

30 June 2023



## Callington Community College Newsletter

### Attendance matters!

Everyone is aware of the importance of attending school regularly. But what does "regularly" mean? If you achieve 90% in an assessment, you'd likely be really proud of yourself. However, 90% attendance means you are absent on average for one day every single fortnight throughout the year. Not many employers would accept that without good reason.

Once a student drops below 90% attendance, it is classed as persistent absence. We know that the percentage of students who are persistently absent has increased nationally since the Covid-19 pandemic.



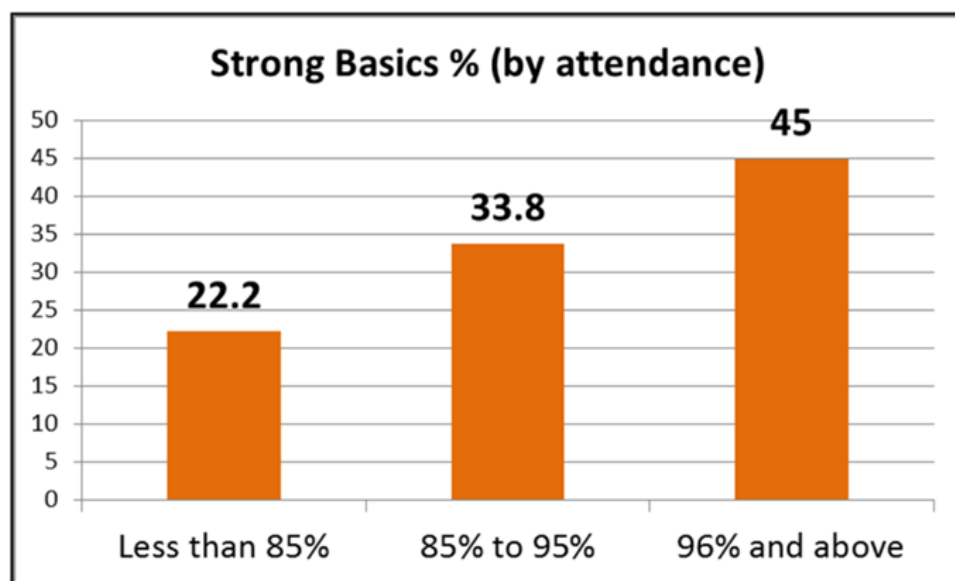
Sometimes it can be helpful to break down attendance percentages into what this means in practice, for example:

	Short term impact	In a year	In a school career
<b>100%</b>	Full attendance	190 days learning	<b>Full attendance</b>
<b>97%</b>	Good Attendance – this is the target for Callington Community College		
<b>95%</b>	Half a day off per fortnight	2 weeks learning lost	<b>10 weeks learning lost</b>
<b>90%</b>	A day off each fortnight	A month's learning lost	<b>Over half a year's learning lost</b>
<b>85%</b>	A day and a half off each fortnight	Nearly half a term's learning lost	<b>The equivalent of missing Year 11</b>
<b>80%</b>	A day off a week	Over half a term's learning lost	<b>A full year's learning lost</b>

In terms of the impact poor attendance has on outcomes, we can look at real (anonymised) data from our Year 11 cohorts in previous years; where Strong Basics represents the percentage of students achieving a Grade 5 and above in English and Maths:

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**"Everything is Possible"**



### **What can I do as a parent?**

- Ensure that your Son/Daughter arrives at school on time each day; by 8:25 am at the latest ready for registration at 8:30 am.
- Ensure that your Son/Daughter only misses school for reasons which are unavoidable or justified, such as illness or days of religious observance
- Notify the College attendance officer on each day of any absence
- Talk to the College if you are concerned that Son/Daughter may be reluctant to go to school

### **Support from the College**

Your Son/Daughter's tutor should be your first point of call with any attendance concerns. They are supported by the Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Assistants.

Mrs Lynda Fearn is the College Attendance Officer and is more than happy to discuss any attendance concerns you may have: [lfearn@callingtoncc.net](mailto:lfearn@callingtoncc.net) or 01579 386014.

Mr Rob Taylor is the College Attendance lead and also works with the families of pupils who are presenting with Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA), mental health concerns or are otherwise reluctant to attend.

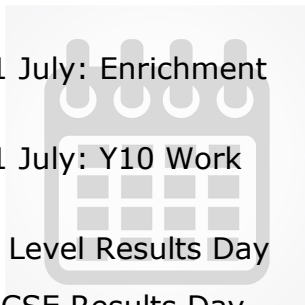
From Sept 2023 we are delighted that we will also be supported by an Education Welfare Officer who is employed by Westcountry Schools Trust. This will give us additional capacity to carry out home visits and to offer support to families who are struggling to ensure their children attend regularly.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch directly: [rtaylor@callingtoncc.net](mailto:rtaylor@callingtoncc.net)

Rob Taylor  
Assistant Principal – Behaviour & Attendance

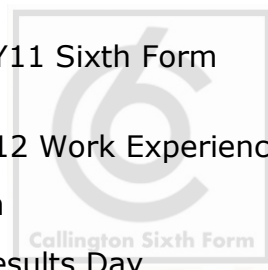
## Key Dates

- Monday 17 to Friday 21 July: Enrichment Week (Y7, 8 & 9)
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 July: Y10 Work Experience
- Thursday 17 August: A Level Results Day
- Thursday 24 August: GCSE Results Day



## Sixth Form Key Dates

- Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 July: Y11 Sixth Form Induction
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 July: Y12 Work Experience
- Friday 21 July: Last day of term
- Thursday 17 August: A Level Results Day



## Roman Baths Trip



On Friday 16 June, 25 of our most dedicated Year 10 Latinists participated in a trip to the ancient Roman Thermae of Bath (also known as the Roman Baths). Once the site of one of the great religious spas of the ancient world; the people of Roman Britain came to Bath to worship the goddess Sulis Minerva and bathe in the waters of the natural thermal springs, which still flow with hot water today.

Our visit started with a masterclass delivered by a specialist in the subject and our students had the chance to translate real ancient inscriptions from Roman tombs to learn more about the inhabitants of this city more than 2000 years ago; from soldiers that had travelled all the way from Belgium, to powerful and influential political figures, our students navigated the Latin written in these inscriptions and were able to decipher their contents. They also had the chance to interact with real

archaeological objects and explore a normal day in a Roman Bathhouse.

After this fantastic introduction, students visited the actual archaeological site and could explore in detail its history and admire their impressive statues and buildings.

One student said "I am glad we did this trip as it has helped me put into context what we have been learning in the lessons!"

An excellent experience where students made our College proud.

Mr G Alcaniz



## Industrial Action

We will be **closed** to the following year groups on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July;

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

**Students in Year 10 and Year 12 should continue to attend.**



## Annual Awards Evenings 2023

Tuesday 20 and 27 June saw the first Annual Awards Evenings for Years 7-10 that have been held since the pandemic. The evenings were a huge success, with over 120 awards being given out to students across the year groups. Each subject was given the chance to award two students in every year group for excellence and contribution. Parents were given formal invitations to attend, and when they arrived on the night, they were greeted by live music in the form of Mr Lane playing the piano whilst they enjoyed drinks and canapés, courtesy of Ms Layton and Ms Parsons.

We were lucky enough to secure Pauline Barker MBE to open the evening by talking to the students about the importance of pursuing the things you love - even if they scare you. Pauline has taken on many challenges in open water and ice swimming, and also organised countless community events, resulting in her being awarded an MBE.



Several students also gave musical performances on the night, showcasing the incredible talent we have at the College. The Taiko drummers opening the Year 7 and 8 night was quite the opener!

It was simply fantastic to celebrate the achievements of our young people, and staff enjoyed the opportunity to formally recognise the endeavours of these students. Of course, what we couldn't do is celebrate the many, many others who also deserve awards - and many staff commented on the difficulty they had in selecting such small numbers from each year group. We are so proud of the efforts made by all our young people, and congratulations must go to those who made the final selection on this occasion. Well done everyone!

## Teacher of the Year!

We are extremely proud that Dr Turner has won the Pearson Silver Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School. The Pearson National Teaching Awards were set up to celebrate the impact of invaluable education within the UK and they are the UK's most prestigious celebration of transformational teaching. Well done Dr Turner! You can read more about the awards [here](#).



### 2023 SILVER WINNERS

The Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School



 <p><b>Ibraheem Talib</b> Ninestiles, an Academy</p>	 <p><b>Jo Turner</b> Callington Community College</p>	 <p><b>José Ros</b> Queen Katharine Academy</p>	 <p><b>Lee McCue</b> Madeley High School</p>	 <p><b>Patrice Gonzales</b> Harris Academy Orpington</p>	 <p><b>Patrick Walker</b> Turnbull High School</p>
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#TeachingHeroes

## Sports News

Earlier this month, we took two teams to a football tournament at Torpoint. Both teams played really well, one team had a penalty shoot out for third place and only lost by one goal, Delyth making some fantastic saves in goal!

Lots of brilliant team play and some beautiful goals, the girls made us very proud!



## Great Racing for Jarick!

On the weekend of 27 May, Jarick M (Year 8) won 1st place of round 3 of the Independent Kart Racing (IKR) Championship. This gives him first place overall in the County in this championship so far.

On the weekend of 3 June, Jarick took part in the Super one Championship, round 5 and 6. His results were as follows:

Saturday:

Qualifying: 1st place

Heat one: 1st place

Heat 2: he was in second place with still 1 and half minutes of the race to go and had got right behind 1st place when his chain came off his engine witch meant mechanical failure and couldn't finish the race

Final: he had to start 13th on the grid because of the mechanical failure but finished 3rd place in round 5 and also got top rookie driver trophy.

Sunday:

Qualifying: 1st place

Heat one: 1st place

Heat 2: 3rd place

Final: started on pole in first place but was involved in a accident caused by another driver so unfortunately didn't get to finish.

We wish Jarick luck in all his future races!





## Enrichment Week

We are fast approaching Enrichment Week and we cannot wait to celebrate the end of another fantastic year with our amazing students by taking part in such a wide variety of exciting experiences!

A polite reminder that the payment deadline is 1 July.

## Community Events

### FREE FAMILY FILM SHOW



**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**Doors open at 2:00pm**

**Film starts at 2:30pm**

**CALLINGTON TOWN HALL**

## FamilyFirst

**Helping millions of families stay bored-free this summer**

**It's 100% FREE for all parents- Enjoy!**

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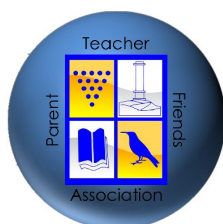
Toys & Games ✓

Children's Sport ✓



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Callington Community College

**BINGO**  
**NIGHT**

**Friday**  
**30th June**

**Callington**  
**Town Hall**

**Doors open 7pm**  
**Eyes down 7.30pm**

**Bring a bottle**  
**and nibbles**

**Food and Drink**  
**on sale**



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



**ARE YOU 5 TO 16 YEAR OLDS? DO YOU WANT TO  
LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE FOR FREE? THEN JOIN US AT  
CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DURING THE  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**BOOKING LINK**

**YOU WILL NEED A BIKE  
WITHOUT STABILISERS  
AND A HELMET**



# ALL SPORTS SUMMER *camp*

AGES 4-16  
RECEPTION  
4 YEAR OLDS  
2022-2023

FREE  
PLACES  
FOR FSM  
PUPILS OR  
£20 PER  
CHILD  
THIS  
INCLUDES  
A LUNCH

MONDAY TO THURSDAY  
FROM 24TH JULY TO  
17TH AUGUST 2023  
FROM 1000 TILL 1400

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDRENS TO  
GET OUT, PLAY AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

[BOOKING LINK](#)

SPORTS CENTRE, CALLINGTON  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE PL177DR

## ACTIVITIES:

FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
TRAMPOLINE  
TENNIS

FRISBEE  
HANDBALL  
GYM  
KINBALL

*and more!*