

JULY 2025 CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



ENRICHMENT WEEK 2025



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD PROGRAMME UPDATE

As summer approaches and our participants continue to make progress towards completing their award, I would like to share some insights into what another busy year it has been. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the participants, parents and staff for the ongoing commitment and support in helping DofE to become such a success story.

Record Participation: We have welcomed our largest cohort to date, with 38 Bronze, 22 Silver, and for the first time ever, 4 Gold participants enrolling since September.

Skill: Participants have shown great variety in selecting skills, looking to learn something new or develop existing talents. Included in this are chess, cooking, flying a glider, singing, playing a musical instrument and coding.

Volunteering: Collectively, participants will contribute around 1000 hours of community service this year. Participants' goals include litter-picking, citizen science, visiting care homes, supporting local football and rugby coaches, teaching dance at a primary school and supporting elderly members of the community.

Physical: Participants have again been active this year, some taking up new sports, some looking to develop existing levels of fitness. Activities have included climbing, Taekwondo, badminton, football, walking, ballet, swimming, gig rowing, gymnastics and basketball.

I recently listened to an audiobook called *The Iron Cowboy*, by James Lawrence, a man who completed 100 triathlons in 100 days, he said "do something difficult, it does not matter what your difficult is, challenge yourself." The expedition section remains a cornerstone of the DofE experience, and for many of the participants this is a new, daunting and physically challenging experience. Throw in some weather and it becomes a real test of resilience and determination. This term, groups have braved wind, torrential rain, and at times, extreme heat to complete their practice and qualifying expeditions.

Bronze Expeditions: The two Bronze expeditions saw 38 students successfully navigate their way from Millbrook, around Rame Head, and on to Whitsand Bay, with a camp at Maker Heights. One of the highlights for the staff was seeing the students engaging with each other at the campsite, not a phone in site. A member of the public said, "it is great to see children being children", as they ran around the campsite in a massive game of hide and seek.



Silver Expeditions: The practice expedition, just like last year, was not so lucky with the weather. The Thursday saw some of the worst weather Dartmoor can throw at you: the 24 students certainly learnt some valuable lessons that day. Mercifully, the Friday saw more sunshine and fewer showers and all students successfully completed the 20-mile route. As I write this, students are days away from their final expedition, this will see them navigating approximately 30 miles across the 3 days, and for some students

the completion of their award.

In stark contrast to the practice, it looks like we are going to have a heatwave.

Gold Expeditions: The Gold practice expedition was exceptionally tough, walking the equivalent of a half marathon each day, with 20kg packs, in temperatures of 30°C. Staying hydrated, with a bucket load of resilience and determination, was the key to success. By the time you read this the students will have completed their 4-day qualifying expedition, covering about 50, unfamiliar, miles of Dartmoor.



Over the coming weeks this year's cohort will complete their expeditions and, for some, their award. Last year 29 students completed the Bronze award and 11 Silver, each of these accomplishments represents significant dedication and hard work.

A hugely successful year and I must give thanks to Mrs Ainsworth for her support in recognising the value of DofE, and to Mrs Lilley, Mrs Winch and Mr Newman without whom the expeditions would not have been possible.

For any students interested in doing DofE (Year 9 Bronze, Year 10 Silver, Gold can be started from your 16th birthday) in the next academic year I will be doing assemblies in September 2025.

Tips for Success

Here are a few reminders to help participants finish off their award:

- Log your activities and upload evidence where required to eDofE.
- Communicate with your assessor once you have completed your goal, ask them to write the assessor report. Don't leave it.

Communicate with Mr Mercer if you are not sure what to do.

'SHINE' DRAMA CLUB STUDENTS DAZZLE IN SUMMER SHOWCASE

'On Wednesday 2 July, our Shine Drama Club wowed audiences with a brilliant evening of performance, creativity, and commitment. Students presented two separate shows, featuring a mix of original devised pieces and well-known extracts from plays such as An Inspector Calls and Matilda.

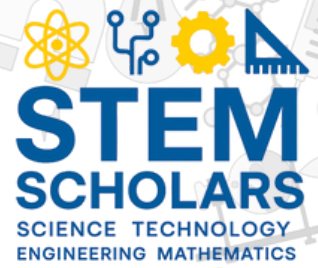
What made the evening even more impressive was the dedication shown by the students. Everybody who took part gave up their own time to rehearse, organise, and support the production — taking on not only performance roles but also key responsibilities behind the scenes. From producing and directing, to sourcing props, managing front of house, and coordinating costumes, this was a fully student-led event.

The showcase was a huge success, with enthusiastic support from families and friends who came to celebrate the hard work on stage.

Engagement with the arts is clearly thriving at our College — and we couldn't be prouder of our drama students!



STEM SCHOLARS 2025



What an incredible year our STEM students have had!

They started the year by visiting the University of Plymouth, Science and Engineering Showcase, seeing giant robots, using VR headsets and learning about the wave machine; as well as finding out about student life at University.

They also had two visits from Hayley Hill from Cornwall Climate Care, which included a workshop on Climate change and energy production, which involved making a wind turbine and also a talk on food systems, which was enlightening!

We were delighted to welcome Babcock into school, twice, and it was great to meet 3 ex-students, Emma, Dylan and Leo, who talked about their work at Babcock. The students were involved with a lego challenge game, working as teams, making mini cranes and learning about 'lean' manufacturing...it was highly competitive and the students loved it.

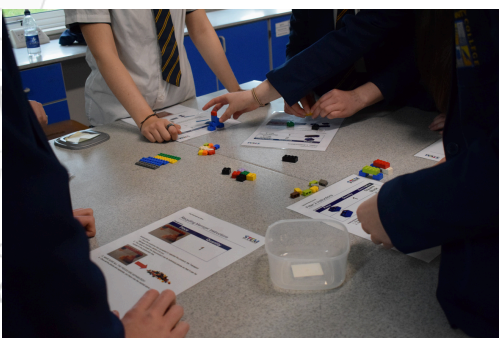
The STEM students also had chance during British Science Week to learn about gliders and aeroplanes and made 2 different versions of gliders, and of course tested them.

As well as all of these exciting opportunities they have also used some of their breaktimes to attend extra lessons on robotics, game design and even Latin classes with Mr. Alcaniz, which they have really enjoyed.

After school, some of the STEM students have been involved with the IRIS project and have researched various habitats and ecosystems, such as the desert, woodlands, Dartmoor and pondlife, which has impressed Mr. Smith, who has run the brilliant IRIS project over the past few years.

I am truly looking forward to welcoming our new STEM students in September and offering them an enhanced experience of the STEM subjects, with even more on offer.

Louise Frost
STEM Lead





Sparx Maths Update



Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have supported our students with their homework completion, the impact is being seen in class every day.



835,260

questions correctly answered by our students



16,156

hours of personalised maths practice completed by our students

158,324

Misconceptions and knowledge gaps addressed through videos viewed by our students



51% of 231 students

using Times Tables have either improved, or are considered confident, in their times tables



SPARX Monthly Leaderboard!

Well done to the following students for being at the top...

Monthly Leaderboard Last month	
1	Yamato the Miracle 7,455 XP
2	Musashi the Perfectibilist 6,530 XP
3	Shahanujan the Engineer 5,954 XP
4	Alannah the Alannah 5,556 XP
5	Nathan the Wonder 5,521 XP
6	Lilly the Authority 5,494 XP
7	Charlie the Endorser 5,485 XP
8	Olivier the Bestower 5,186 XP
9	Toby the Superwoman 5,074 XP
10	Lydia the Creator 4,998 XP

SPARX Yearly Leaderboard!

Well done to the following students for being at the top...

Yearly Leaderboard This academic year	
1	Alannah the Alannah 43,132 XP
2	Talan the Helpmate 42,951 XP
3	Leila the Cosmocrat 41,575 XP
4	Wilbur the Big fish 40,175 XP
5	Warwick the Princess 40,038 XP
6	Josh the Hopeful 38,651 XP
7	Musashi the Perfectibilist 38,630 XP
8	Bobby the Titleholder 38,225 XP
9	Delilah the Genius 38,057 XP
10	Millie the Icon 37,602 XP

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM FOR WEEKLY HIGHEST SPARX XP ANNOUNCEMENTS!



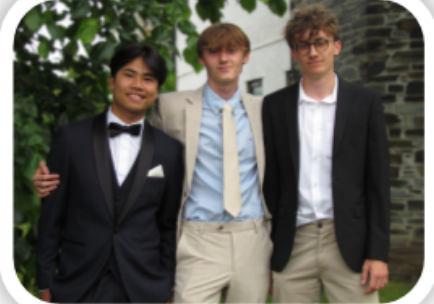
SIXTH FORM PROM

Our Class of 2025 spent a wonderful evening at their Hollywood themed Prom at China Fleet in Saltash to celebrate the end of their A-Levels.



It was a wonderful evening of celebration with great food, laughter, dancing and a fantastic way for the students to go into their independent study leave.

Congratulations to all our brilliant students and a special mention goes out to Ivy T and William T-Y for being voted by their fellow classmates as this years' Class of 2025 Royalty winners!



YEAR 13 PRIZE GIVING

On Friday 27 June all of our Year 13 students gathered together with their friends and family to celebrate their time in Sixth Form and to receive awards and accolades for their contributions to Callington Community College over the last two years.



PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY CELEBRATES FORMER STUDENT'S PRESTIGIOUS RWCMD HARP AWARD

The Performing Arts Faculty is delighted to share the wonderful news that former student Bethany Coggon has been awarded the inaugural Royal Welsh College Brooch for Harp Excellence. The prize was presented by RWCMD President Dame Shirley Bassey at the College's annual dinner, marking a memorable evening.

The brooch itself holds significant historical importance. Once worn by the Official Harpist to the Prince of Wales, this distinguished insignia has now been entrusted on permanent loan by His Majesty the King, who serves as Patron of RWCMD, to be awarded each year to the harpist achieving the highest mark in their summer recital. This tradition dates back to 2000 when the (then) Prince of Wales reinstated the Official Harpist role to promote exceptional young harpists and elevate the instrument's profile across Wales and the UK.

Bethany, who completed her Level 3 Music at Callington Community College in Summer 2020, has since established herself at RWCMD as a remarkable talent. Winning this inaugural award recognises not only her technical skill but also her commitment to excellence, creativity, and musical insight.

This accolade places Bethany alongside distinguished harpists who have held prominent roles at RWCMD, such as Alis Huws, Hannah Stone, Catrin Finch, and most recently Mared Pugh-Evans, The King's Harpist. It's a prestigious honour for any harpist, and a truly fitting recognition of everything Bethany has achieved so far — and is yet to achieve — in her musical journey. You can read more about this [here](#).



CREATIVE WRITING

During Enrichment Week, students had the option of taking part in a Creative Writing Workshop. Students were challenged to respond creatively to news events, write flash fiction, and expand their vocabulary.

By the end of day 1, Florence P (Year 9), came up with this gem:



In the jar, I'd put memories which are special to me,
but you can't put a late October afternoon in a jar
because all the leaves would rot and turn to soil
before you could see 5-year-old me playing in them and smiling.

In the jar, I'd put my favorite things,
but you can't put elephants or trains in a jar
because they'd make it shatter,
covering the floor in ice-like shards of glass.

In the jar, I'd put my hopes and fears,
but you can't put the monster under the bed in a jar
because then he wouldn't be the monster under the bed
and instead be the monster in the jar.

And you can't put a better future in a jar,
because then it wouldn't happen
and no-one would know about it.

In the jar, I think I'll put jam or chutney or lemon curd,
because they can be put in a jar
and taste good with bread.

SUMMER BREAK SUPPORT INFORMATION



What to do if I am concerned about a child's safety; what should I do?

If you wish to report a concern, abuse or neglect, please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit (**MARU**). The MARU provides multi-team guidance, advice and response to concerns about the welfare or safety of a child.

Cornwall **MARU**: 0300 123 1116 or multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk

For urgent **MARU** referrals after 17:15 or at the weekend call the Out of Hours Service on **01208 251 300**

Police: 101 or 999 for urgent support.

For **Early Help Support** (Family worker/School Nurse/Youth Workers/CAMHS), advice and consultation, please call 01872 324605. The Hub is open Monday to Thursday, 8.45am to 5.15pm and 8.45am to 4.45pm on Fridays, their email is earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk

FamilyLine advice: 0808 802 6666 or text Line 07537 404 282 email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

Helpline opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 7pm. Outside these hours, text FAMILYACTION to 85258, to access our free 24/7 crisis support service.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/familyline/>

FamilyLine was designed to offer support for families to prevent challenges from reaching crisis point and provide an early intervention, via text, phone or email. It's available to support any family from Monday to Friday and during the evening when other support services may be closed.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 21 July: Inset Day – College closed to students

Tue 22 July: Inset Day – College closed to students

Thu 14 August: A Level results collection (from 9am)

Thu 21 August: GCSE results collection (from 9am)

Wed 3 September: Inset Day – College closed to students

Thu 4 September: Inset Day – College closed to students

Fri 5 September: Year 7 and Year 12 return to College

Mon 8 September: All remaining year groups return to College

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025

First Day of Term	Friday 5 September 2025 - Year 7 and Year 12 only Monday 8 September 2025 - all remaining Year Groups
Half Term	Monday 27 October 2025 - Friday 31 October 2025
Last Day of Term	Thursday 18 December 2025
Inset Days (College closed to students)	Wednesday 3 September 2025 Thursday 4 September 2025 Friday 24 October 2025 Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

First Day of Term	Tuesday 6 January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 February 2026 - Friday 20 February 2026
Last Day of Term	Thursday 2 April 2026
Inset Day (College closed to students)	Monday 5 January 2026

Summer Term 2026

First Day of Term	Monday 20 April 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 May 2026 - Friday 29 May 2026
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 22 July 2026
Inset Days (College closed to students)	Friday 26 June 2026 Thursday 23 July 2026

A copy of the Term Dates can also be found [here](#) on our website



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

25 SEPTEMBER 2025



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We invite you to come and visit us and see for yourself all that the College has to offer.

Proud to serve our community.

OPEN EVENING

25 September
5pm - 7pm

OPEN DAY TOURS

29 September
9:00am - 9:45am
10.00am - 10.45am
2.00pm - 2.45pm

Scan the QR code
or visit our website
to sign up for a tour



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