



**18 December 2023**

## **Callington Community College Newsletter**

### **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

This truly is the most wonderful time of the year. Both the staff and children are in high spirits with all of the festivities, ranging from Christmas dinners with pigs in blankets and the odd Brussels sprout to our 'Take an Elfie' photo station and annual Christmas Jumper Day.

I have also just seen the enormous amounts of donated foods/toiletries making their way to the local food bank - you have all been so wonderfully generous and these donations will place help right where it is needed. Thank you so much for your kindness and consideration.

It has also been a real joy to watch students participating in our 13 days of Christmas quizzes. The daily music quiz has been very popular, inspiring the odd dance move from staff and students as they enter the College (the chocolate hamper and Amazon award will be drawn and awarded on Tuesday) and thank you to everyone who has participated in the family quiz event. I hope you have found sharing these questions around the dinner table enjoyable, we certainly have enjoyed seeing the smiles on their faces when they know the answers as they arrive. There have been over 600 'Spirit of Christmas' Class Charts points awarded over these 13 days for each correct answer - well done to all those quizzers!

This event in particular, is one we would like to continue in a revised format. Michael Young, a prominent educational theorist, stated that knowledge was crucial for social justice. Knowledge enables children to understand and think beyond the limits of their own experiences.' To this end, and because it enables families to discuss and consider knowledge in a fun and novel way, we will have five weekly quiz questions - released collectively each Monday at mid-day. All students need to do is relay some or all of these answers throughout the week, on their way into school. As before, these children will be awarded Class Charts points, which can further accumulate positive points. We look forward to seeing more children and families becoming involved in this.

I would like to finally extend a well done and thank you to our examination cohorts in Years 11 and 13. Their conduct and commitment has been exceptional. The year 11s in particular and their efforts on Sparx each morning has absolutely demonstrated their commitment to improving and finessing their knowledge.

As we move into the Spring term and its sense of renewal, we look forward to seeing our students return after the Christmas break, refreshed and ready to engage with and absorb knowledge once again.

Have a restful and joyful Christmas with families and friends.

Wendy Ainsworth



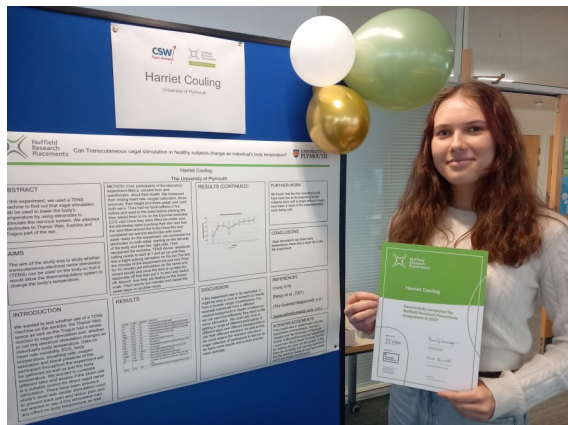
***"Everything is Possible"***



## Callington student achieves prestigious Science Award

After a successful application, Harriet Couling in Year 13 has now successfully completed her Nuffield Research Placement.

Each year the scheme provides 1,000 students studying science, technology, engineering or maths in Year 12 with an opportunity to work alongside researchers who are at the forefront of their respective disciplines. Students work at some of the top laboratories and research institutes in the country for four weeks during the summer. Harriet undertook her own project, which she then wrote up and presented at the awards night at Plymouth University on Wednesday 18 October.



Harriet worked with The Department of Anaesthesia, Derriford Hospital and The School of Biomedical Sciences, Plymouth University to study whether the use of a TENS machine on patients' earlobes could help them regulate their body temperature. Her findings form part of a larger project to improve patient recovery after surgery.

Harriet will be using her study to apply for the Gold CREST Award, the highest scientific award in the country available to under 18s.

Harriet and the College wish to thank the Nuffield Coordinators who helped her finalise the placement; and Dr Feisal Subhan of Plymouth University who put so much time and effort into making this placement so successful and enjoyable.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jarick M in Year 9 who had his last karting race of the season at the weekend.

Thank you to Jarick's parents for sharing the following...

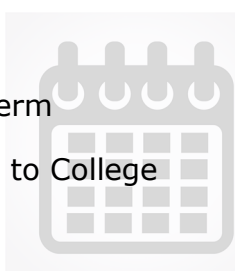
"Jarick won 1st place out of an absolutely massive grid of karts. As a result he was offered two days of work experience within motor sports coaching and learning all the set ups and preparing the race karts in Bournemouth, with his manager who coached Lando Norris".

What an amazing opportunity!



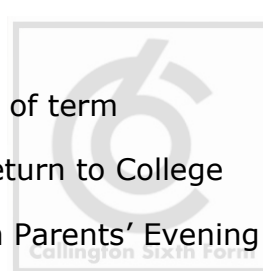
## Key Dates

- Tue 19 December: Last day of term
- Wed 3 January: Students return to College



## Sixth Form Key Dates

- Tue 19 December: Last day of term
- Wed 3 January: Students return to College
- Thu 11 January: Sixth Form Parents' Evening







# Sparx Maths

## What is SPARX?

Sparx Maths is an online platform that creates **perfectly tailored practice homework** for every student each week.

The practice is both **challenging** (to ensure students need to think) and, crucially, **achievable** (so that students can be successful).

The program ensures practice uses spaced repetition and interleaving to support a change in students' long term memories.

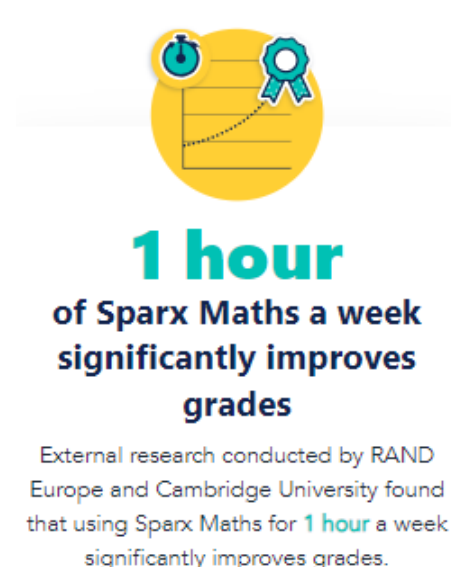
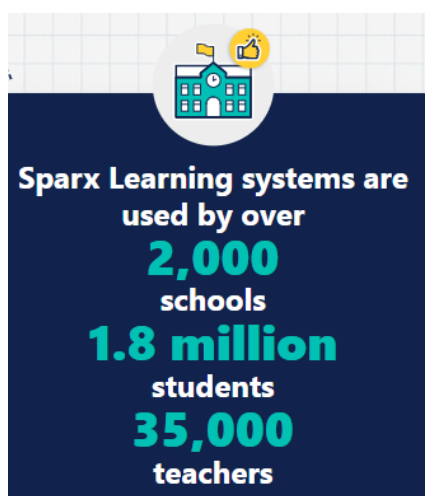
Sparx is **inclusive** and can adapt to all students' current level of expertise. This promotes **engagement**, **confidence** and ultimately **learning**.

## How can I support my child at home?

To access Sparx: <https://sparxmaths.com>

Students sign in with their College Google sign in.

- Ensure they start their SPARX home learning before the deadline day!
- Encourage them to access the support video when they are unsure and retry the question. Perseverance is key!
- If they have watched the video 4 times - the question will be flagged to their class teacher. Encourage them to seek the help!
- Make sure they complete the homework - 100% completion is key!
- Encourage them to access the "XP boost", "Target" or "independent learning to further develop their maths skills!





# Sparx Maths

## Tutor Group Mentions

Highest percentage of a tutor group completing 100% on time...**10LSF**

Highest percentage of a tutor group completing 100% on time...**8NL**

Highest percentage of a tutor group completing 100% on time...**9KB**

Highest percentage of a tutor group completing 100% on time...**11BW**

Highest percentage of a tutor group completing 100% on time...**7SFV**

## Student Mentions

Completed 100% on time AND completed XP Boost AND Target every week in the last month...

**Year 7:** Temperance H/Ellie S/Max P/Chloe C


**Year 8:** Luke C/Yamato Y-C/Musashi Y-C

**Year 9:** Leila K/Eliza H/Blythe R

**Year 10:** Masa Y-C/Aobo L

## Year Group Mentions

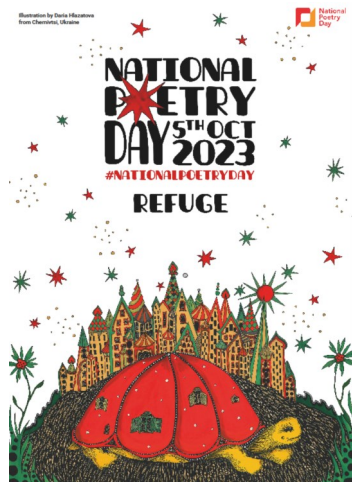
Highest percentage of a year group completing 100% on time...**Year 7**





## National Poetry Day

On National Poetry Day, the Library organised a 'Poetry Bomb' where each lesson a poem was read aloud over the speaker system by various teachers at the start of each lesson.



The poems included Jabberwocky, The Road Not Taken and A Dug, A Dug.

A selection of books were on display throughout the week in the Library, poems printed and displayed on the Library walls and overnight the school was covered with posters of poems for students and staff to read and enjoy on the day.

The event was very well received and as a result, a number of books were loaned to students to pursue and enjoy.

## Cornwall County Cup

The Year 11 boys football team bowed out of the Cornwall County Cup in the quarter final after a thrilling cup tie ended 3-2 to Bodmin College after extra time.

In the previous round, a second half goal from Connor B and some determined defending and goal keeping, gave us a well earned 1-0 victory against Newquay Treviglas.

Up against a very strong Bodmin side, the team started strongly and against the run were unlucky to find themselves a goal down at half time!

The boys did not let their heads drop and come out in the second half even stronger with another goal from Connor B and then a wonder free kick from Harrison C put the team 2-1 up! Unfortunately after having several good chances Callington conceded a last minute equaliser which took the game to extra time.

With two minutes to go, Bodmin got a very late winner! The Callington team showed real class and although gutted by the defeat, shook hands with the opposition and identified that they had put in their best performance in five years of representing the College!

## East Cornwall U13 Football Tournament

The Year 7/8 girls football team travelled to Saltash on Tuesday 14 November to take part in the East Cornwall U13 Football tournament.

The excitement and anticipation on the minibus on the journey over was tangible and the girls started with a real determination.

The host school were using very small, low goals, which made it incredibly difficult to score and despite lots of pressure and chances, the first few games ended in a 0-0 score line.

The girls worked hard to create chances by playing the ball around defenders and taking shots from close range, resulting in the goals starting to flow.

There were no losses for either team and 5 wins between them. A special mention to the 3 Year 7 players who didn't look out of place surrounded by Year 8.

There are great things to come for this group, well done girls!







CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Softball £15, 20th Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 1 to 4.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zpqdnw>

Hardball £20, 21st Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 4 to 8.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/hpqdnx>



SOFTBALL



HARDBALL

[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)

### Callington Food Bank—Hampers

Last Friday, we delivered 20 boxes of donations to the Callington Food Bank.

Thank you to all Parents, Carers and Students for your kind and generous donations.



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## Cornwall School Primary Games

Well done and a big thank you to the PE Sports Leaders who helped organise and run the Cornwall School Primary Games Qualifier event held at the College on 21 November. Seventeen Primary schools attended and competed in a KS2 Netball and Rugby tournament and a KS1 Multi Skills event.

The Sports Leaders were amazing and ran the KS1 Multi Skills stations, recording and supporting the primary pupils, they umpired the netball games and kept score and helped support the rugby event.

Also a massive thank you to the Year 12 Sports Studies and HSLA students who also helped to run the event making it a very successful day. Feedback from the schools involved was that the Leaders were organised, friendly and encouraging to the young pupils and were a credit to themselves and the College!



## Children in Need

We would like to extend a massive congratulations and well done to all of our students for their contributions and involvement in the recent Children in Need event. We were able to raise a fantastic amount for the charity, our largest total in the last few years, coming in just above £600!

A huge thank you to those students (and parents!) who kindly baked or bought cakes for the Bake Sale - some of them wouldn't have been out of place on The Great British Bake Off!

A really big well done and thank you for all of the support!





## Cornwall School Games

On Wednesday 5 December we took three teams to represent South East Cornwall in the Cornwall School Games Winter finals. There were four determined and resilient Year 7 students that made up our Functional Fitness team, seven enthusiastic and energetic netball players and five composed and quietly confident Year 10 basketball players.

All of the students displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the event, representing the College brilliantly and showing a real tenacity in their performance. All three teams finished mid-way up the results table, with a number of wins and losses to reflect upon.

We couldn't be prouder of the effort that was shown, the team spirit that didn't waiver and the pride with which all of the students played - a huge well done to you all.



## Elf!

The PTFA 'Elf' showing last Friday was a huge success.

Thank you to everyone that attended.

The atmosphere was lovely and definitely had us all in the Christmas spirit!



## Thank you!

A massive thank you to members of the Callington Community College Community who donated wool, hooks and knitting needles to our newly formed Crotchet club.

Thanks to the support from the PTFA, we have also been very fortunate to have received a donation from a wonderful organisation 'Knit for Peace' (<https://knitforpeace.org.uk/>).

We now have a mountain of wool which will be keeping us very busy in the new year.



## The Scholar

We are absolutely delighted that Year 11 student George Law has had his Brilliant Club Assignment published in The Scholar.

The Scholar is an academic journal of outstanding pupil work from The Scholars Programme. PhD Tutors from across the country are given the opportunity to nominate final assignments that are reviewed by an expert panel of PhD researchers with only the highest scoring published.

George was successfully chosen in a very competitive year of reviewing and his was one of just 30 assignments selected for publication!

Congratulations George, a fantastic accolade indeed.



## Library News

Throughout December the Student Librarians have been decorating the Library for Christmas including repurposing books that were no longer in a condition to use, and making them into 'book Christmas trees'. They look absolutely beautiful.

We also held a Elf on the Shelf competition to encourage students to read and use the Library, and this was very well supported. Each day, the first student to find the Elf hidden on a bookshelf and once they had taken a book out on loan from the Library, their name was entered into a prize draw.



The prizes were drawn at the end of last week, and Kayley in Year 9 won the draw, winning a bag full of Library goodies, presented by Mrs Ainsworth.

On Friday, we held a Student Librarian Reward Afternoon. Our Student Librarians were able to have their usual lunch in the Library along with some extra snack and treats. Awards were presented and we were able to congratulate our first two students who had completed the tasks needed to gain their Bronze Student Librarian

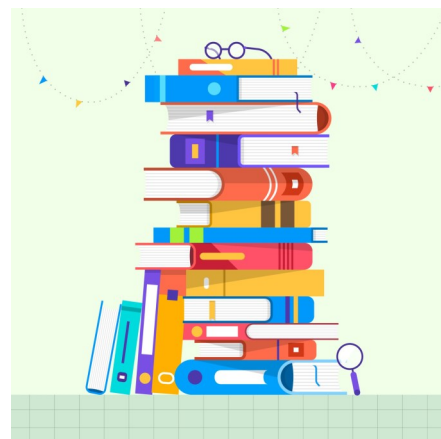
Awards. A bronze star lapel badge was presented by Mrs Lamb to Merle and Leela, who become our first Bronze Librarians, and the first to complete the bronze level on the journey to become a 'Master Librarian'.

We hope to see these two, and many others, making a significant impact on the way our school Library runs in the future.

Mrs Lamb read *The Night Before Christmas* to the students and after this students snuggled up with blankets to read their favourite book with a cup of hot chocolate.

The event closed with the students looking for a Christmas thank you from the Library: a wrapped book to read over the Christmas holidays and a sachet of hot chocolate.

The rewards event was very well attended and enjoyed by students and Library staff.



Merry Christmas to you all  
from the Library!





## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS HALF TERM 2023

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

### NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills



# VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES THE FACTS



MOST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

## DON'T VAPE OR SMOKE.

Vapes containing nicotine are age-restricted products: it is illegal to sell them to under 18s and for adults to buy them on their behalf.

**VAPES ARE  
NOT HARMLESS.**

Short-term effects can include **coughing**, **headaches**, **dizziness**, and **sore throats**. Long-term effects are as yet unknown.

## HARMFUL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Disposable vapes and the batteries inside them are bad for the environment, with many ending up in landfills.



Those who knowingly sell to under 18s are driven by profit and don't care who they sell to.

## DON'T BE DUPED!

# DON'T SMOKE? DON'T START TO VAPE.