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## LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College

This was my second year experiencing Flora Day, and what a day it was! Over 1250 students danced the Children's Dance, with around 700 of them representing our school. Our students looked fabulous and danced brilliantly, and were a credit to their families and the community. As was the case last year, they were equally impressive in the whole school rehearsal the day before, dancing through the corridors of the North Site building with our band playing and the rest of the school looking on. It was a sight to behold. Thank you to Ms Renyard and the numerous members of staff who helped pull it all off. Obviously, many photos have been shared publicly already, but we have a few of our own to share inside this edition. On a personal level, I must also mention what an honour it was to be able to dance the Midday this year. A truly memorable and wonderful experience.

Once again, this edition of the Helstonian features some great articles about what our students have been getting up to and celebrates many achievements within sport, technology, citizenship, plus lots of fundraising success - I really hope you enjoy browsing through it.

If you are a parent or carer of a student in years 7 to 10, you may be aware of the RNLI assemblies that have taken place this week about water safety - an incredibly important topic given where we live.

You may have also read in previous editions of the Helstonian about a fundraising challenge we are undertaking to celebrate the RNLI's 200th birthday. Final preparations are underway, so please watch out for a big announcement about this after half-term. I'm sure you have also seen that we are holding our first PTFA Summer Fair on 22nd June. This is building up to be a very exciting event for the community and hope you will be able to join us on the day for some fun!

May I finish by congratulating all the Year 11, 12 and 13 students who have undertaken exams so far. It is a long exam season this year, especially for Year 11, and they have conducted themselves fabulously. We are running some additional revision sessions over half-term in preparation for the final couple of weeks. Thank you to the staff and to parents for all their amazing support.

With best wishes,

*Alex Lingard*

Head Teacher







## COMMUNITY EVENT SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY 22 JUNE, 1pm-4pm**

- Events – teacher vs kids tug of war, small relay/obstacle course.
- Cake stall
- Tombola
- BBQ and refreshments.
- Raffle, Face Painting, Hair Braiding
- Stalls & Crafts

We would also welcome any interest from anyone who makes and sells things. If you would like a stall of your own there is a small charge for this as there is with any event.

**Please email us [PTFA@helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:PTFA@helston.tpacademytrust.org)**

Dee Benny - Chair • Hollie Shannon - Treasurer • Ruth Styles - Vice Treasurer • Sarah Shannon - Secretary

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#### EQUIPMENT

Thank you for your support in encouraging students to have the right equipment. Please can you use the break to ensure your child is stocked up ready for the final half term with the following: a pencil case containing a black pen, a green pen, a pencil, a ruler, a pencil sharpener and eraser. Students in Year 7-9 need a reading book every day.

#### PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that the first lesson (tutor time) starts at 8.45am, so students should arrive to College by 8.40am at the latest, but not before 8.00am.

#### JUMPERS, HOODIES AND SOCKS

Just a reminder that students are not allowed to wear hoodies to College. Socks must be black and jumpers

must be a plain blue v-neck. These jumpers can be worn under the blazer, not instead of a blazer. Jewellery should be kept to 1 pair of stud earrings and 1 nose stud. No rings, bracelets or necklaces are allowed.

#### SKIRTS!

Please can we ask for parents' support in challenging short skirts. Although the vast majority of students look very smart, some skirt lengths are inappropriate for school.

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child doesn't currently get FSM, but you think they may be eligible, please follow this [link](#). Not only does your child get a free meal, but the College receives additional funding.

## HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S FUNDRAISER FOR RNLI



To celebrate the RNLI's 200th anniversary, staff at the College are taking on a two-day challenge to travel 70 miles from Godrevy to Porthleven visiting each RNLI station on the way. Staff are completing the challenge on foot, on a bike or in the water.

We hope that students will join in the challenge by completing designated sections of the route. They are also completing an online challenge related to RNLI and living around the coast.

The challenge is planned to take place on 13 and 14 July, just before the end of term. If you would like to donate please do so via the following link:



**[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/HCC-CHALLENGE24](http://tinyurl.com/HCC-CHALLENGE24)**



# Flora Day



Wednesday 8th May 2024



















## CITIZENSHIP FOR LIFE

This year three of our year 10 students took part in the Citizenship 4 Life programme. After a challenging recruitment process, they started their journey on this life changing adventure. The programme is based on personal development, resilience and developing skills for life.

Students took part in a range of events throughout the 12 months and visited a number of different businesses. Students also had the opportunity to take part in a residential, held in Bristol. Students finished off, their journey with a gala dinner at the Tregenna Castle Hotel. All three students delivered amazing speeches, alongside volunteer mentors, that they worked with for the 12 month period.

This event was attended by Sir Terry Waite, who is Patron of Citizenship 4 Life. Sir Terry was extremely proud of the students and spoke very highly of them.

We are so proud of these young adults for their determination and success! Well done to you all.

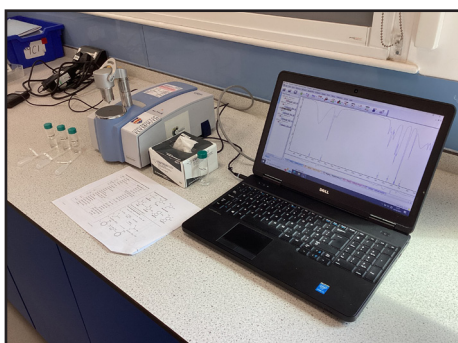


“For me, C4L was an amazing thing to be apart and I would recommend to others especially socially anxious people as it definitely helped with me being able to talk more. I do know not everyone will have the same experience as me but I believe it went so well because we all had a similar reason for going and made us feel less alone. At the start of the programme I didn't at all expect anything about each day or the amount of kindness shown by both mentors and mentees. Everyone was there to support each other. In summary, the moral I got from C4L would be “Try something once, even if you're nervous and you may find something you enjoy, if not, you showed courage in trying” because bravery is not about no experience of fear, but understanding and facing that fear head on. C4L was a blast, I recommend we should all live life to the fullest.”

## SPECTROSCOPY

This month, post-16 chemistry students had the opportunity to get hands-on with the Spectroscopy in a suitcase kindly lent to the college by Plymouth University.

The students used the Infra-red (IR) spectrometer and their analytical skills to determine the function groups present in a range of organic molecules. IR spectroscopy is not only used by students for structure determination, but is widely used by research chemists and also by police forces for forensic testing and in breathalysers!



## YEAR 11 UNIFORM DONATIONS

As their time here at the College is nearing its end, if you have any uniform or revision books that you are willing to donate, please can you send them in with your child on their final day, **Thursday 27 June.**

*Many thanks Helston Community College*



## MFL FOOTBALL WEBINAR

On Tuesday 26th March, the MFL department organised a webinar for some keen footballers in Year 8 and two Year 7 classes to inform them about the importance of language learning. This motivational talk explored the pivotal role languages play in various career paths within the football industry, from player recruitment to international negotiations. It featured insights from industry experts, anecdotes from players and managers, and practical advice for students interested in pursuing careers in football. The webinar was led by Futbol Lingo (a language-learning app specific to football), Academy Manager, Mark Muddyman, and former MFL teacher turned coach, Pierce Kiemi.



The students were really impressed with the number of different languages spoken by many professional football players and their managers. The record is held by one of the female players who can speak a total of 12 languages! The message was very clear: in football, very often, "the more

languages you learn, the more you earn". The webinar hosts also stressed the importance of speaking to be understood, rather than to speak perfectly. In response to the question that we often hear from students "Why do I have to learn a language when everybody speaks English?", the hosts insisted that "the best way to build a relationship with someone is to speak their language".

The MFL department hopes that students gained a valuable insight the range of careers available within the football industry and that they will be inspired to continue their language learning journey further.

## CORNISH MINING GAMES

On Thursday 18 April 2024, Ms Hawksworth and Ms Bryce, took a group of year 8 students to King Edward mine. This was for a training day in preparation for the Cornish Mining Games event in June.

During the day students practised mining skills, such as panning, surveying, and hand sawing. In addition, students received a tour that explored old mining techniques and machinery, and furthermore a talk that explored the future of mining and careers both in Cornwall and internationally.

The students will be attending lunchtime clubs to finesse their mining skills in preparation for their competition.



## BINGO NIGHT - EYES DOWN

### Year 8 Student Leaders

During the past two months the year 8 student leaders decided to host a bingo evening for one of our local charities the Shelter Box.

Shelter Box is a charity which provide important and potentially lifesaving resources for disaster affected areas. three of the year 8's Jen Fooks, Elodie Harper and Evan Chapman created this event and took the lead in finalising all of the many details and organisation for the evening. This included going around to local businesses to ask for donations and if they could advertise this event with posters they had created.

The Bingo evening itself was a huge success in which the students raised over £400 for Shelter Box.

Evan did an amazing job being the bingo caller for the evening whilst Elodie and Jen greeted the community with smiley faces and kept the evening flowing.

On the night we also had the help from Ashley M and Olivia E who helped to set up.

During the evening we were very lucky to have the support from Sue from Shelter box who did a talk and display about the charity and talked about her personal experiences.

Sue was very impressed with the work from the students that had gone into this successful evening and was very honoured for them to have chosen this charity.

The community responded well and all involved had a very enjoyable evening, some even asked if we could make a regular bingo slot

A massive thank you to all local businesses who made this event possible.

Congratulations to Ava T in year 7 who was extremely lucky to have won all 3 rounds in our bonus game which included the tractor socks, a voucher from the crate and the very popular Watergate Bay Newquay Hotel stay.

Big thanks to Miss C Stringer, Miss A Skinner, Mrs F Grosely, Mrs L Cameron and Mrs Mugford for their support.

And huge thanks to Helen Hearne who provided all refreshments and the delicious cakes.

They are already thinking about their next event – keep your eyes peeled!



## A MEMORABLE TRIP TO WITNESS EXETER CHIEFS TRIUMPH



28 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to witness the exhilarating clash between Exeter Chiefs and Harlequins, a must win game that left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to be there. The trip was not just about spectating; it was a holistic experience that immersed students in the world of professional rugby.

Upon arrival, the students were greeted with excitement and anticipation as they were given an opportunity to tour the state-of-the-art facilities of Exeter Chiefs. From the match-day changing rooms where strategies are crafted to the training grounds where champions are forged, every corner exuded the essence of dedication and excellence.

But the experience didn't stop there.



idols up close, getting autographs and snapping selfies with their favourite players.

But beyond the thrilling spectacle of the game, the trip provided valuable lessons in teamwork, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence. It was an experience that transcended the confines of the classroom, instilling in students a sense of camaraderie



Students were invited to participate in a training session, where they learned firsthand the drills and techniques that propel these athletes to greatness. This hands-on experience provided invaluable insights into the rigorous training regime of professional rugby players.

The highlight of the trip came when the students had the privilege of forming a guard of honour, leading the players onto the hallowed grounds of Sandy Park. With the roar of the crowd and the palpable excitement in the air, it was a moment that will be cherished for years to come.

At halftime, the students were once again centre stage as they took a lap around the pitch, soaking in the electric atmosphere and feeling like true champions themselves. And to cap off an already incredible day, they had the chance to meet their

and a passion for sportsmanship that will stay with them long after the final whistle has blown.

In the end, the trip to witness Chiefs emerge victorious was more than just a school outing. It was a transformative journey that ignited a love for the game and inspired dreams of greatness in the hearts of all who participated.

Finally, huge appreciation must go to Mr Richardson, Miss Watson and Mr Swayne who were invaluable in making the trip a great success.

Up the Chiefs!! Mr. Davey





# SPORTS SUCCESS STORIES

## YOUTH SPORTS AWARD 2024

Jude is a member of the Carn Brea and Helston Swimming Club and has been rewarded for his commitment and dedication to swimming and his outstanding achievements through swimming. Jude received the Youth Sports Award at a recent awards evening, where it was presented by Piran Phillips, GB Surf Life Saving Champion from Portreath. Well done Jude!



## BLACK BELT SUCCESS

Riley travelled to Northampton for his Black Belt grading in Taekwondo. Over the last five weeks he has completed a pre-grading, 2 training sessions and a final grading for which he passed. This is a fantastic achievement - well done Riley!



## LORDS TAVERNERS CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

Seven of our students in Year 7 attended Exeter University on Monday 22 April to compete in the regional finals of the Lords Taverners Cricket Championship. Each student played a vital role within the team and supported each other without prompting. There was tenseness as we waited after each round to see if we won the game. Each time the result was in, we realised that Lords was in our grasp. 5 straight wins! Each student stepping up when an individual performance was not at its best. There was one set of 6 x 6's from Logan when we needed it most. There was a feel of camaraderie and determination to win. It was tense.

We were extremely proud of the behaviour, attitude and determination every student had towards this goal. A great collaboration. A great achievement. Above all, a sense of belonging and pride was seen on their faces. We had fun and joy and as a team we performed! We can't wait for the Lords final at Lords in June.



## SEB ROUND - PLYMOUTH HALF MARATHON

Thank you all for your support and donations for Seb Round's (Year 12) half marathon. He did so well on Sunday and completed it in 1 hour 37! He raised over £2,000 which is a phenomenal effort. His fundraiser remains open [HERE](#) and he's so grateful for all the support.



# SPORTS SUCCESS STORIES

## LIFESAVING AWARDS

We are so proud of two of our students Maya Brockwell and Piran Ivey who competed for Hayle Surf Life Saving Club in the Surf Life Saving Great Britain National Pool Championships, where their team came 9th out of 26 teams.

These amazing young people have worked exceptionally hard over the winter months to come away with PBs, points for the team and some, in exceptionally lucky circumstances, national medals for representing the Club.

Piran's younger brother, Arron, in Year 7 has competed at Cornish and National Level for Nippers and Cornish Youth SLS too. He has also produced some brilliant performances. We look forward to hearing more about these in the future.



Dear Mr Lingard,

Just a quick note to let you know how proud we are to have taken 2 of your pupils to the Surf Life Saving Great Britain National pool championships this last weekend where our team came 9th out of 26.

We couldn't have asked any more of these amazing young people, they have all worked exceptionally hard over the winter months to come away with PBs, points for our team and some, in exceptionally lucky circumstances, national medals.

Kind regards

Nicholas Brown  
 Captain | Youth Manager  
 Hayle Surf Life Saving Club



## U15'S COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

A massive congratulations to our Year 9/10 girls who took part in a Cricket Competition on Tuesday 7 May at Grampound Road. The girls played amazingly well, demonstrating outstanding teamwork skills and even better batting and fielding in every single game. They are looking forward to the regionals in July!

If you are interested in playing cricket, please come along to after school club on Tuesdays with Miss Bragg.



If you have had any sporting successes that you would like to share with us, please email your articles to:  
[enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:enquiries@helston.tpacademytrust.org)



## U15'S COUNTY FOOTBALL FINALS

On Friday 10 May Helston travelled to Penryn College to compete in the U15 County football finals. They had a couple of key team members missing from the squad but this did not dampen their spirits. The tournament got away to a great start with Helston winning their first two matches convincingly and playing some excellent football. Unfortunately Helston's winning streak was interrupted when they played Camborne and despite the girls taking an early lead, they were unable to get the 3 points. In the final game against Pool school the girls produced a stand out performance, they played with composure and finesse and their shooting was clinical. The game finished 4-0 to Helston which secured their position as joint tournament winners with both Camborne and Pool! A special mention should go to Lacey Johnson who worked tirelessly in defence and was voted player of the tournament by her team mates.



## ATHLETICS - TRACK AND FIELD CUP

Well done to our Junior and Inter Boys' athletics teams, who showcased their athletic prowess at the ESAA Athletics - Track and Field Cup competition at Carn Brea recently. All students should be massively proud of their achievements, which included many personal bests. The overall results had our Junior (Year 7&8) boys finishing 4th and Inter (Year 9&10) boys finishing 5th, both out of 16 schools. Performances in both teams were marked by strong individual efforts and seamless teamwork, as they pushed themselves to their limits in pursuit of success. See below some standout performances from the day.

### Inter Boys

- James P, 100m; 11.9seconds, Long Jump; 5.14m.
- Unathi C, 100m; 12.1seconds.
- Liam C, 1500m; 4minutes 58seconds.
- Blake G-D, Discus; 26.10m, 200m; 26.4seconds.
- Ted S, 300M; 42.1seconds.

### Junior Boys

- Beau D, 100m; 13.4seconds.
- Jacob S, 1500m; 5minutes 17seconds.
- Aaron I, 1500M; 5minutes 18seconds.
- Stefano D, High Jump; 1.44m.
- Charlie M, 800m; 2minutes 39seconds.
- Tom W, High Jump; 1.41m.

Both teams conducted themselves perfectly throughout the competition and were a credit to the College. We look forward to working with these teams for the upcoming Cornwall School Games, Super 8s Athletics and the Year 7/8 Athletics Championships. Thank you to Mrs Pryor for her support throughout the day, especially when officiating the Discus where your contribution made the event run so smoothly.

**REMINDER** that Athletics Club runs every Wednesday after school and is open to all students. At the club you can try all the different athletic events or build on previous performances. Please meet in the North Site changing rooms to register, we will then escort you across to the athletics field, with the session finishing at 4.30pm. See you there!

Mr Davey



## KERNOW YOUTH TOUR 2024

Zara S (Y8), Krystal A (y9) and Lacey J (Y10) travelled to Germany with the Kernow Youth Tour 2024 to take part in the Volksbank Tournament.

The girls, part of a squad of 14 selected from clubs around Cornwall, spent 10 days on tour.

They have played friendlies against Dutch and German teams, gone on stadium tours and completed the trip with a 3 day tournament.

The girls team played against 25 boys teams from Germany and Holland finishing a very respectable 7th.





# HELSTONIAN NEWS



## CAREERS CAROUSEL

On Monday 20 May, year 7 students had the opportunity to meet with over 33 businesses. Students have been exploring potential careers and opportunities available to them in the local community and beyond. I would like to thank the businesses that took part, your continued support is fantastic and makes a real difference to the aspirations of students.

*If you are a business and are keen to support our careers work at the college, please get in contact with Mrs M Mugford - [mmugford@helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:mmugford@helston.tpacademytrust.org)*

## DEVON & CORNWALL FOOD ACTION

*Thank you to all who came to help and who came to shop.*

A huge thank you to Devon & Cornwall Food Action DCFA for coming down from Plymouth to help support our community to reduce their shopping bills especially when times are so hard.

The atmosphere is always lovely and the team from DCFA have often said they love coming to Helston as the community are always so friendly and joyful.

If you missed this one we will be hosting again in June. This will also be the same day as Helston Community College Summer Fair.



**DEVON & CORNWALL FOOD ACTION WILL BE BACK AGAIN ON SATURDAY 22nd JUNE**



# Helston Community College celebrates receiving Computing Quality Mark



Helston Community College has been recognised for delivering high-quality computing education to young people, developing their digital skills and preparing them for the future.

Helston has achieved the national Computing Quality Mark after evaluating its computing education and demonstrating high-quality provision. The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education and recognises excellence of computing education offered by a school as part of their curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework (CQF).

Headteacher, Mr Lingard, said:

“We are immensely proud to receive the national Computing Quality Mark, a testament to our commitment to provide exceptional education in digital literacy and computing. This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff, students and the wider school community in fostering an innovative and forward-thinking learning environment. We will continue to strive for excellence and prepare our students for the digital future.”

Laura Hocking who leads the computing team at Helston, said:

“The Computing team of teachers at Helston has shown remarkable progress in recent years, demonstrating a continual dedication to developing a robust and engaging curriculum spanning from year 7 to year 13. The team’s efforts have resulted in many students furthering their studies in specialised fields such as Games Design, Animation, Computer Science, and interdisciplinary pursuits like Computational Bachelor of Science degrees, including Computational Chemistry. Moreover, a significant number of our Post 16 students have successfully secured apprenticeships with esteemed organisations like Goonhilly Earth Station, the National Health Service, and the Ministry of Defence, showcasing the practical skills acquired through our curriculum.

Our institution boasts a long-standing tradition of active participation in regional and national events and challenges, fostering a culture that encourages all students to venture beyond the confines of the classroom and explore the diverse career opportunities available in the technology industry. We are immensely thankful for the unwavering support and collaboration extended by esteemed partners such as the N.C.C.E., Digital Skill Partnership - Cornwall County Council, Caitlin Gould - TecGirls, Falmouth University's Games Academy, Liz Cook from ServiceNow, Charlotte Smith - CyberFirst, Jonathon - GCHQ, and various

other contributors who have facilitated valuable opportunities for our students over the past five years. Through a relentless commitment to excellence and innovation, our Computing team continues to shape the future of our students, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving technological landscape. We look forward to further strengthening our partnerships and enabling our students to excel in the dynamic field of computing and technology.”

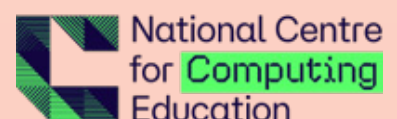
Helston Community College completed all seven aspects at level five, the highest level possible, of the CQF in order to receive the Computing Quality Mark, which recognises achievement in:

- Leadership and Vision
- Curriculum and Qualifications
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Staff Development
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and SEND
- Careers Education
- Impact on Outcomes

Claire Garside, senior lead facilitator at the NCCE, said: “Congratulations to Helston Community College, on becoming an NCCE ‘Computing Quality Mark’ school! They’re among the schools leading the way to deliver high standards in computing education. The Computing Quality Mark recognises the quality of their provision to ensure all students receive the computing skills and knowledge so valuable for today and in their future careers.”

The National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) is funded by the Department for Education and supporting partners, to improve the provision of computing education in England.

Since the NCCE’s establishment in 2018, it has engaged with 60,000 teachers from more than 20,000 schools in England, created the Teach Computing Curriculum which has seen over one million downloads of lessons, engaged over 1,600 schools with the Computing Quality Framework and supported 54% of students studying AS and A level computer science through the Isaac Computer Science platform.





# EXCITING CYBERSEC JAM

On Wednesday 22 May, we had a fantastic day with fourteen Year 7 girls from Helston attending the first CyberSec Jam at Bodmin's new STEM & Health Skills centre. The event was organised by the amazing team at TECwomen CIC, including Caitlin Gould and Suzanne Manson, who put together the brilliant #TECGirls cyber security jam. It was such an inspiring day with several schools from across the county coming together to explore all things #cyber, with support from the industry.

A massive shoutout to all the partners and supporters who made this event possible: TECwomenCIC, Naomi Johns-Dyer, Cognition Creative Learning CIC, CyNam (Cyber Cheltenham), Soroptimist International Poole, Purbecks & District, GCHQ, PwC. Their support is truly invaluable in creating opportunities for young

girls to delve into the world of cyber, especially when females are still underrepresented in this field.

This event was a great chance for the girls to discover the various opportunities available within #cyber. We are grateful to the wonderful team who led the day: Suzanne Manson, Caitlin Gould, Briony Cole, Daisy North, CyNam (Cyber Cheltenham), techSPARK UK, Raytheon UK, Hollie Wakefield, Tech Cornwall, Naomi Johns-Dyer. Their dedication to empowering young girls in the field of cyber is truly commendable.

The CyberSec Jam was not only informative but also loads of fun! Our girls had a great time learning and engaging with all the activities. We're looking forward to more events like this in the future to continue encouraging our girls to explore the exciting world of cyber security.

Our girls were incredible as ambassadors for the school!

Kyla Murphy, Alyssa Reed, Amelia Stace, Eliza Yon, Tori Kenney, Connie Irwin, Bella-Rose Pryor, Layla Sefton, Jenifer Stevens, Lydia Turner, Millie Newby, Orla Penna, Rose Stevens and Olivia Eaton. They tackled every challenge with boundless enthusiasm and did it all exceptionally well. We're so proud of them!

#SchoolAmbassadors #GirlPower  
TECGirls #CyberSecurity #GirlsInTech  
#STEM #EducationInnovation

**Remember, the future is digital!**





# Green Futures



## Exciting News from Green Futures Jam!

On Wednesday 15 May, our Year 8 girls had an amazing time at the Green Futures Jam at the Eden Project. They took part in fun workshops to learn about app design and explored a world of technology. The event showed that tech is cool for everyone, with activities in coding, UX design, and making apps to help the environment.

At the event, they heard from Devan Clifford-Wing, Harry Gilbert, and Liz Cook, who shared their journeys to tech jobs. It was great to see these successful tech professionals from Cornwall inspiring the girls!

During the workshops, the girls created user personas, coded Microbits, and designed products. They came up with some amazing app ideas that could change the world for the better!

Sophie Kaminarides from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs encouraged the girls to "BE BRAVE!"

We want to thank Caitlin Gould, Eve Mattinson, Liz Cook, ServiceNow, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Met Office, and Watson

Marlow Fluid Technology Solutions for making the Green Futures Jam a success. Their support is helping to empower girls in tech.

We're thrilled about the bright future ahead for our girls in tech. Let's continue to support and encourage them as they make their mark in the growing tech community in Cornwall and beyond.





# GAMES EXPO 2024

Our awesome Year 9 students have officially kicked off their journey towards studying GCSE Computer Science from September 2024. And guess what? They started with a bang by heading to The Games Expo 2024 at Falmouth University's Games Academy. It was epic, to say the least!

The event was held at AMATA, and let me tell you, it was a hub of creativity and innovation. Our students had the chance to listen to industry speakers sharing their wisdom, take part in informative talks, and best of all, play some seriously cool games created by the talented students at the Games Academy.

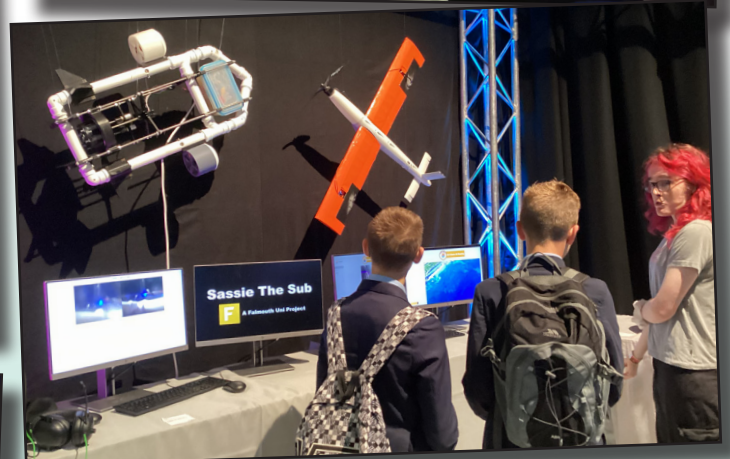
**Here are some highlights from The Games Expo 2024:**

- **Talks, Interviews, and Panels:** Our students got an insider's look into the world of game development, from the nitty-gritty of the development process to what it takes to start your own indie game company. How cool is that?
- **Student Game Showcase:** Imagine walking into a room filled with amazing games waiting to be played and experienced. That was the reality for our students at the Expo. They had the chance to try out some incredible games made by the Games Academy students – talk about talent!
- **Live Demos and Interactive Experiences:** It wasn't just about observing from the sidelines – our students got hands-on with live demos and interactive experiences, making the whole event even more immersive and exciting.

A massive shoutout to Mr Burke for organising this fantastic opportunity for our students. And let's not forget to thank Miss Batchelor for being a superstar and driving one of the minibuses to get us there and back safely. Teamwork makes the dream work, right?

Overall, The Games Expo 2024 provided a unique platform for our students to explore the intersection of creativity, technology, and industry within the realm of gaming. We extend our gratitude to Falmouth University's Games Academy for hosting this enriching event and look forward to witnessing the academic growth and achievements of our Year 9 students as they delve deeper into the world of Computer Science. Who knows, maybe we have some future game developers in our midst!

Mrs Hocking





## ANNUAL MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY

We were honoured as a College to yet again be part of the auspicious **Annual Mayor Making Ceremony** at the Guildhall in Helston on Tuesday 14th May 2024. We were invited by The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Miles Kenchington, who was made Mayor again for the year 2024-25 after a very successful year of events, fundraising and personal appearances. Excitingly we heard the new bell, named 'Flora', ring out for midday when one Mayor's official office ends and the next can begin - it sounded lovely! Archie Neary and Daniel Groom, both Year 8, accompanied me and both looked very smart and behaved beautifully. Archie said he "found it very interesting". We all hugely enjoyed the magnificent buffet lunch too! Mx S-J Marsden.



## Term-Time Holidays

The Department for Education does not allow Headteachers to grant any leave of absence for children during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please complete the form available on the College website if you believe your circumstances are exceptional. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from College, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

At Helston Community College we consider 'Good' attendance to be 97% and above. A student with between 93% and 97% is considered to be a regular attender. The Government classifies less than 90% as 'persistently absent'.

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, 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 school 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. If found guilty, the parent(s) will receive a criminal conviction.

## 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 8.30am. 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### June

- 17 Year 10 and Year 12 Mocks start
- 18-19 Year 6 Transition Parents Evening
- tbc Year 13 Celebration Evening
- 26 Year 13 Leavers Day
- 26 Contingency Day for GCSE and A-Level Exams
- 27 Year 11 End of Key Stage 4 Day
- 27 Year 7-11 Celebration Evening

### July

- 3 Sports Day
- 5 Year 11 Prom
- 11 Post 16 Summer Ball
- 15-19 Years 7, 8 and 9 Activities Week
- 15-19 Years 10 and 12 Work Experience
- 23 Early Finish. End of term

**2024-25 Term Dates are available to view on the College website.**





## Year 7

Aaron I	7F	470
Theo C	7B	448
Joeli T	7C	378
Polly R	7H	370
Thomas H	7C	360
Olivia E	7G	354
Jude N	7D	354
Callum P	7F	353
Archie N	7C	351
Hal J	7D	337



## Year 10

Miriam M	10B	245
Emila M	10C	243
Emma S	10A	241
Andrew D	10C	240
Josh B	10D	216
Reggie P	10H	212
Liv R	10D	205
Jess C	10A	204
James P	10G	204
Ava J	10C	202



## Year 8

Aimee B	8H	483
Jen F	8H	438
Lily R	8H	359
Frederick W	8E	359
Tommy H	8H	356
Archie S	8H	338
Lexi H	8H	337
Alex H	8F	335
Amy J	8H	332
Elodie H	8E	328



## Year 11

Chloe C	11D	223
Phoebe J	11D	205
Benjamin P	11H	198
Luke P	11F	197
Emily P	11D	172
Jessica G	11C	171
Jenna P	11G	168
Alistair S	11G	162
Lucas F	11F	160
Lucy W	11E	159



## Year 9

Isaac A	9D	562
Lucy A	9H	500
Harley W	9B	462
Tamsin M	9A	379
Joe C	9C	376
Oscar P	9H	363
Amelie M	9G	356
James B	9C	355
Anya E	9D	348
Hugo T	9D	341



## Year 12

Liv B	12P9	80
Logan H	12P9	71
Evie F	12P9	68
Ben R	12P9	55
Daniel W	12P2	54
Jessica W	12P2	52
Georgia C	12P2	49
Harrison M	12P2	46



## Year 13

Charlie S	13P3	92
Millie B	13P3	62
Charlotte G	13P4	58
Tabby W	13P5	56
Charlotte B	13P3	52
Callum A	13P3	49
Megan R	13P3	44
Freya S	13P3	37

*Well Done!*

(Praise Points as of 16.05.24)



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## May

### Year 7

#### Olivia E

Olivia was nominated by Ms Morbey for her outstanding results in her last assessment, but equally impressive was her involvement with the fundraising Bingo event for ShelterBox earlier this term. Olivia is a great student and has a whopping 359 praise points too!



### Year 10

#### Izzy S

Izzy is another student who has scored brilliantly in her French assessments earning her a nomination from Ms Morbey. She also has a great attendance to school, zero behaviour points and loads of praise points!



### Year 8

#### Elodie H

Nominated by Mx Marsden for always working super hard, producing lovely work and being polite and pleasant at all times. Elodie is a 'a joy to teach'. She is also one of our great Student Leaders and has achieved her Diamond Award earlier this term.



### Year 11

#### Jack W

Jack has been nominated by Ms Spink for his sheer dedication, having to revise on his birthday and miss Flora Day to do exam prep for his Drama GCSE.



### Post 16

#### Maddie S, Mia P & Caitlin R

For their exceptional work ethic and approach to their study periods in Post 16.



### Year 9

#### Sam T

Sam has been nominated twice this month both from teachers in the Creative Arts. Ms Spink nominated him for his dedication and creativity in drama and Mx Marsden just thinks he's a brilliant Art student too!





# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Nominations

### YEAR 7

Millie N	7	Excellent attitude in maths.	L Hattam
Archie L	7	Excellent attitude in maths.	L Hattam
Thomas H	7	Outstanding effort in learning new French words outside the classroom.	S Morbey
Anastasaia B	7	Excellent attitude in maths.	L Hattam
Katelyn E	7	Excellent attitude in maths.	L Hattam

### YEAR 8

Thomas H	7	For excellent effort and contributions to geography.	F Hawksworth
Miren B	7	For a fantastic drawing and trying hard to get it right.	G Bloor
Tamzyn B	7	For producing an amazing painting.	G Bloor
Eliza Y	7	For always working super hard, producing lovely work and being polite and pleasant at all times - a joy to teach.	S-J Marsden

### YEAR 9

Layla S	7	For consistent effort and excellent achievement in French.	A Graham
Poppy F	8	For excellent effort and contributions to geography.	F Hawksworth
Cayden A	8	For always working super hard, producing lovely work and being polite and pleasant at all times - a joy to teach.	S-J Marsden

### YEAR 10

Thea G	8	For consistent effort and excellent achievement in French.	A Graham
Lewis F	8	For consistent effort and cheerfulness in Drama lessons and the Arts Award.	S Richardson
Sophie O	8	For doing some research for her Arts Award piece.	S Richardson
Lewis W	9	For dedication and creativity in lessons.	M Spink
Harry L	9	For dedication and creativity in lessons.	M Spink
Elsie R	9	For consistent effort and excellent achievement in French.	A Graham
Harley W	9	For consistent effort and excellent achievement in French.	A Graham

### YEAR 11

Hadley S	10	Full marks recent History assessment - problem of poverty in Elizabethan England.	K Trevithick
Roxy M	11	For her mature attitude and excellent questioning of our guest speakers.	C O'Hare
Imogen S	11	For consistent focus, hard work and determination in English.	P Renyard
Chloe D	11	For consistent focus, hard work and determination in English.	P Renyard
Asher A	11	For consistent focus, hard work and determination in English.	P Renyard
Tegan S	11	For consistent focus, hard work and determination in English.	P Renyard
Harry W	11	For hard work, consistency in revision sessions and trying hard in English.	P Renyard
Zac G	11	For revision dedication.	M Spink

### POST 16

Martin B	12	Excellent effort in Travel and Tourism - Well done!	L Allsey
Daniel M	12	For his positive attitude and contributions in Geology lessons.	K Ryan
Evie F	12	For consistent effort and creativity in planning and scripting the devised piece.	S Richardson
Liv B	12	For consistent effort and creativity in planning and scripting the devised piece.	S Richardson
Sophia H	13	For her exceptional focus and attention to detail in her Geography revision.	K Ryan
Alia B	13	For her dedication and determination in Geology lessons.	K Ryan



### Head of Year 7

Another half term flies by for our youngest recruits!

Writing here I feel tremendously proud of what our Year 7's have accomplished in a number of short, but very intense few weeks. The sun was with us for Flora Day this year and I enjoyed seeing parents/carers, friends and family watching our students dance through the town. I was so happy to see over 150 of this current year group take part and delighted that I was given the opportunity to lead them from the front.

This term we have had a number of guest speakers in our assemblies. Pendennis Shipyard came in to talk about the importance of apprenticeships and their role in being a huge employer in the area. I am very grateful that we had a talk from the RNLI on coastal safety. This is such an important topic to me in ensuring that your children know their limits when in the sea and can enjoy their summer with friends and family safely.



In addition to the assemblies on careers I am thankful to Mrs Mugford for organising a careers carousel for Year 7's which took place on Monday. There was a massive turnout of employers both locally, regionally and nationally. The children really engaged with this and I loved hearing the positive feedback from them afterwards.

This is a busy time for me

again as I have been overseeing and undertaking a number of visits to our feeder primary schools. This year I have been taking some of our current Year 7's with me and they have taken on the role of Transition Mentors. I had well over 100 applications for this role and I am so proud of the way the students chosen have conducted themselves and helped me to show off the best of our College. The Year 6 students really enjoyed asking questions and finding out more about life at our school. I am hoping to further deploy our Year 7 Transition Mentors in June when all students visit the College.

There are a great number of things to look forward to after May half term with sports day and the return of activities week on the schedule. I am really looking forward to spending the week with Year 7's before their next journey into Year 8. Rocking up over 52,000 Praise Points between them this year, the students have really shown that our rhetoric set out at the start of the year of, "Being Kind, Working Hard" really does pay off. The students certainly have deserved all of the student of the week awards, postcards and badges. May this positivity continue as they progress through KS3/KS4.

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

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and that the sun is shining wherever you are!

**Jack Dudley - Head of Year 7 and Transition**



### Head of Year 8

I hope you are all well and managing to make good use of the lighter evenings and glimpses of sun we have had this half term since returning from the Easter break. For such a short half term, we've been able to squeeze a lot in. In recent assemblies, we've had the opportunity to discuss various themes and topics- one of these being around motivation. I feel it's a great time to reflect on the year so far but also think towards the remaining time we have in Year 8. It's been wonderful to see a renewed sense of motivation from the students and a real sense of determination to make the remaining weeks really count. This has been clear over the last few weeks as the year group have had a series of assessments across the subjects and have done brilliantly in working hard and trying to put their best foot forward. Building on this, as a cohort we continue to excel with regards to attendance. At the time of writing this, we have been the top attending year group across the college for the seventh week in a row - an incredible feat! I look forward to this excellence continuing into our final half term as we strive towards Year 9.

As well as lots of in school activities, we have also had the world renowned Flora Day. For the first year in many, I had the opportunity to watch the Children's Dance. It filled me with great pride watching our students fill the streets in their Helston colours and it was lovely to see so many thoroughly enjoying their time. Year 8 did themselves, the college and you proud. I want to thank all of you for the

support in preparing your child(ren) for the day and allowing them to have this brilliant experience. On a personal note, I had the privilege of dancing the Midday Dance this year and it was lovely to see so many students remain in the town to support and cheer on the dancers - I even got a few waves! As we move into our final half term of the year, I would greatly appreciate if you could remind your child(ren) of one of the basics. Students need to attend every lesson on time, we have noticed a significant increase in lateness this half term and I know Year 8 can improve on this. The importance of this is high as the start of the lesson is when vital recap and recall of previous learning takes place. On the other hand, I want to praise the year group as a whole as they continue to contribute to the college positively, when in lessons, as they are achieving a vast quantity of praise points across all subjects. We have an abundance of students who have now earned their platinum and diamond badges and we even have some students closing in on their emerald badge (500 points)!

I wish you a happy half term and I will see the students back for our final stint of Year 8 shortly!

**Jamie Lovelock - Head of Year 8**





### Head of Year 9

With another half-term completed, I have been able to reflect on the successes and achievements of Year 9 over the last six weeks. Time seems to be flying and I can't believe we are about to enter the final half-term of the academic year!

This past half-term, although short, has been a busy one; undoubtedly, the highlight for me had to be Helston Flora Day. As somebody who does not originate from Helston, and despite working at the College for seven years previously, I hadn't really appreciated the immense joy and sense of community Flora Day provides for our students and their families until this year. I felt immensely proud to be part of the College and to walk alongside Year 9 during the Children's Dance on the day. To see so many smiling faces – in the crowds and amongst the students – made me realise what a special place Helston is and how fortunate I am to work here.

Our Year 9 students have continued to reach impressive milestones this half-term, with more Platinum and Diamond awards being handed out each week. We have even had to create a new award this year – the Emerald badge – due to the number of praise points being awarded.

This is testament to the students' hard work, enthusiasm and determination to succeed – something I am sure the students will be able to continue in the final few weeks of term and beyond. The final half-term of the year looks to be another busy one with a trip to Falmouth University for the whole year group, as well as Activities Week and our annual Sports Day. With a lot to look forward to, please could I also remind students of the importance of attendance, punctuality to lessons and being organised with the correct equipment and uniform. The college has high standards and expectations which all students should adhere to, even in the final weeks.



The students of Year 9 continue to make me feel immensely proud; they are a wonderful group of young people, and I am looking forward to working with them in the final half-term of this academic year. Wishing all the students and their families a well-deserved and restful break.

**Ellis Hawkey - Head of Year 9**

### Head of Year 10

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the summer along with a spell of drier, warmer weather. We have a busy term ahead in Year 10 as we look forward to Work experience week, Sports day, the end of year exams and lots of other exciting trips and opportunities.

In recent assemblies we have highlighted the importance of students continuing their studies at Post 16 at Helston Community College, understanding the possibilities of studying elsewhere and having knowledge of what opportunities there are as students start having thoughts about next steps in their career education. We have also presented on themes including Anti-discrimination, Mental Health and Kindness ensuring we look after each other, 'check-in' regularly and are kind to everyone at all times.

I hope you all had fantastic Flora day...what a day! I hope you enjoyed waving the dancers through the streets, marvelling at the spectacle of a sunny Flora Day and seeing Helston in all its glory! I also had the pleasure of escorting a number of year 10s on the College ski trip over Easter with great conditions skiing in the French village of Valloire. We had lovely weather, great snow and enjoyed some fantastic skiing. Well done to all who contributed to a very successful trip.

We are preparing for the exam season to start with end of year exams in June. Please continue to remind all students to keep doing the basics right such as being smart, on time, bringing the correct equipment and doing their best. This will ensure we give everyone the greatest opportunity to succeed now and in the future.

Please could you continue to support your young person in securing a Work Experience place for w/c 15th July. Well done for those who have already had a placement confirmed and returned the appropriate paperwork. You should have all the necessary work experience paperwork to be able to sign up with a local employer of interest. Please contact us if you need any further support to secure a placement.



As we move through the summer please could I remind you of the importance of your son/daughter's attendance especially as they are working hard towards their GCSE subjects. We need all students to attend College as much as possible even if this means making it in to start the day and giving it a go! This is especially the case now as the Year 10 students are putting in the hard work now to reap the rewards in 12 months' time.

It continues to give me great pleasure to help celebrate the increasing number of Year 10 students who are achieving their Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards by reaching a significant number of praise points and getting nominated for the Students' of the Week/Month awards. Congratulations to all the recent award winners.

Enjoy the summer season.

With best wishes,

**Terry Richardson - Head of Year 10**



### Head of Year 11

Here we are! The final countdown is now over and the exam season is in full flow! Everything that the students have been working towards is now happening. We are two weeks into the exams and the Year 11 students have been amazing. They have been turning up on time, in the correct uniform and mostly with the equipment that is required. Going around the College, there is a sense of purposeful effort amongst the students, either because they are in exams or are busy making the most of the last few lessons with their teachers. I am very proud of them all.

A reminder that all students should be in College when they are not in exams. Like an athlete in training, you do not stop putting in the effort, as race day gets close. You dig in and make the most to reduce the race time and achieve a personal best. Teachers want their students in front of them to be able to guide them and give them confidence.

Preparations for the Summer Ball is in full flow. I cannot wait to see the students in their beautiful gowns and

suits celebrating all the effort that they have put in over the exams. Please can you make sure that you keep an eye on emails for further information. We still have stunning ball dresses and suits available for a very good price of £20. Please let me know if you would like to have a look at them.

I would like to wish all the Year 11's lots of luck in the exams. I wish them a restful and productive half term and I prescribe plenty of sleep and good food to keep up their energy levels. To parents I would like to thank you for your support over the past two years. The youngsters have been a delight and it has been a pleasure working with them. Please do not hesitate in making contact if there is anything we can do to support.



*Siobhan Barnes - Head of Year 11*

# Belongings

We have an exciting opportunity for the whole of year 7 to watch a piece of thought provoking professional theatre for free and on site. The performances will take place on Thursday 6 June in South Site Hall. The year group will be split between two performances.

The production is called *Belongings* and is a co-production between Tangled Feet and Rowan Tree. The show is designed for students aged 6-11 years.

#### **About the performance:**

We are all trying to work out our story. Who we are? How we are we shaped? Who made us? Sometimes you have to find the courage to be just you - the brilliant you. Inspired by working with young people in Kent who don't live with their birth parents, *Belongings* is the story of finding your feet, finding your playmates & imagining a new future.

We hope *Belongings* is both an entertaining & enlightening experience for young audiences & their grown ups.. We hope the play brings empathy for children in challenging circumstances - whether it be an insecure home life, leaving home or coping with difference.

Please be aware that scenes within the play explore: - children's feelings about not living with their birth families - children's worries about their parents being unwell, unreliable or absent. - themes of loss, bereavement and trauma.

*If you have any questions please contact Mrs Spink.*



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# **KRAFTY KIDS COMMUNITY COLOURING**

**May Half Term Holiday Workshops**

**Monday 27 (1pm – 1.45 & 2pm – 2.45pm)**

**Thursday 30 (10am – 10.45 & 11am – 11.45am)**

Join us to colour together the new designs created by illustrator Felicity Tattersall helping us to create the backdrop for our new exhibition.

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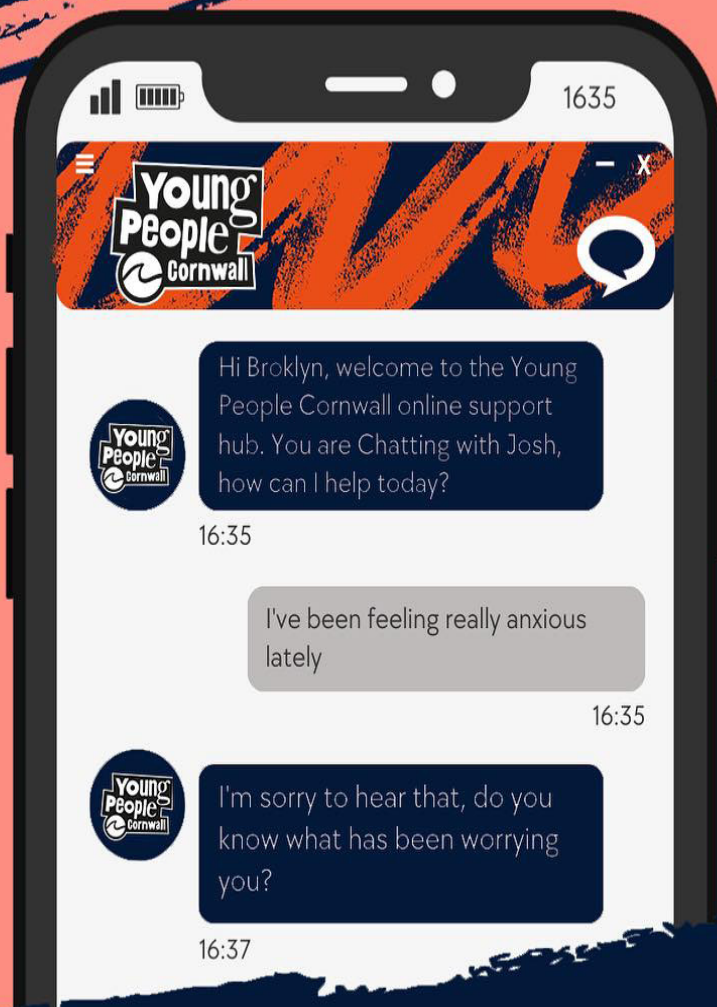
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