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The Callington Voice

OFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Callington Community College warmly invites you to its annual Open Events for Year 5 and 6 students and families.

An opportunity for prospective parents/carers to come and visit us and see why we would be a perfect choice for your school application.

Open Evening

Thursday 4th October 6pm—8pm

Open Morning

Monday 8th October 9am—11am

Our staff and students are looking forward to showing you the College.

Open Events 2018

“Brilliant, very informative and friendly, the student tour guides were confident and showed the College off well”



Welcome back!

Welcome to the first edition of the Callington Voice. It has, as always, been a very busy start to the school year; it has also been a very successful start, in spite of the fact that the College has experienced some technical issues with our ICT infrastructure – a big thank you must go to Mr Lucas (Assistant Network Manager) who has worked really hard to get all systems back up and running.

Our students look marvellous in their uniforms. They are all wearing their blazers with pride. The students have been very positive particularly about all the changes and improvements to the College. As well as the usual annual holiday works, there have been a number of projects: Library / Study Centre - phase 1 of the transformation of this space is nearly complete (we will keep you posted with updates). Relocation of our Reprographics Service, the First Aid Room and the creation of our Learning Recovery Room. There has been significant amounts of renewal and replacement of ICT equipment. You may have noticed also improved security with the installation of a new fence and CCTV. The works continue with a new Tennis Dome due to be constructed and ready for after half-term. Our site team are a credit to the College and achieved so much in a short space of time.

It's great to be back at the College and our new Year 7 students are settling in well and starting to get to know each other, their teachers and the College routines. We would also like to welcome our new starters in other year groups and their families to our College.



Greetings from our Head Boy & Head Girl

Jorgia Pickett and Finn Hilsdon are the first Head Girl and Boy at Callington Community College, after a long and thorough process they have been selected by the students and College community.

I'm Jorgia Pickett Head Girl at Callington and I am very enthusiastic about this position. I have a bubbly personality and am supportive to others. I'm very interested in drama and cooking having been in College productions previously and winning Cornwall's Junior Chef earlier this year. I am excited about working with Finn and the rest of the Student Leadership team.

I'm Finn Hilsdon, Head Boy at Callington. I am interested in music, drama and rugby; I strongly believe that Callington can and will achieve a great deal this year, and with student voice being heard louder than ever, we can accomplish great things in both the College and also the local community.

As Head Boy and Head Girl we want to focus on bringing our school together. Your children will hopefully be seeing a significant increase in school activities and events throughout this upcoming academic year. We are hoping to challenge and involve students of all interests not forgetting teachers and in some cases parents too.

We are going to make Callington an enjoyable and exciting place for your child, we will be doing this whilst working alongside our Student Leadership Team. We are all going to work hard to make Callington safe and friendly for your children. **Jorgia and Finn**



Students of the Week

Josh W 7KLH

Always positive and has been spotted by several staff being helpful around the College, a great start!

Sam Fentiman-Pavey 8MB

An outstanding start to his Year 8 studies.

Dylan Pethick 9LH

Overcoming a massive barrier.

Raphi Hutt 10SO

A positive cheerful attitude and supporting Year 7 when they felt lost around College.

Jonny Barnes 11ED

An excellent start to the year.

"It is such a friendly environment and it has been an amazing experience. I have met so many new people and made so many new friends"

enthusiastic and somewhat anxious (at first!) students looking incredibly smart in their new uniform. I want to thank you all for your support so far, particularly in ensuring that all of our students were wearing the uniform with pride and have the correct equipment for the term ahead.

Our fantastic team of tutors have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary and this is only possible when we all work together, staff, students and parents/carers. I am really looking forward to seeing our students gain in confidence, develop as young people and move onto the next phase of a potential seven year journey at Callington.

Having spoken to many of you this week and through the feedback I've received from both colleagues and students it is clear that our Year 7 students have had a really positive and enjoyable first week at the College. I thought it only appropriate to allow the students themselves to summarise the week.

I too am really excited by the opportunities that we offer at the College and I can only encourage our students to get involved; whether that be via engaging in the range of lunch-time clubs, joining a sports team, participating in a dramatic play or musical performance or displaying their artwork. Alongside engagement one of the key factors in a attendance, after all, you have to be engaged to be involved. I look forward to seeing our students continue to thrive as happy, healthy young people who go on to achieve their full potential."

"I have never warmed up to a school this quickly, Callington is so cool. I love this place!"

"At first I was really scared, but I am very happy here because I've made new friends, everyone has fitted in really easily."

student's success is their "in it, to win it!". I know I will



Hello World!

My name is **Rob Taylor**, Head of Year 7 and Transition Lead. I am just beginning my 7th year at Callington Community College and what a fantastic start to the year it has been. It was an absolute privilege to welcome our Year 7 students to the College on Tuesday, with nearly 180 excited,

There's a new chair in town!

By Tom Godwin

Kate Milton, due to relocating for her job, took the decision at the end of the summer term to step down as Chair of Governors. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for the work she did on behalf of the College over the last 6 years. Having joined the Governing Board in March, I am delighted to have been elected to the role of Chair and I am pleased that Dr Jon Tilbury has been elected Vice Chair of Governors. Jon has a long association with the College and will continue to be our Safeguarding Lead Governor, for which he is highly experienced.

The other members of the Board are Mr Christiaan Stirling, Mr Charles Pitman, Mrs Avril Walker, Dr Stephen Squires and our Acting Principal, Mr Rob Diment. Our Clerk is Mrs Bernie Guthrie. Going forward there is a new resolve at board level. We want to mirror the excellent work and strides forward that are evident across the College by students and staff. We will be producing a poster to be displayed in the College showing who the Governing Board are, their specific areas of responsibilities and our contact details.

Over the summer a particular highlight for me, was attending both GCSE and A-Level results mornings and sharing in the joy of students and staff at the results achieved. I also attended Inset Day training earlier this week and formally introduced myself to returning and our new members of staff. I will be spending time attending various events throughout the school year and look forward to meeting many of you. All that remains is on behalf of the new Governing Board of Callington Community College, to wish the students, staff and parents/carers the very best for this year.

