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Callington Community College Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me very great delight that we are now able to share our Ofsted outcome. It officially arrived this week and will be available on Ofsted's website within the next two weeks. A hard copy of the report is being sent to you in the post, so that you can read the full report and join us in celebrating the result of all the hard work from the entire school community that has led to this acknowledgement and recognition of who we are and what we offer.



Ofsted rates the College on 5 categories and then gives one overall judgement. They are:

The quality of education – Good
Behaviour and Attitudes – Good
Personal development – Good
Leadership and Management – Good
Sixth Form Provision – Good

Overall effectiveness – Good

We truly are delighted to be formally recognised as a 'good' school. I really do credit the entire school community with this – the work of teachers in creating and delivering curriculums of excellent quality, the support staff who work tirelessly to ensure children stay the main priority and can excel in a clean, safe, supportive environment, the children whose commitment to learning and each other was so well evidenced over the two days and to parents and carers, who support us relentlessly and ensure that we work together to promote success and opportunity for all.

There are many elements of the report that we are thrilled with, in particular the recognition of us being ambitious, the strength of relationships between staff and students, teachers' strong subject knowledge and the very strong culture of safeguarding. We are delighted they recognised our commitment to ensuring we are more than just academic successes and that our student leadership opportunities and promotion of extra-curricular events also contribute greatly to what we do.

I genuinely am so very proud of every member of this school community and what it stands for.

There are of course, things to still work on – assessment that is accurate and acute in identifying need and adjustment and ensuring appropriate adaptation occurs for all learners with SEND. Our College development plan highlights four key improvement strands; Curriculum, Assessment, Reading and SEND and we won't be resting on our laurels. We will still be deeply committed to providing a quality experience that promotes success, affords opportunity, nurtures and provides emotional, academic and social support for every day.

Thank you for all that you have done and contributed to support us on our journey.
I hope you enjoy reading our report as much as we did when you receive it.

Many thanks and best wishes
Wendy Ainsworth



Key Dates

- Tues 21 Feb to Fri 3 Mar: Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams
- Thurs 23 Feb: Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Fri 24 Feb: Year 9 Options Deadline
- Fri 24 Feb: Enrichment Week Selection Deadline
- Tues 16 Mar: Pre-Prom Evening
- Thurs 4 May: Year 10 Parents' Evening

Sports News

Girls from the Sports Leadership Academy visited Callington Primary School in January to lead a football session for 40 girls in Years 5 and 6.

The Callington leaders are all passionate football enthusiasts and were keen to share their love of the game with the budding young players. The leaders delivered an exciting skills sessions, focusing on accurate passing and controlled dribbling, before moving onto a small game based activity to finish.

The primary students engaged brilliantly with our leaders and listened intently to the feedback and encouragement that they were given.

For some of the Academy leaders this was their first time in charge of a small group, so it was brilliant to see their confidence and motivation. We are looking forward to more sessions with Callington Primary that we will be running next term.

Well done girls!

Subject Ambassadors

We were delighted to recently welcome our new team of Subject Ambassadors to their first training session.

These are student leadership and volunteering positions specific to a department within College.

By applying for these roles the students have demonstrated their enthusiasm and interest in their chosen subject, as well as a commitment to the wider College community.

We are incredibly proud of our new team of Subject Ambassadors and can't wait to see what they will achieve. Activities could include representing the department at Open Evenings, supporting with clubs, helping with displays and equipment or writing newsletter articles to showcase the subject.

The students have been asked to liaise with the relevant Head of Department to discuss what they would like to become involved with and will shortly be receiving their badges to wear on their blazers in recognition of their new roles.

We are very much looking forward to watching them on their leader/volunteer journey.

Compass Project

Six students in Year 11 have been lucky enough to be part of the Compass programme this year.

The programme has been delivered by Caitlin Jones through Plymouth Argyle Football Club and has seen the students focus on their next steps after they complete their GCSEs. This has involved writing their CV, exploring opportunities such as apprenticeships and college courses and reflecting on personal skills and qualities that are important in helping them to secure their career aspirations.

We are extremely grateful to Caitlin and her team - the students have thoroughly enjoyed their time working with her and showed a real engagement with the workshops.

Class Charts Rewards

One of the five core principles of our college culture is that we 'praise and celebrate when we get things right'. Last term, over 40 students across the school were rewarded for achieving the highest number of #TeamCallington points on class charts, and got to watch the first England match in the FIFA World Cup.

This term, we have gone for a single individual prize...an Easter hamper. This will be awarded to the student across the whole school with the highest number of points for learning behaviours on class charts. These rewards are generally given by classroom teachers, recognising the effort and commitment of students in their lessons. These behaviours are:

- Contributor
- Craftsmanship
- Effortful Home Learning
- Endeavour
- Exploration
- Participation
- Perseverance
- Reflection
- Resilience
- Resourcefulness



Mrs Lamb and Mrs Inger launched this in assembly last week, with Mrs Inger sharing with students what they needed to actually do to be demonstrating these behaviours in class. This could include:

- Be present
- Do your best
- Use The Unmissable 10
- Think HARD
- Ask for help
- Don't give up
- Use support

Students have until the end of the penultimate week of term to really show how dedicated they are to their learning and be in with a chance to win the hamper. The prize includes a oversize fluffy hoodie for snuggling up at home, Easter decorations, and lots of sweet treats to share with all the family. It is displayed in reception, so do have a sneaky peek if you are in school in the near future! Show us what you are made of, students of CCC! Mrs Lamb.

WeST Gothic Writing Competition

Students at Callington Community College took part in a Gothic Writing Competition before Christmas. As part of their studies in English, students were challenged to write their own gothic description, incorporating conventions that they'd learnt about in their lessons. Miss Smith announced the school winners in a celebration assembly on the last day of term before Christmas, presenting winners with a notebook and pencil to support their creativity. The top two students also got a £5 book voucher, and the winner received her own copy of *A Christmas Carol and Other Stories* by Charles Dickens.

Evie's entry was then submitted to the trust-wide competition where she went up against the best writers from 6 other secondary schools. Judging was a tough process and all entries were of an incredibly high standard. We were overjoyed to find out that Evie's piece came first! Huge congratulations to Evie, and to all students who took part; we are incredibly proud of you.



STEM Showcase at Plymouth University

Some of our Year 9 students had a fantastic day out at the STEM showcase at Plymouth University recently.

The students held cockroaches, explored wherever in the world via VR, and learnt how to create renewable energy using a wave machine.

They also had a lecture from some of the student ambassadors about Uni life, what to expect and what it can do for their future careers.



Ten Tors Training

Our courageous Ten Tors team of eight students from Year 9 and Year 10 completed week five of their training on Sunday - and what a gloriously crisp, sunny day they had for it!

The students arrived promptly at Leedon Tor car park for a 7.30 am team brief and personal kit check taking in the beautiful sunrise. Starting out at 8.00 am, the students set off to complete a 24.1km hike, navigating their way across South Dartmoor to complete the checking in at eight different Tors! To their credit they made it back to Leedon car park within the time expected. Good job really because the training is rigorous.

So, exhausted and hungry after doing all of that, they then had to pitch their tents! None of which they had seen before and some of the contraptions looked rather complicated, but they proved that even though their legs had given up, they still had enough determination to get the job done!

On this particular training event the team had to carry all of the kit, so not only was their ability to teamwork and navigate their way across Dartmoor super impressive, but their rucksacks are extremely heavy to carry. They truly have done us proud at Callington Community College.

The next training event on 4/5 March involves a camp out, sandwiched between two big hikes, spanning North & South Dartmoor!

Let's hope for a nice sunny weekend for us all.

Jo Layton

(Checker for the teams, which involves some hiking, hopefully not rescuing, but also a cup of tea and breakfast bap at the Fox Tor cafe!)



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!

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.

Next meeting is 2 March 2023, 6.30 pm at the College



"Callington Couture"



Pre-prom Evening - Thursday 16 March 6.00 pm

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We have received over 60 dresses and they are still coming in. The support we have received has just been incredible and emphasises the community spirit here at Callington. Now for the fun part...

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our 'Pre-prom Evening' where you will be able to look at the dresses, try them on and purchase. We want to make this a night that you won't forget; the night that you said 'Yes to the Prom Dress'.

Please complete [this google form](#) to let us know if you will be attending. There will be drinks and photo opportunities, all we ask is that you bring cash to pay for any purchases.

Can you remember our British Values?

#TeamCallington

Everything is possible

We celebrate diversity.

We see everyone as equal.

We know what it is to have freedom.

We are responsible for our actions and respect our laws.