



CALLINGTON  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE



ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND AND DEVELOP THEIR **TALENT**



# VALUES AND ETHOS STATEMENT



Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to find out more about us. We are incredibly proud of our College and its commitment to the highest quality teaching and learning experiences which engage, stimulate and encourage intellectual curiosity in our students. We very much believe that our role is to develop successful, confident learners and responsible citizens. Our curriculum is devoted to the provision of opportunities that promote artistic, athletic and academic excellence. We actively promote the importance of diversity and strength of character. We celebrate students' talents and provide extra-curricular experiences that foster resilience and tenacity and unlock potential in everyone.

High quality relationships are at the heart of everything we do. By knowing our young people really well, we can support them to be their best selves. Our relationships are built on trust and mutual respect. When young people feel safe and secure, there is no ceiling on their potential and they can achieve anything. Our wrap around pastoral care is of the highest quality. There is a genuine commitment to knowing every child and we work alongside national and local agencies to ensure that our students and their families have all the support they need to flourish and excel.

We value clarity of communication and feedback. We always welcome open and honest dialogue between all those involved in our College and we know that as a result, our community feels involved and supports us in our endeavours to grow and be a beacon of excellence in Cornwall.

We are committed to an ethic of excellence which will ultimately enable our young people to be proud of their College, proud of their community and most importantly, proud of themselves. Our desire is for our students to be 'craftsman' and produce work that is pride worthy and worthy of pride. We look forward to working with you and watching our young people aspire and achieve their hopes and dreams.

Mrs Wendy Ainsworth  
Principal



**Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.**

***Benjamin Franklin***



# OUR CORE AIMS

We are in the challenging and thrilling business of enabling young people to find and develop their talents through hard work. The key to this is building effective relationships for learning. This means that children must have a voice, be valued and sit at the centre of all we do. We are developing the curriculum, our teaching and assessment so that it is fit for purpose and nurtures motivation, self-esteem, self-discipline and confidence.

*We aim to make Callington the most exciting and dynamic school in Cornwall, where students and staff thrive.*

Our core aims are:

- 1** To provide a safe and caring school community that promotes the positive mental health and well-being of everyone.
- 2** To foster a love of learning for its own sake by providing a rich curriculum that enables every young person to discover their strengths, and to make the most of their talents within Callington Community College and beyond.
- 3** To raise the academic achievement and personal development of every single young person and eliminate performance gaps, through a highly effective co-operative approach to teaching and learning that is challenging, exciting, inspiring and engaging.
- 4** To engender respect for individuality, difference, the importance of teamwork and the contribution that every student can make to the life of the school, the local community and the wider world.
- 5** To create an enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom – particularly through the arts, sport, literature and other opportunities to facilitate creativity.
- 6** To enable all staff to thrive both personally and professionally, by providing a mutually supportive environment that facilitates opportunities to develop professionally and encourages genuine creativity.
- 7** To work in partnership with all stakeholders and other educational institutions to provide better transition, recruitment, support services and professional development opportunities, at improved value for money.

**Ultimately, we want children to leave our school feeling happy; inspired and empowered and we want to work with parents, students and colleagues who share that ambition.**



**Learning** is not a spectator sport





The chance to participate in learning is precious  
and we want **all** those who come to our school to  
enjoy and achieve at the highest level





A very warm welcome to Callington Community College. No two schools are ever the same, but we believe that Callington Community College is a truly unique and special place.

Callington Community College is an 11 to 18 co-educational school with 920 students. The College has all the facilities that you would expect of a modern secondary school including well-resourced science labs, a fitness suite, drama studio and an all-weather pitch. Ultimately however, what matters is the learning inside the building rather the bricks and mortar that surround us.

Teaching and learning is at the heart of what we do at Callington Community College. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and provides students with the opportunity to discover their hidden talents. Our standards of discipline are very high and consequently students are free to learn without disruption. We are a school that still subscribes to traditional expectations for behaviour. Relationships between staff and students are exceptionally strong and a real strength of our school. We balance these high expectations with very strong pastoral care for our students. Importantly, when students complete their education with us they go on to do great things.

Academic achievement is important for the future life chances of our students. Thanks to strong teaching from a very hard working team, students leave Callington with great results.

We strongly encourage you to visit us, so you can see for yourself why Callington Community College is a special place to learn.







**Education is the most powerful weapon  
we can use to change the world.**

***Nelson Mandela***



# YEAR 7 TRANSITION

We are very fortunate to work in some of the most beautiful countryside in England. We work closely with our partner primary schools to ensure that transition to Callington Community College is as smooth as possible.

The move to Callington Community College starts well before the summer when our staff visit every primary school to talk to our primary partners and get to know each student as an individual. We hold a variety of transition events, including opportunities for every new Year 7 student to spend at least one whole day in school during July, to meet key staff and other students. Some of our most vulnerable students participate in our enhanced transition programme. The morning of the first day in September is just for Year 7, so they feel confident before the rest of the school joins them. All of our Year 7 tutor groups have two dedicated Peer Mentors from Year 11 assigned to them to work with and support the new students.

There are also a wide variety of clubs and activities for Year 7 students to engage in throughout their first year. It is important to us that your child feels safe and secure all day long, so our pastoral teams are highly visible and proactive, resulting in consistently calm and positive behaviour for learning.





# PARTNERSHIPS FOR LEARNING

We have forged strong links with local Further Education providers to enable effective progression post 16. Those students who stay on at Callington Community College achieve some of the highest results in Cornwall. Our Sixth Form provision is highly regarded and provides an excellent bridge between school and university. We are committed to creating a caring and well-ordered environment where mutual respect is present in all interactions. We want to help children to find and nurture their talent and to understand themselves and others. By doing so we will enable students to think for themselves and make informed judgments. We will encourage children to develop their personal, moral, social and cultural awareness and to live out their values in their lives.

To enable our Sixth Form students to reach their full potential, we offer a wide range of A Level courses, as well as some BTEC Level 3 courses. Teaching at post-16 is a real strength and subjects are well resourced. Naturally this leads to great results and high aspirations for our students. There is a wide range of enrichment opportunities in which our students are encouraged to participate, such as mentoring younger students, work experience and taking on volunteering roles within the local community. Our advice and guidance, coupled with excellent links to employers and universities, ensures that our Sixth Form leavers have the best possible futures ahead of them, regardless of



whether their next steps are into the work place or into higher education. Callington Community College has a fine record of Oxbridge, Russell Group and Higher Education entry. For those that choose to go into the world of work, students have recently gained apprenticeships or pursued careers in the services. Students benefit from excellent personal support from the Sixth Form Team. We have a continuous open door policy so that students can talk to a member of the Sixth Form team at any time. Help is always available - **no problem is too big or small!**



The mediocre teacher tells.  
The good teacher explains.  
The superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires.

*William Arthur Ward*





# OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Callington Community College is a vibrant community of learners where individuality and creativity is truly valued and celebrated. We provide all students not just with excellent academic teaching, but with a well-rounded educational experience filled with memorable extra-curricular experiences which give our students a chance to shine.

We actively seek to generate a real enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom through the arts, sport and literature. We have a long history of outstanding school shows and art exhibitions and our sporting teams achieve great success at county level.

We offer a wide range of school trips, off-timetable activities and school clubs which seek to engage, encourage and motivate our students. Recent trips include curriculum-based local visits as well as more adventurous expeditions to France, Spain, and Italy. Of course, for Key Stage 4 and 5 students, school holidays and evenings are also crucial for extra revision and the school holds a wide range of extra classes at these times throughout the year.





**Governors** play a central role in helping the Leadership Team to create a strategic direction for the College and to hold the Same leaders to account. They are

“**critical friends**” made up of parents and community members who care passionately about the College and give their time generously to ensure that it continues to develop as an **engine for good in this community.**



The more we give away

The more is given to us



# EQUALITY

## Equality Statement

This school affirms its opposition to unfair discrimination and commits itself to a comprehensive policy of equal opportunity. At Callington Community College we regard all members of our school as being of equal value and that each person has the right to equality of opportunity. We aim to create an atmosphere, which actively explores and counters myths, fears and prejudices that can work against equality of opportunity. No individual or group should be discriminated against on the grounds of their racial group, religion, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, gender identity or political affiliation. Bullying and harassment will not be tolerated. Sexual and Racial harassment, including persecution on the grounds of sexual orientation (i.e. homophobic bullying) are disciplinary offences and relevant policies will be followed in such circumstances.

## Equality and safeguarding

Some children have an increased risk of abuse, and additional barriers can exist for some children with respect to recognising or disclosing it. We are committed to anti-discriminatory practice and

recognise children's diverse circumstances. We ensure that all children have the same protection, regardless of any barriers they may face.

We give special consideration to children who:

- have special educational needs or disabilities;
- are young carers;
- may experience discrimination due to their race, ethnicity, religion, gender identification or sexuality;
- have English as an additional language;
- are known to be living in difficult situations – for example, temporary accommodation or where there are issues such as substance abuse or domestic violence;
- are at risk of FGM, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, or radicalisation;
- are asylum seekers.



# ADMISSIONS



The Local Authority (LA) is responsible for admissions to Callington Community College.

We welcome, however, initial enquiries from parents/ carers who may wish to have an informed look around or discussion with a College representative. Please call the College to make an appointment.



**Education** is the passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to those who  
prepare for it today. *Malcolm X*







# OUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM

We believe in providing all students with a challenging curriculum that offers opportunities for intellectual extension and personal growth beyond the confines of statutory requirements. We value every individual, with emphasis on personal achievement, and strive to equip all students with the life skills necessary to succeed as healthy, responsible citizens in the modern world of work. We are very proud to offer a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum that keeps future choices open for our students.

All students are given challenging targets and their progress towards these is measured regularly through a range of assessments.

We have very high expectations of our students and strive to ensure that everyone succeeds. The curriculum is designed as a five year learning journey; which introduces students to a wide range of subjects. Students are guided carefully to enable them to make informed choices at both GCSE and A Level.





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