

# The Callington Voice

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## The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page

Can you imagine how daunting and scary it must be to start secondary school not being able to read everything you're presented with in lessons? But just picture the impact it must make when a student progresses so quickly with the one to one support they need!

Catch Up® Literacy is a structured one-to-one intervention for learners who find reading a challenge. It enables struggling readers to achieve more than double the progress of typically developing readers. This intervention, which is run by English Department Teaching Assistants Miss Stanley and Mr Bennett is now entering its seventh year at Callington.

It is a common sight to see students "pop out for a read" and return to lessons a short time later. This time is entirely for them and the development of their reading in a quiet, nurturing environment. The simplicity and regularity of the scheme are, according to Miss Stanley and Mr Bennett, one of the key reasons that students are able to demonstrate such great progress.

These comments often come from students who previously did not enjoy reading. It is wonderful to see their confidence grow as they gain the skills of decoding, comprehension and inference which will serve them well throughout their lives.

This is the first book I have ever finished

I don't want to stop reading

I can't wait for the next chapter

Have you got any more books like this?

## The world is a stage!

A group of Year 10, 12 and 13 students visited The Minack Theatre on Wednesday night to watch local writer Simon Parker's powerful play about World War 1, "Third Light". The play tells the story of the village of Herodsfoot near Liskeard which is one of the 'fortunate villages', communities where every soldier who went to war returned alive, although not unscathed. The students had great seats and enjoyed the mixture of pure acting, physical theatre and dance. They also saw seals and, possibly, a basking shark! *Mr J Plunkett*



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## European Day of Languages 26 September

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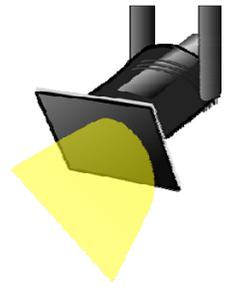
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# SPOTLIGHT ON...



## Sports Academies

We are delighted to announce that this year we are launching two new Sports Academies in order to focus on the development of two of our most popular sports here at Callington. Wednesday saw the first junior boys session of the newly formed Football Academy, run by Mr Piper and Mr Hazeldine. Over 30 students from Years 7 and 8 attended the session and were treated to ball work and possession play, followed by some competitive matches. The standard of football on show was very high and Mr Piper and Mr Hazeldine are looking forward to seeing the Academy grow throughout the year. All sessions take place on the 3G from 3pm - 4:15pm on a Wednesday.

The girls Football Academy sessions will take place on a Tuesday from 3pm - 4:15pm on the 3G, in order to cater for the popularity of this sport! This strand will be led by Miss Lee and Miss Mitchell for this term.

Next Thursday will see the launch of the Netball Academy - this will be open to Years 7 to 11 and will be led by Mrs Hastings and Miss Lindsell. We are very lucky to have a talented student senior team who will also be taking on some leadership and coaching to inspire the younger students. These sessions will be on a Thursday from 3pm - 4:15pm on the netball courts.

We will keep you updated on the progress of all of the teams throughout the season, and look forward to celebrating lots of sporting success!



For any students wishing to find out more information about the Academies or other extra-curricular opportunities, please come and speak to a member of the PE team.

## Sixth Form

### Students make a great start to their Sixth Form life

Year 12 and 13 students returned to College last week in positive mood to start or continue their studies at Level 3.

The Sixth Form, which achieved some outstanding results in the summer, welcomed the students back with all of them returning with lots of energy, enthusiasm and positivity.

During the first week of College, the students engaged in an effective study skills workshop, where all students had the opportunity to meet each other and explore different strategies and ideas on how to effectively study to succeed within their academic studies. All Sixth Form students were given a number of learning resources to help them develop their organisation and time management skills and the feedback from the students was excellent.



One Year 12 student commented ' It has been great returning to Sixth Form, the workshop today was really helpful as I got to meet the Year 13 students and they were really helpful in giving us tips on how to do well. The advice and some of the ideas that the teachers shared were really good and I like the fact that we have been given folders, pens, diary and other things to help us with our work'.

A big thank you to Sixth Form tutor Mrs Hurdwell, who helped deliver the workshop and Mrs Roberts, Sixth Form Administrator for putting the workshop together. There are plans for two more workshops throughout the year, along with many other opportunities to support the academic and personal development of the students.

## Theatre Trip

Year 10 and 11 Drama and Dance students had an emotional evening at the Theatre Royal Plymouth watching War Horse. The production was fantastic, with many of us shedding a tear! As always our students were impeccable and were a real credit to the school. *Ms A Wilson*

## C'est la vie!

"Apparently in France it is illegal to carry a snail on a train without its own ticket but you are allowed to marry a dead person!" These are just some of the more unexpected things that Year 7 have found out in French for their first homework tasks.

Students were set the task to find out facts about France and French culture as their first homework. The result was some fantastic work showing creativity, imagination and some great research skills. Students found information about French food, laws, places, history and many other interesting bits of information too.

Here are some examples of just a few of these amazing pieces of work. I am looking forward to all the great work to come in the future! Well done on a fantastic start Year 7! *Mr A Rushton*

