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LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

It gives me great pleasure to bring to you our first edition of The Helstonian - re-establishing the College's newsletter of old, in the format of a new digital magazine. The magazine celebrates some of the great things that have taken place during the recent weeks and recognises some of the great achievements of our wonderful students. Congratulations to all the students who were nominated for Student of the Month and to all those who feature on our Praise Point leaderboard! In time, my aim is for the magazine to also include articles written by students with messages from our Student Leadership Team.

As mentioned in a recent letter home, it has been a really positive start to term from my perspective. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me into the community and for the kind comments about some of the changes we have made. In particular, we have received a number of responses about how helpful the Class Charts app is in supporting parents to monitor homework and to see when their child is receiving Praise Points or Behaviour Points. Having access to this can help facilitate discussions at home about what is (or isn't) going well at College. This type of communication helps us build stronger partnerships with parents and carers - something that is really important to ensure the success of students throughout their time with us.

In my assemblies at the start of term I told the students that their 'future starts now', meaning that the decisions or actions they make on a daily basis can impact on their future success in College. Attending College each day, paying attention in class, treating others with respect, putting effort into their homework, trying out a new extra-curricular club etc, will, over time, make a difference to their experience, their confidence and ultimately what they go on to achieve. In relation to this, after half-term we will be enhancing our rewards programme to ensure students are recognised for their positive contributions and for going above and beyond.

It has been a really busy and productive term so far. I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication; the students for embracing the challenges we've set them and the parents and carers for their on-going support. I'm excited about how much more we can achieve throughout the rest of the year.

Yours sincerely

Alex Lingard
Headteacher

INFORMATION & UPDATES



Class Charts

Nearly 75% of parents have now logged into their child's Class Charts account. For those who have yet to do so, please contact us if you need help with your login code or anything else.

Replies and Consents

You'll have received a number of requests from us over the last few weeks about updating your personal details and giving consent for various things. Thank you for your responses so far. If you have any outstanding replies to complete please take a moment over the next week to complete these.

ATTENDANCE - 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 detailing why specifically they are unable to attend. Please can we also ask you to let us know of any medical/orthodontist appointments in advance. This helps save us having to make an unnecessary phone calls home.

Please note: If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent/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.

7 TOP TIPS

7 Top Tips for Parents/Carers

- 1. Ensure your child gets enough sleep.** Teenagers need a minimum of 9 hours. So, if they need to be up at 7.00am, then they really should be asleep by 10.00pm at the latest. Younger students need more sleep, so need to be in bed earlier.
- 2. Promote good attendance.** Given the gaps in schooling over the last two years, good attendance is more important than ever. Building students' resilience is key to this - if they're feeling a bit run down, please still encourage them in and praise them for making the effort.
- 3. Ensure your child eats a good breakfast.** Students' ability to function well in College throughout the morning is significantly decreased without a good breakfast.
- 4. Ensure your child has a full set of equipment.** Please check each half-term if your child has everything they need as pens run out and things can get lost.
- 5. Support with homework, but don't do it for them!** Use Class Charts to monitor what is due in when and provide a quiet space for them to complete it and be there to help/prompt.
- 6. Get them reading.** Reading, even just little and often, will make a significant impact on their ability to succeed in class (in all subjects).
- 7. Take an interest.** Showing that you are interested in what your child has learnt in College each day, sends a message that education is important to you which in turn raises the importance to them. Ask specific questions about their timetable or the teachers they've had as a 'way in'.

HELSTONIAN NEWS



MENTAL HEALTH

On Tuesday 11 October Year 13 students had a fantastic opportunity to meet 16 outside mental health support agencies. These agencies were invited in to give advice and guidance to all students about where they can go for support. Students engaged with the agencies really well and asked some brilliant questions. Agencies were extremely pleased with how the event went and stated 'you have such amazing students here at Helston Community College'. For any further advice and guidance please see the Personal Development section of our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24-28 October 2022	HALF TERM
Thursday 22-26 October	Iceland Trip
Tuesday 1 November	Y11 Parent Forum
Monday 7 November	Parent Engagement Evening - Y10 and Y11 Revision
Tuesday 15 November	Y7 Parent Forum
Tuesday 15 November	Anti-bullying Awareness Event for Parents
Friday 18 November	Children in Need
21 November - 2 December	Y11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 7 December	Y10 Parent Teacher Consultation
Thursday 8 December 6.30pm	Christmas Concert, South site Hall
Wednesday 14 December 6.30pm	Carol Concert, St Michaels Church
Thursday 5 January	Students return after the Christmas Break

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.

P16 PSHE EVENT

On Wednesday 21 September Year 12 and 13 students took part in a Healthy Relationships day. This day aimed to educate students about healthy relationships, signs and indicators of relationship abuse, sexual harassment and online safety. Students were thoroughly engaged in the conversations with the guest speakers from Barnardo's and gave excellent answers throughout the day. There will be an ongoing programme of support provided through PSHE sessions in tutor time. In line with our Relationships and Sexual Education Policy, which is available on the College website, we will continue to deliver a powerful, supportive curriculum that aims to keep all children safe.



ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS

At Helston Community College, we have an extensive set of procedures and support strategies for the safeguarding of our students. However, we are always looking to develop this further. As part of this development, this half term, we have focused on student online safety and awareness of the associated risks. Students in Years 7-11 have had an online safety awareness assembly which is being further supported by online safety lessons, as part of their

PSHE and Computing curricula. As part of this awareness, we have sent home some information, which we think may be of use to parents and carers in supporting young people. We continue to encourage all students and parents/carers to report any concerns they may have to the Helston Community College Safeguarding Team. Thank you for your continued support in keeping the students at Helston Community College safe.

ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS AFTERNOON

Anti-Bullying Awareness afternoon, for parents and carers will take place on Tuesday 15 November 2022 between 2.30pm and 3.30pm, in the South Site Hall. This is just one of our Anti-Bullying week activities that are taking place.



MILITARY SKILLS DAY

Recently, groups of Year 8 students took part in a Military Skills Day, run by the Royal Navy and Marines Commandos. Students had a brilliant time building towers, working on team tasks and sports! This was an excellent opportunity for them to develop transferable skills that they can use now and later in life!





MINACK THEATRE - A LEVEL ENGLISH TRIP

On Thursday 15 September, the A-Level English students enjoyed a fantastic night at the theatre! As part of the Language and Literature course, students read and study E. M. Forster's 'A Room With A View' and we were lucky enough to see the novel brought to life through a fantastic adaptation. Despite grey skies, the rain held off and we were able to immerse ourselves in 1900's Italy, complete with creative staging and some wonderful music. The performance was particularly special for Helston students, as it featured two of our former A-level English students as director (Rosa Higgs) and in the leading role of Lucy (Alanah Bloor). It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to see where A level English can lead and a great way to start the term!



CORNWALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANET C CONFERENCE

Last month we had the privilege of taking 11 Year 9 students to the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, Planet C Conference, hosted by Falmouth University. Students were part of a panel who were asked various questions about their views of climate change and issues related to it.

The panel was conducted in front of a wide range of local businesses. Students were thoroughly prepared for the questions and represented the College superbly. One of the business owners even said 'You are so superb we would love for you to work for us!'. All students received extremely high levels of praise.

As a follow up to this, all students on the trip will take part in carbon literacy training with Planet C, an official certificate which they can use now and later in life.



POST 16 - CAST TRIP

On Wednesday 28 of September, a mixture of Post 16 BTEC Level three Diploma, A Level Fine Art and Photography students enjoyed a talk by Turner Prize winning artist Jeremy Deller. Jeremy spoke to the students about his background, how he met Andy Warhol and how this inspired him to become an artist himself. Jeremy also discussed the inspiration behind his work, highlighting specific pieces, including his film "Everybody in the Place, An Incomplete History of Britain 1984-1992" which has been screening at CAST Helston.

Jeremy very much enjoyed his visit to Helston Community College and was grateful and impressed to receive such a selection of intelligent questions from the students. The College is extremely grateful to Teresa Gledowe and CAST for bringing world class artists into our college to meet with students regularly.



GCSE HISTORIANS VISIT PENDENNIS CASTLE

One hundred Year 11 students recently spent the day at Pendennis Castle as part of their GCSE History studies. The castle has stood sentinel over the entrance to Falmouth Haven since the time of King Henry VIII, to protect the country from foreign invasion.

Students learnt about the development of the castle through 450 years, including the story of the five month long siege at the end of the Civil War when it became the last Royalist stronghold in "England" to surrender to Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed their day of outdoor learning, which made a refreshing change from the classroom.

Thanks to Mr Trevithick and the History Team.



SCHOOL TEAM SHOW JUMPING EVENT

There is a school team show jumping event on Sunday 6 November at Pendarves Equestrian Centre (near Camborne). If you are interested in taking part in the team event please see Miss Treloar in the PE office.

TEAM PE



NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Helston Community College recently travelled all the way to Millfield School to participate in the National Swimming Championships. The Year 8-10 girls and boys did amazingly well competing against the fastest swimmers in the country. Miss Bragg and Mr Hattam were very proud of everyone's performance. Well done!

TEAM PE

HARRY POTTER CLUB

On Wednesday lunchtimes like minded Potter heads meet in Science Lab 2 for some 'Sirius' fun! Last year we were sorted into our houses and spent several sessions making our own wands and having a duel. This term we have been making our own Harry Potter Monopoly style games because Harry Potter Monopoly doesn't exist and this is definitely a problem that needs rectifying. We have many other activities planned for this term including writing for the Quibbler and Daily Prophet, potion lessons and other challenges to earn house points. Please come along for a Ron-stoppably good time, our Dumbledore is always open!!!"



YEAR 7 CPR LESSONS

Over the past few weeks Year 7 students have been busy learning how to conduct CPR!

This has been set up via their PSHE lessons and is an essential part of their statutory health education. Not only has it given them knowledge and skills on how to safely perform CPR, they also now know how to use a defibrillator.

Students really enjoyed the sessions and feedback has been very positive. All students will receive an official certificate in the next few weeks. Well done Year 7!



**Every Wednesday -
Science Lab 2**



Year 7

Liv S	7G	65
Poppy B	7E	58
Poppy F	7G	58
Jonah F	7G	56
Jen F	7H	55
Tehya P	7F	55
Elodie H	7G	51
Tommy H	7H	51
Zak P	7F	51
Ashley M	7G	50



Year 10

Imogen S	10B	60
Chloe D	10G	50
Amelia H	10B	50
Jack W	10A	50
Amina B	10F	47
Chloe C	10D	47
Zac G	10A	47
Emily P	10D	47
James Y	10E	46
Charlie D	10A	45



Year 8

Benjamin N	8C	68
Lily B	8G	66
Charlotte H	8G	63
Adam H	8G	60
Charlie F-T	8C	57
Lydia S	8E	56
James B	8C	55
Daisy G	8H	55
Hannah B	8A	53
Ethan J	8A	53



Year 11

Fenella J	11B	65
Susannah M	11F	63
Lily H	11D	58
Olivia B	11F	55
Sam P	11B	53
Martin B	11E	49
Alina P	11A	48
Sebastian R	11F	48
Charlie K	11C	47
Honey B	11F	46



Year 9

Emily M	9C	72
Poppy G	9G	70
Miriam M	9B	62
Imogen S	9J	62
Elias B	9G	61
Andrew D	9C	61
Imogen S	9A	61
Evelyn B	9C	54
Lorna B	9A	54
Samuel H	9H	54



Year 12

Emily S	P8	12
Zara T	P3	11
Katie C	P9	10
Tabby W	P5	10
Paige W	P3	10
Alia B	P9	8
Jamie L	P5	8
Megan R	P8	8



Year 13

Ella M	P1	13
Avery S	P2	13
Alex P	P1	12
Elowen H	P8	10
Sadie S	P8	10
Cerys A	P3	8
Ellie Mae E	P9	8
Elizabeth G	P5	8



Well Done!

(Praise Points as of 14/10/22)

CAREERS CAROUSEL EVENT - MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022



On Monday 10 October Year 9 had the opportunity to discuss future career pathways with a wide range of local and national businesses.

Students were tasked with speaking to at least ten employers during the sessions to investigate what skills, qualifications and expertise they need to follow those career pathways. This was a fantastic



opportunity for students to see what jobs are available locally but also to see what opportunities are available nationally and internationally. We were very lucky to have the support of over 30 businesses, who dedicated their time to support the delivery of careers education at Helston Community College.

The businesses said how wonderful all students were and how we should be very proud of them all for their enthusiasm and engagement. Thank you to all of you that were involved. Mrs Mugford



HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jazz Orchestra Leavers Concert



Grace Benney performing 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow'



Joseph Game jamming with his piano teacher, Richard Penrose. Joseph is now studying for a Jazz Piano degree at Guildhall School Of Music.

2022

This year's Leavers' Concert was very special as we not only said goodbye to 9 current members but also 4 who left us last year during Covid. The concert is an annual tradition and as usual was performed to a capacity audience whose warmth and appreciation made for a wonderful evening. Treve Benney, Lucy Treloar, Tom Phillips and Luke Smith have all carried on playing since leaving HCC and Treve and Tom are now both studying for music degrees at Birmingham Conservatoire. This is my 17th year conducting HSJO and I have to say this was one of the most memorable Leavers' Concerts in all that time. Clive King



SNARKY PUPPY

CONCERT TRIP



Excited music students about to see Snarky Puppy



After the concert.... Leighton and Jacob talking all things Jazz/funk with the bass player, Michael League.

Below: Leah, Izzy and Alice getting their Snarky T-shirts signed.



On the 5 October Sarah McDonagh, our Sax teacher and I took 10 music students to Bristol O2 Academy to see arguably the best Jazz/funk band in the world. The band, mostly from New York and Texas were on a 4 week long European tour and we were lucky enough to snap up tickets to the sold out gig.

They played charts from their new album 'Empire Central' as well as some old favourites and afterwards were kind enough to sign shirts and chat to the students about their common love of music.

A trip which will live long in our memories and no doubt inspire the students.... Some band arrangements of the charts are already being planned for our jazz orchestra!

Happy days!

Clive King

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nominations

YEAR 7

- Jowan Williams Always helpful and makes a great contribution to History lessons
 Jen Fooks For making excellent contributions in her Science lessons. Laura Davies
 ZP Extremely conscientious and very well motivated every lesson. He completes all the extra challenges to a very good standard and shows deep thinking as a geographer. Charlotte White
- Hayden Broadfield For hard work, enthusiasm and excellent engagement in Maths lessons. Well done! Justine Hart
 Alex H Alex has showed lots of resilience and put a considerable amount of effort into his history studies including some independent research. His contribution to discussions about the Battle of Hastings were of an extremely high standard. Liz Creaser

YEAR 8

- Caelan King A very positive start to Year 8 demonstrating commitment and eagerness to learn. Terry Richardson
 Benjamin Nichols Consistently hard working in lessons, always happy to contribute and support others, also respectful of staff and peers out of lesson. Luc Hesdon
- James Barradas For consistent effort in all of his geography lessons and for positive contributions to class discussion.
 Laura Allsey
 KK For being so keen in Art and asking for extra drawing homework!

YEAR 9

- Max Andrews For his enthusiasm, commitment & effort in Food Technology this term. Emma Freeston
 Rosie Holdsworth Excellent focus in English; a mature & impressive attitude to her learning. Patrick Swayne
 Samuel H Always smiling, polite and helpful in tutor lesson, a ray of sunshine first thing in the morning!
 Alice Stark Trying really hard with Python and producing some lovely programs - Well done! Andrew Birkett
 Rosie Holdsworth Excellent work in maths and being kind and supportive of others. Rod van der Lem
 IS A great positive attitude to the start of the year, and dealing well with an unexpected reading test. Adele Batchelor

YEAR 10

- Helen Archer Making a brilliant transition onto the Triple Science course and helping other students in her Physics lessons. Stacey Mullins
- Imogen Sayce Always being respectful, kind and conscientious, with impeccable uniform. Eugene Mcfadden
 Emily Groombridge Amazing turnaround in attendance from 28.8% last year to 100% this term. Alison Weir
 RS-M Great turnaround in attendance from 59% last year to 100% this term. Alison Weir
 Annabel Nicholas Contributes well to History lessons and an excellent standard of work.
 Phoebe J For her diligence, enthusiasm and support of others in the Drama class. Maddie Spink
 Eleanor Mahoney For positively contributing to class discussion and for using the key skill of enquiry and questioning to develop her knowledge in plate tectonics. Florence Hawksworth
- Emily Groombridge For her consistent effort in class and for making the effort to seek help outside of lessons to complete homework tasks. Pete Eastman

YEAR 11

- Olivia B Conscientious work and being a great role model for other BTEC Creative Media Students. Elspeth Stevenson
- Sam P Consistently good approach to lessons while maintaining a good work life balance with extra-curricular activities. Harry Roberts
- William Wilcock Diligent student, always works with 100% effort, completes any work from lessons missed due to orthodontist appointments. Laura Hocking
- Bethany Fooks For continued enthusiasm and effort in English. Mel Ross-Macdonald
 Cassie Pryor For continued focus in English, taking on board elements of feedback and applying them to new work independently.
- Bethany Fooks For her diligence in her Science classes. Jon Hitchcock
 MB Always polite, conscientious and willing to put in the extra effort in every lesson. Laura Davies
 Owen Warburton For taking a mature and conscientious approach to his English studies and showing a determination to succeed. Ellis Hawkey
- Charlie K A reliable and trusted student who is always a hard worker in practical lessons and completing theory work. Nigel Philpott
- Evie F A fantastic start to Year 11. A really well-motivated student who is making wonderful progress. Nigel Bispham

POST 16

- Charlotte B Excellent engagement in Geology and her work is always completed to a fantastic standard. Kieran Ryan
 Kade Black Consistently makes valued contributions to Geography lessons. Kieran Ryan
 Hitchens Josh For great contributions to debates and discussions. Mike Heron
 EP Tremendous enthusiasm for the subject, really pushing herself to achieve the very highest standards. Nigel Bispham
- Curnow T Cracking student, always engaged in the work, and reads around the subject too! Dave Dudley
 Evie Ralph Mature engagement in Photography and her work is always completed to an excellent standard. Ben Ellis
 Leah Sims Excellent ambassador to the College and committed to doing her best all the time. S Mullins & T Armstrong
 Ella M Excellent ambassador to the College and committed to doing her best all the time. S Mullins & T Armstrong
 Noah Osborne For applying himself really fantastically to the subject, and making brilliant progress. Nigel Bispham

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Year 7



Kian Heyes

For achieving lots of Praise Points, having great attendance and helping one of our refugees with his work and translations in History - great HW too! What a trooper!

Keir Trevithick

Year 8



Tamsin Marquis

For organising the Year 7 disco. The total raised for charity was over £700!

Chez Jeffery

Year 8

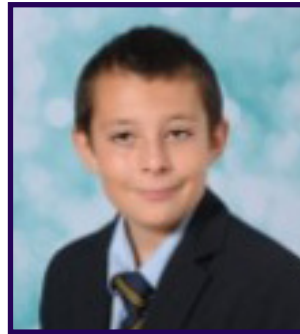


Mia Black

For being a brilliant independent learner but also a supportive peer to others.

Jamie Lovelock

Year 8



Adam Hall

For being kind, polite and hard working at all times (in both Maths lessons and outside of the classroom). Always willing to help others and is a fantastic role model.

Hannah Westaway

Year 9



George Harrison

For his consistently excellent organisation and equipment and his excellent commitment to learning in Maths, including supporting his peers with their learning.

Sarah Robinson

Year 9



Miriam McDonagh

For her unmatched dedication to Rock School, Jazz Band, Concert Band and being an amazing role model in KS3 Choir.

Sam Parker

Year 10

Sophie C

For being a mature, focused student, who has a 'can do' attitude.

Hilary Parkinson

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Year 11



Darcy Laurence

For her huge contribution to the HCC community. Student leader, tour guide and provider of help to all (at the same time as working incredibly hard)!

Year 11



Isabelle G

For setting an amazing example to others in the class and for always supporting others.

Pete Eastman

Post 16



Charlotte Gunn

For being very helpful and supportive at the Y6 Open evening and her consistent enthusiasm and efforts in A-Level Drama and for commitment to the P16 Pantomime.

Steph Richardson



Well Done!

PE - SPORTS NEWS



On Sunday 25 September we took students from Key Stage 3 to take part in an Exeter Chiefs' Rugby Super Sunday for their match against Harlequins, and what an inspirational day we had! The students first of all had a close-up tour of the facilities at the ground, including the match day changing rooms (safe to say a picture with Jack

Nowell's shirt was the most sort after). Following the tour, students undertook a 90 minute training session led by the Chiefs' Community Coaches and academy players. In the session they participated in a carousel of different activities, from passing to tackling, which all the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Next up, a spot of lunch before the big game. After lunch we headed to our seats before then being taken onto the pitch for a guard of honour for the players from both Exeter and Harlequins. What a game it was, being played by the top players in the world. What a way to finish, with Exeter scoring a try on the last play of the game right in front of where we were sitting.

Many thanks to all the students who attended the trip; they were a pleasure to take and were a credit to the College. Finally, thank you to Mr Roberts, Mr Woolcock and Mr Richardson for their support on the day.
Mr Davey

SCIENCE



Year 11 students had an exciting P16 taster lesson in Medical Science this week. All dolled up in their lab coats the students started their 'food prep' with kidneys! (Sadly no steak on offer today). Students dissected using a butterfly cut to open the kidney to view all of the structures inside. Students were amazed at their findings and took the higher level knowledge and understanding in their stride. Well done to all the students who took part in the taster lesson; their practical skills were excellent.



Year 9 have started their Science lessons this academic year learning about Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells (bacteria, plant and animals cells). Mrs Mullins gave them the challenge of creating a 3D model of one of the cells they had learnt about by using just the items they found around their homes. The students had 2 weeks to produce their master pieces. Oliver, Maxwell and Finlay produced some of the best models from the year group. Brilliant work boys!



ASSESSMENT DATES

Over the next half-term we have a number of assessments taking place for each year group to check their understanding and to help us support where needed. The dates below show when these are taking place.

Subject teachers will discuss with students what each assessment will involve.

Year Group	Assessment Window
Year 7	21 November - 2 December
Year 8	5 January - 20 January
Year 9	31 October - 18 November
Year 10	31 October - 18 November
Year 11	21 November - 2 December
Post 16	31 October - 11 November



KS3 News

I hope your children have enjoyed their first half-term at the College and the Year 7s have settled in well.

A lot of my assembly themes and messages this term have seemingly and unwittingly come back to a core

message of the importance of our students feeling proud. Being proud of our community, proud of our College and proud of ourselves.

That feeling of pride in being 'Helstonians' whether in the College or in the community should lead us all to consistently display the positive characteristics we hold in high regard.

Whether we are shopping in town, at the beach or in a lesson we want to ensure that students at Helston feel a part of something special and that they take pride in playing the lead role in their own story.

It continuously makes me feel proud teaching at the College in a variety of roles including leading a sport's team or observing students in class when I see our students be proud of who and where they are and what they represent.

I'm sure your children continually instil a sense of pride in you even with simple good habits that we admire such as meeting friends on the way to school, looking smart in their uniform or when you see them interact respectfully with other adults.

I hope you are in agreement that we can promote our College messages together to ensure that every child's College journey should result in proud 'Helstonians' and global citizens.

Have an enjoyable break,
Terry Richardson

KS4 News

After an unsettled period, it has been fantastic to start this academic year off with energy and excitement under the direction of Mr Lingard.



I would like to introduce myself to the new Year 10 cohort. As well as supporting the Key Stage 4 students through the journey to exams, I am also a languages teacher. I have been fortunate to have worked with many of the upcoming students through KS3. It is always a pleasure to get to know the new Year 10 students more and to be that solid support should they have any issues. I am also available for parents to reach out to should they have queries over the next two years. I hope that the students are now settled into their new courses and starting to feel more confident. It was lovely seeing so many of you at the parents' information evening - thank you for your time.

To the Year 11 parents, it was an absolute pleasure working with yourselves and the students last year. The pastoral team is here to continue with that support. May I remind you that Mrs Cameron is here for day to day queries for Year 11 and new to my team is Mrs Asbridge for Year 10, who many of you know well. New to the Key Stage 4 tutorial programme are the reading slots aimed at encouraging a love of

reading and making students more aware of the issues that are happening currently in the news. Please encourage your children to discuss these with you. We now have Class Charts which is being embedded in the College. Regularly on bus duty I see students discussing the points they have received that day. With the implementation of Class Charts, I have been delighted to hand out weekly subject certificates and soon to come will be the certificates for Student of the Month. I am very proud of both the year groups for an impressive crop so far.

The Year 11 students have been preparing for future careers, with advice from Mrs Gilbert and next steps in their education. This included Post 16 taster lessons this week.

We had drop-down sessions early in the term on County Lines - this was a real eye opener for some students and really well received. Year 10 have also been looking to the future and starting to think about what they may wish to do. They also took part in a Multi Agency Day which many found very informative. Educating our students on mental health, healthy sexual relationships and tolerance is vital to sending them out into the community as safety aware and healthy individuals.

For both the year groups PE fixtures are now in full flow. We have had pleasing results from both year

groups. It is so nice to see them all excited about these fixtures. I would like to congratulate all those who have taken part.

The Year 11 Senior Students and Prefects have had a busy start too. I would like to thank them for volunteering for the Year 10 parents' information evening, the Year 6 open evening and the Year 11 parents' evening. I would also like to congratulate those students who delivered the Mental Health Awareness assemblies. They did an excellent job and I can see some very confident public speakers coming into their own. I have had some really positive feed-back from the Year 11 students regarding the Post 16 evening and the Year 11 Meet the English Examiner evening. I hope you all enjoyed these events. It has been a pleasure to have so many families back into the College after the last few years of on-line meetings.

It will be another busy term with initial tests for the Year 10's and also the Year 11 mocks.

Can I just draw your attention to a letter coming out for the Year 11 students regarding support lessons when we come back after the half term. I would really encourage them to take part in these activities and would like to thank the staff running these for giving up their time.

This leaves me to wish all the students and families a very lovely break.

Siobhan Barnes

KS5 News



It has been a busy half term for Post 16, with Year 12s settling into life as sixth form students and Year 13s engaging with the crucial work involved their final year of secondary education. We pride ourselves on the supportive, collaborative atmosphere in the sixth form, and it has been lovely to see new friendships forming, and relationships developing between the two year groups. This is encouraged through the tutor groups system, where Year 12s and Year 13s are grouped together: many tutors have commented on how helpful and supportive the older students have been towards those joining Post 16 for the first time.

Year 13s have been getting to grips with the challenge of working on their university applications, with the introduction of new, dedicated UCAS slots on their timetables. We have sent off the applications for

the early entry candidates, for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine and Veterinary Science, and we wish those candidates success in these very competitive fields. It is great to see students from Helston challenging themselves to gain entry to the most prestigious higher education institutions in the country. It is vital now for the remainder of the Year 13s to push on and complete their applications over the next half term. We would like you to get these done by the end of the autumn term, if you can, although the final UCAS deadline is not until 25 January.

We recently took the whole of Post-16 to the Regal Cinema in Redruth, for the Learn to Live young driver education programme. This delivers vital safety messages to young people as they learn to drive for the first time, and as they become passengers in their friends' cars. We listened to powerful personal experiences from first responders who deal with road traffic accidents, as well as drivers

who have themselves been involved in collisions, with life-changing outcomes. It was hard-hitting and moving to hear these stories, and many of the students spoke of how valuable it was, despite the sometimes upsetting nature of the content. This visit will be followed up with further activities in tutor time.

Year 12s have settled into their new courses, with the flurry of activity as students want to swap subjects now settling down, as people commit to their subjects. We would ask you now to keep going with what you have chosen, as starting a new subject would mean catching up on half a term of missed work. It is important to persist with your choices: the work is not always easy, but we know that if you stick at, work hard, and seek support where you need it, you will be successful.

Well done to all Post 16 students for your positive start to the new academic year. Let's keep this going!
Danny Gilman



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