	10E	161
Jack W	10A	160
Luke P	10F	157
Zac G	10A	156



Year 8

Adam H	8G	265
Benjamin N	8C	257
Lily B	8G	255
Charlotte H	8G	245
Lucy R-M	8D	236
Amelie M	8E	227
James B	8C	225
Piran I	8G	225
Willow F	8A	218
Ethan J	8A	215



Year 11

Fenella J	11B	231
Sam P	11B	174
Susannah M	11F	172
Harry G	11H	163
Lily H	11D	161
Alina P	11A	157
Ella B	11B	155
Jayden G	11D	153
Liv B	11F	152
Beth R	11D	147



Year 9

George W	9J	262
Emily M	9C	238
Evelyn B	9C	237
Gabe S	9J	234
Samuel H	9H	227
Elsie R	9B	224
Harley E	9J	222
Riley T	9D	217
Max D	9C	216
Alfie C	9D	216



Year 12

Charlie S	P3	46
Tabby W	P5	39
Emily S	P8	37
Megan R	P8	33
Zara T	P3	29
Callum A	P8	29
Katie C	P9	29
Paige W	P3	25



Year 13

Elowen H	P8	39
Ella M	P1	37
Gwen H	P5	30
Alex P	P1	21
George G	P3	21
Sam T	P1	20
Harold A	P8	19
Sadie S	P8	19

Well Done!

(Praise Points as of 27/03/23)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

March

Year 7

Jasper B 7G



Nominated by Mr Dudley, Jasper is a kind and polite student who is well prepared and enthusiastic. His contributions to lessons are always appreciated and he has become a great geographer! Jasper has recently achieved his Platinum Award too!

Year 10

Alistair S 10G

Nominated by Mr Birkett, Alistair showed fantastic resilience in joining the Lego Spike team even though this wasn't an easy environment for him. Alistair was a key member of the team and his efforts were hugely appreciated!! Alistair has also just achieved his Praise Point Gold Award.

Year 8

Amelie M 8E

Nominated by Ms Morbey and Mr Dagleish for her high quality written work in class and for her incisive contributions. Amelie has an amazing 230 Praise Points, achieving her Platinum Award a couple of weeks ago.



Year 11

Liv B 11F



Nominated by Ms Davies, but could have been nominated by all her teachers because her work ethic is amazing! Liv has great attendance, a high number of Praise Points and is a great role model to others.

Year 9

Elias B 9G

Nominated by Ms Freeston and Mr Dagleish, Elias has consistently worked hard in lessons since September and is always striving to improve in both classwork and homework. He is an absolute delight to teach and consistently makes outstanding contributions in class. Elias has also recently achieved his Platinum Award.



Post 16



Jack J P16



Ruby B P16

Nominated by Dr Ryan for being such excellent ambassadors for the College during recent staff interviews.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nominations

YEAR 7

Thea	G	7B	Thea has worked hard with her French since the beginning of Year 7!	S Morbey
Alana	B	7B	Full marks in her recent writing test for Spanish - outstanding detail and accuracy.	A Graham
Marley	J	7C	An excellent effort with written work and superb contribution to class discussions.	A Dagleish
Kayna	G	7D	Kayna always produces fantastic creative work in the Art lessons.	S-J Marsden
Aimee	B	7H	Hardworking and always engaged in lessons.	L Davies
Ethan	J	8A	Outstanding effort and achievement in French. Full marks in the writing assessment this term reflects Ethan's thorough understanding of the topic.	A Graham

YEAR 8

Lily	B	8G	Lily is super enthusiastic about all the activities in the lessons, tries her hardest and always with a smile.	S-J Marsden
Amy	M	8G	Amy is a very talented artist who works incredibly hard within this subject in lessons, homework and art competitions.	S-J Marsden
Elsie	R	9B	Elsie has consistently worked to a high level in French.	S Morbey
Maxwell	K	9B	Polite, respectful and dedicated to Geography.	J Dudley
Liam	C	9D	Excellent progress and improvement in English. His effort in English this term has been exemplary.	S Doolin

YEAR 9

Florence	S	9D	Outstanding progress in English again this term. Florence's recent assessment reflected the incredible effort she has applied in English.	S Doolin
Zenna	W	9D	Incredible effort in English again this term. Zenna's recent assessment achieved full marks, reflecting her thorough understanding of the topic.	S Doolin
Jasmin	W	9G	Excellent work on the Anti-Bullying Community Award badges. Always supporting other students and making anti-bullying leaflets for the community. Jasmin always goes above and beyond!	M Mugford
Bethany	W-R	9H	Outstanding effort and achievement in French. Full marks in both the reading and speaking assessments this term reflect Beth's thorough understanding of the topic.	A Graham
Olivia	H	9H	Full marks in her recent speaking test for Spanish - excellent detail and accuracy.	A Graham
Talulah-Mai	M-E	9J	Talulah is a kind and dedicated student. She has really grown in confidence in English, and is now happy to make relevant and interesting contributions to class discussion. I have been really impressed with her presentation and attitude to learning.	C Bloor

YEAR 10

Skye	A	10A	Skye has worked well to complete her first piece of course work. She has been focused and dedicated throughout.	H Parkinson
Imogen	S	10B	Imogen strives to build complexity in her French and always works hard.	S Morbey
Annabel	N	10F	Always a tremendous effort over written work and knowledgeable contributions to discussion.	A Dagleish
Maria	N	11A	Maria has shown amazing dedication to English: mature & independent development of her own knowledge of the subject which she is bringing to bear in a really effective way in lessons and, hopefully, in her pending GCSEs.	E McFadden
Illah	C	11B	Illah has a dedicated attitude to Geography. She works well by herself and also in a team setting.	J Dudley

YEAR 11

Thomas	H	11C	Thomas always puts high effort into his work and contributes to discussions.	A Dagleish
Bethany	F	11D	Incredible work towards her Chemistry exam.	J Hitchcock
Martin	B	11E	Tremendous enthusiasm and effort in History.	A Dagleish
Isabella	G	11F	Isabella consistently has an outstanding attitude towards her learning and is open to feedback; taking on-board suggestions and guidance. She is always supportive of her fellow peers in Physics setting up a study group.	S Mullins
Maisy	L	11F	With excellent effort in her NEA coursework, she regularly impresses with her determination to succeed.	K Dolan
Thomas	A	11F	Massive improvement in his Chemistry grades, revising towards the exam.	J Hitchcock
Fred	D	11G	A huge improvement in his attitude to work - well done!	J Hitchcock
Summer	B	11H	Summer has worked her socks off in Drama, always striving to do better and supporting others. I'm so impressed with her work ethic.	M Spink

POST 16

Grace	A	11H	Fantastic effort being put into improving her understanding in Science.	L Davies
Freya	S	P16	Excellent application of knowledge during her Geology fieldwork in Coverack.	K Ryan
Nalani	H	P16	Producing excellent photographs which are experimental and well executed - keep up the great work!	B Ellis
Adam	B	P16	Adam does an incredible amount of work and gives up a lot of time for other students.	M Nicholls
Charlotte	B	P16	Committed and hardworking during tutor time.	L Allsey
Sienna	A	P16	Amazing dedication to Travel and Tourism. Kind natured and fun to teach!	J Dudley
George	G	P16	Consistent hard work and contribution in Geography.	F Hawsworth

KS3 News



As spring blooms March is another one of the College's Kindness Months. We will have rewarded students for their continued acts of kindness and good deeds throughout the College. The Headteachers prize draw was on the last day of term and there were some lucky golden winners.

It has been a pleasure for myself and Mr Lingard to present certificates, postcards and badges to so many of our KS 3 students who keep responding well to our behaviour PERKS demonstrating being; Proud/Engaged/Ready/Kind and Safe learners of the College. Please ensure you keep amounting these points for further rewards and keeping the College being the special place it is.

Thank you all for your donations to Red Nose Day/Comic Relief. I think the students enjoy coming to College in non-school uniform! If you would like to donate further the information is on ParentPay or monies can be donated through reception to help raise funds for so many good causes.

We have also been looking at the theme of Aspirations as part of National Careers Week 2023.

We have focused on the importance of 'soft skills' with the emphasis on communication, team work, confidence and

empathy amongst others and the importance of these in the work place, at the College and in the community. We also have had guest speakers in assemblies including Steve and Chris from Global Boarders, Miss Williams who talked about her previous role as a Zookeeper and Veryan Palmer one of the Directors at the Headland Hotel in Newquay. They all gave us an interesting insight into their jobs. Thank you to Dr Allen and Mr Woolcock for organising.

Thank you as always to the students that are representing the College further afield whether in music concerts, drama productions, school trips, extra-curricular clubs or sporting fixtures. You contribute so much to the College and hopefully you continue to reap the rewards both now and in the future.

Finally, we will continue to promote the importance of the College's role within our community. None more significant than seeing the Flora Day rehearsals start and the building up of excitement to the big day. As a College there is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes coordinated by Mrs Renyard preparing the students as best as possible to ensure a memorable, fantastic Flora Day for the College and our community.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a Happy Easter.

Terry Richardson
Director of Key Stage 3

KS4 News



Here we are again at the end of another busy half term! It feels like we have packed so much in.

For Year 10 there has been a real focus on getting the Work Experience forms in so that they are able to have a good chance to see what the world of work is all about as well as properly taking on board the personal responsibilities of KS4. They had an exciting day exploring green careers this week. I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour and the staff who arranged this and helped carry out each of the sessions.

There have been other opportunities with the Army Air Corp visit, LBTQ+ visit to the Royal Cornwall Museum. A group of Year 10 Maths students went off to represent us at a Cornwall Maths Competition in Penrice. Those of a dramatic disposition have the chance to take part in this year's school production play which is exciting.

The focus for this month has been kindness with a series of events. Students have these past few weeks been sending thank you cards and learning the importance and pleasure of saying thank you and to receive thanks back. I have been sending cards to those who have been working hard with the Silver Praise Point awards.

It is a great pleasure to send them home to parents/carers.

For Year 11 an insight into the pressure of 'real exams' with many students working really hard at completing their coursework for their BTEC courses. A real highlight for me was seeing all the Year 11 students pose for the first whole year group photo since Covid. They look so smart and serious – dare I say it – and ready for the grown up world. Getting 230 students into height order was a challenge but they rose to the occasion brilliantly!

More to come will be the Year 11 summer Ball that will take place on the Wednesday 5 July at Falmouth Hotel and the Year Book with all its lovely memories. All this will be available on Parent Pay very shortly. We have a selection of pre-loved Ball dresses and suits available for purchase at a good price. If you wish to see any of these items then please do not hesitate to contact me and I will make arrangements.

I would like to remind Year 11 parents/carers of the support available to the students over the Easter break and after school for a few more weeks. You will have received an email which has further details on both of these.

This leaves me to wish you all a lovely Easter break.

Siobhan Barnes
Director of Key Stage 4.

KS5 News

It has been another busy term for Post-16 Students. As Year 13s approach their final exams, the Easter break will come as a welcome break and also an opportunity to do some sustained revision at home. The students sat full mock exams recently and have received detailed feedback from their teachers on adjustments and improvements they need to make in order to maximise their performance in the exams to come.



Year 12 students have also sat checkpoint assessments recently, which give very useful feedback on their progress in their subjects so far. We have recently launched the Unifrog programme for them, which gives them an excellent platform to research university courses and apprenticeships, as they begin to formulate their progression pathways for when they move on from Helston Post-16.

We would like to remind Year 12 students and parents/carers that many of them still need to sort out Work Experience placements, for the final week of term, July 17-21. This is a great way to try out a field of employment that they might be interested in. The onus is very much on the individual students to sort out their placement, and support is available from tutors, from Natalie, and the Veryan website.

It has been lovely to see some students take on responsibility for organising events in recent weeks. Cavan Hill has been running a pool tournament for staff and students, which has been competitive and fun. Katie Davies has again shown great commitment and energy in organising fund-raising events for the summer Ball, including another recent cake sale, and a film night, when the students munched popcorn as they watched Simon Pegg's comedy "Hot Fuzz".

Danny Gillman, Director of Key Stage 5.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

- 1st-8th Y10-13 Ski Trip
- 12th-14th GCSE Easter Revision
- 17th Summer Term begins
- 26th Y9 Parent Forum

May

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 3rd 6.00pm-7.30pm Wind Band Concert in M1
- 5th Flora Day (School Closed)
- 8th Bank Holiday
- 9th Exams start (see website)
- 26th Break-up for Whit

June

- 5th Back to School!
- 19th Y10 Mocks start
- 26th-28th Year 6 Transition Days
- 27th 6.00pm-7.00pm Piano recital in M1
- 27th Year 6 Transition Parents Evening
- 28th Year 6 Transition Parents Evening
- 28th All Exams Finish

July

- 3rd All day rehearsal Summer Concert SS Hall
- 4th Summer Concert 6pm-7.30pm SS Hall
- 5th Year 11 Prom - Falmouth Hotel
- 7th P16 Ball - Falmouth Hotel
- 14th Jazz Band Leavers Concert 7.00pm-9.30pm SS Hall
- 21st Break-up for Summer!

Please note that due to the Coronation of King Charles III, Flora Day has been moved - the College will therefore be closed on Friday 5 May 2023.

The DFE have also announced that schools will be closed during the recently announced Bank Holiday on Monday 8 May 2023



Met4Tech



CORNWALL & ISLES OF SCILLY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP



University of Exeter
Camborne School of Mines

Your Resources Your Future

29th March 2023: New County Hall, Truro



Helston Community College



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The Year 12 Geography class joined other Citizen Researchers from four other Sixth Form colleges to partake in the Your Resources Your Future forum at the New County Hall at Truro. They worked with the other students to interview expert witnesses including geo-industry leaders, academics, and government policy advisers. At the end of their meetings they came up with proposals and solutions to maximise the opportunities and overcome the challenges relating to new technology metals and geothermal energy projects in Cornwall.

The Helston geographers expertly presented their proposals to all the participants in the council chamber and subsequently defended their

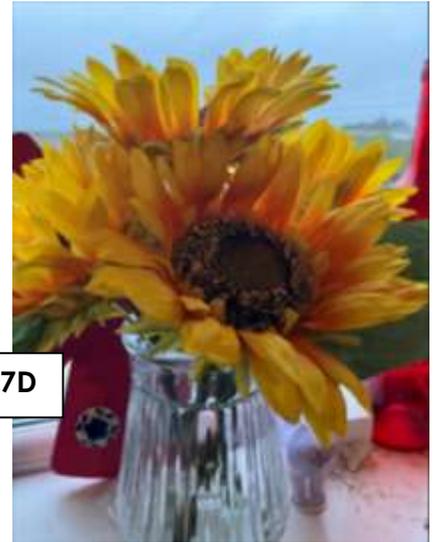
views when questioned. The event was a collaboration between Royal Geological Society of Cornwall, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership, Met4Tech Circular Economy Centre and Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter. The Helston students were excellent ambassadors for the College and the experience will be an impressive addition to any future university or job applications.



Some fantastic Year 7 and 8 photographs from Mx Marsden's classes.

The homework this week was to take a photograph containing one of the primary colours of red, yellow and blue. These images are are incredibly varied, well observed or creatively produced. The students never fail to impress me!

Phoebe Amarilli 8G



Kayna Gunn 7D



Jess Allen 8G



Joseph Cantwell 8G

Hattie Groom 8G



Noah Stevens 7C



Gabriel Phillips 8F



Charlie Nicholls 7C



Stanley Farrant 8G



Oscar Hogan 8F

Ethan Chapman 7H



Erin Rankin-Wirthington 7G



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FREE PARKING



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COMPETITIONS



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