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Callington Community College Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move towards Spring time and lighter evenings and brighter mornings, it affords some time for reflection, particularly following our recent Ofsted visit. I am looking forward to sharing more details around this process with you, hopefully before the end of the term.

One of the things I have been reflecting on, has been the students' exemplary behaviour over these two days in particular. The Ofsted team were so complimentary about our students and their loyalty to teaching staff, their friends and wider community and they were enthused about their helpfulness and their eagerness to assist when asked. We have been completing a big piece of work around behaviour as you know, redefining our vision and ensuring that all understand that good learning behaviours afford opportunity and fulfilment of hopes and ambitions. I am really pleased with the response to this work and delighted that in turn, we are seeing a significant reduction in poor behaviours, reduction in the number of serious sanctions awarded and reduction in detentions and parks being issued. Everything we do around behaviour is to ensure teachers can teach and students can learn. What I am most proud of, is that we do this without compromise and remaining inclusive, responsive and nurturing of our student's needs. Our system isn't the 'zero tolerance' policy used in some schools, where one misdemeanour would have you removed from class; and in turn, we have a whole range of provisions we deploy when it is clear that young people are having a challenging time. We have access to counsellors, trained 'emotional logic' practitioners, a staffed and resourced 'stepping stones' room, non-teaching pastoral support staff and a non-teaching safeguarding team. Our methodology of seeking to resolve, repair and move on affords our young people with the opportunity to change paths and seek resolutions to what might have gone wrong previously.

I am particularly excited about our reward evenings that are scheduled for later in the year. These will be our first 'formal' award presentation evenings for many years and are the positive affirmation and culture that we strive to make as important as the behaviour system's punitive parts. All children should feel that they are able to achieve 'excellence' daily. I have reiterated to the children several times that learning is difficult and requires hard work and resilience. It is much easier to give up when things are challenging, than it is to hold firm and keep trying. Nevertheless, the rewards are significantly greater when we strive for something and are then successful. A 'growth mindset' is crucial in fostering this attitude, a belief in that you can't do something 'yet' as opposed to 'can't do it at all.' I am hopeful that as our Year 11 and Year 12s go into their next mock series, that they are able to channel this belief and as a result, enter their summer examinations confidently. Careful planning of revision and preparation will no doubt improve the chances of this. Please do remind your youngsters of the many programmes that are available to support them including GCSE Pod, Sparks, My Maths and Seneca.

Regards
Wendy Ainsworth





Key Dates

- Monday 23 January/Tuesday 24 January/Wednesday 25 January: ILP Review Meetings
- Thursday 2 February: Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Monday 6 February: Parent Forum Meeting
- Monday 10 February: PTFA Valentines Quiz
- Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February: Half Term
- Monday 20 February: INSET Day - College closed to students
- Tuesday 21 February to Friday 3 March: Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams
- Thursday 23 February: Year 8 Parents' Evening



Sports News

The Year 11 boys football team have made the Cornwall Cup for the 4th time in 5 seasons with a last day victory over Newquay winning the game 3-1.

This is the 6th game the lads played and possibly the hardest of the lot.

Newquay came and were very strong and physical but our boys stepped up to the plate and let the football do the talking. Goals from James Brenton x2 and Rhys Lindsell ensured we made the final.

Huge credit to all 16 lads who will go into the final on the 25 January with confidence high.

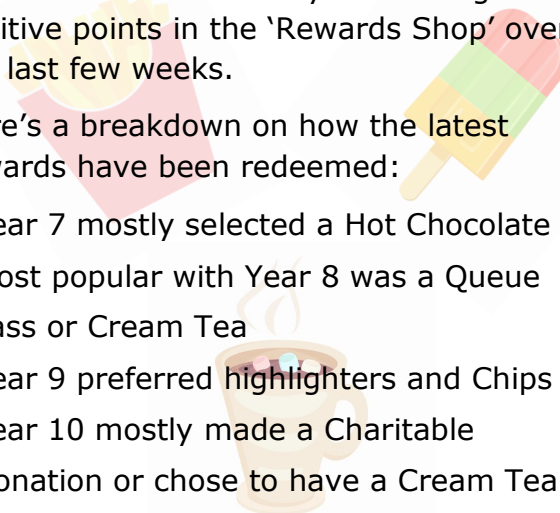
Good luck boys - bring home the trophy!

Class Charts Rewards

Students have been busy redeeming their positive points in the 'Rewards Shop' over the last few weeks.

Here's a breakdown on how the latest rewards have been redeemed:

- Year 7 mostly selected a Hot Chocolate
- Most popular with Year 8 was a Queue Pass or Cream Tea
- Year 9 preferred highlighters and Chips
- Year 10 mostly made a Charitable Donation or chose to have a Cream Tea



Calling all Parents and Carers

We are looking for guest speakers for our assembly programme to talk to our students about how education has prepared you for the outside world, or where you have overcome personal challenges as part of your journey to success.

You might work in an environment that is not typical for your gender, or decided to make a huge change to your lifestyle or career.

If you think you might have a story to tell our students that would support their personal development, please contact Mrs Lamb, Assistant Principal (klamb@callingtoncc.net) to discuss further.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your incredibly generous donations, whether that was a physical donation of produce or a financial contribution towards our Christmas Hampers.

This year we produced 82 hampers to support our families over the Christmas break and we couldn't have done it without help from you and our local community.

We are extremely grateful to Davidstow Cheese, Tamar Grow Local, Kit Hill Cars, Tamar Fresh, Ginsters, Burts Crisps, Dunbia Meat and Dupath Farm.



British Values: What are they? And why should we care?

All schools are required by the Department of Education to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. As part of this every school should actively promote the fundamental British values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

At Callington Community College we take this responsibility very seriously. It is very much a part of 'How we do things here'. Having shared values is at the heart of our commitment to keeping our young people safe and helping them to develop into responsible and valued citizens, who are fully prepared for life in modern Britain. Our nation is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world, with many different faiths and beliefs, nationalities and voices. For me, this democracy diversity is part of what makes Britain 'Great', but you have a voice too.

As a College we know that not all our students understand what our British Values are, and importantly, what each one means to us. This is what your student voice said clearly, but this in itself is important. You have a student voice, which is all part of living in a democratic society. This is a good foundation to build a shared understanding of our British values. For me, I see this as a journey that we will all go on together. Building this powerful knowledge that will help to shape your futures is not something that can be done 'to you'; it has to happen 'with you', starting in our community.

So for now I would like you all to simply take a moment to read each British Value carefully and reflect;

- What does each one mean to you?
- How might these values keep us safe, and happy?
- How can we model these values in our everyday lives?

Take time to discuss them with your friends, family and your teachers.

Together, 'everything is possible'.

Thank you for reading.

#TeamCallington
Everything is possible



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7 February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2023** | **Tuesday
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers.

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's tutor in the first instance, Head of Year, or myself: rtaylor@callingtoncc.net.

If your concern is of a safeguarding nature, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Gemma Parker: gparker@callingtoncc.net.

Rob Taylor

Assistant Principal – Attendance & Welfare

Online Safety Lead



Parent Forum

An opportunity for the parents/carers and school to have an open and informal conversation, helping to better understand and support the students, families and community.

Please come along to any of the dates below, your voice matters!

6 February 2023, 13 March 2023, 15 May 2023,
26 June 2023

All welcome!

For any queries, contact parentforum@callingtoncc.net

PTFA

Want to make a difference?

Volunteers needed to help join our PTFA and raise much needed funds for our children and school.

Please come along to any of our meetings and help us find creative and fun new ways to make some extra cash that can be used to help fund school trips, enrichment days, equipment etc.

Let's help support the education of our children.



Checkmate!

Did you receive a new chess set for Christmas?! Have you got an old one that needs a new home?

The College is looking for complete chess sets for use in a College initiative.

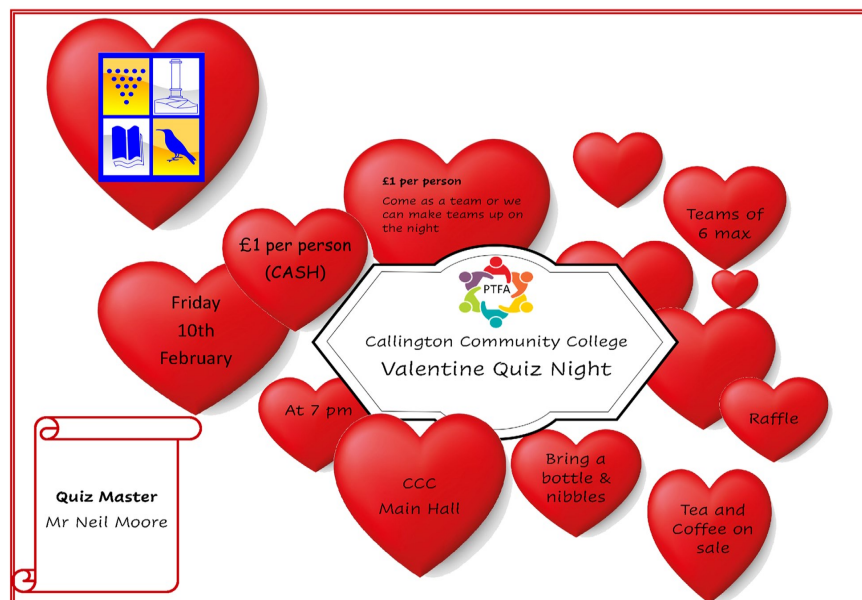
If you have one that you are happy to donate, please send it in to Reception for the attention of Mrs Lamb.

Thank you!



PTFA Event

Come along to the first PTFA event of 2023! Please [click here](#) if you are planning to attend so we can gather numbers.



Callington Couture

We all know that Prom is an exciting time for our Year 11 students, but that it can also be an expensive time for parents/carers. We want all of our Year 11 students to come to the Prom feeling a million dollars. So, we are asking for your help.

We would like to be able to offer dresses and suits to our students for a reasonable price, to help with the cost of living, and raise some money towards the cost of their Prom.

Many people have said that they have dresses and suits in the back of their wardrobes from events and weddings that they know they probably won't wear again.... or fit back in to.

We would love it if you would be willing to donate some of these to the College for our students. We would like to hold an evening where students and their parents/carers can then come in and try them on and purchase.

If you have any dresses, suits, shoes or bags that you would like to donate, please bring them to Main Reception where they will be gratefully received. We would like to collect as many as we can by Feb Half Term, so that we can hold the sale in March.

This is something that we would like to run every year, so dresses/suits can also be donated back to the College afterwards.

If you have any questions or queries, please email rdunlop@callingtoncc.net.

Many thanks
Callington PTFA