

# The Callington Voice

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## Making Generation R

Young people today increasingly struggle with feelings of anxiety, self-esteem and a lack of confidence. Students are faced with everything from exam anxiety, bullying, family problems to social media-driven insecurities about their abilities and appearance.

In this environment, learning to be resilient can make a big difference to young people's lives. Government research shows that resilience contributes to healthy behaviours, higher-qualifications and better mental wellbeing. On Tuesday this week we were lucky enough to welcome two guest speakers from Making Generation R and Blesma (The Limbless Veterans) - these two organisations think that one of the most effective ways to create resilience in young people is through inspiration from others who have overcome difficulties in their lives.



**Resilience is being able to carry on no matter what**

Stephan



The day commenced with an assembly led by Stephan who shared his experiences of losing both of his legs whilst serving in the British Army. Stephan and Ian then met with Year 12/13 and Year 9 pupils to carry out workshops on overcoming life changing events and how important resilience had proved to them. Year 9 were



fully engaged and enjoyed having the opportunity to ask unlimited questions. Stephan's prosthetic legs generated a lot of interest and just in case you were wondering... Yes you can decide how tall you want to be and what size feet you have. Feedback from students was extremely positive and Year 9 left their workshop feeling positive about the future and understanding that although sometimes we will encounter difficulties in our lives; what is important is how we choose to deal with those difficulties going forwards. **Mrs C Wilson**

# Dome sweet dome!



It's fair to say that the new Dome looks somewhat like a spaceship, and the opportunities that it is providing for sport at College are definitely out of this world.



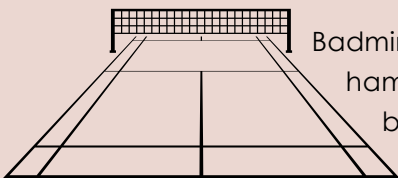
With the repair of the surface combined with the addition of many more lines, the Dome now provides us with the ability to offer a huge number of indoor activities, unrivalled in the local area.



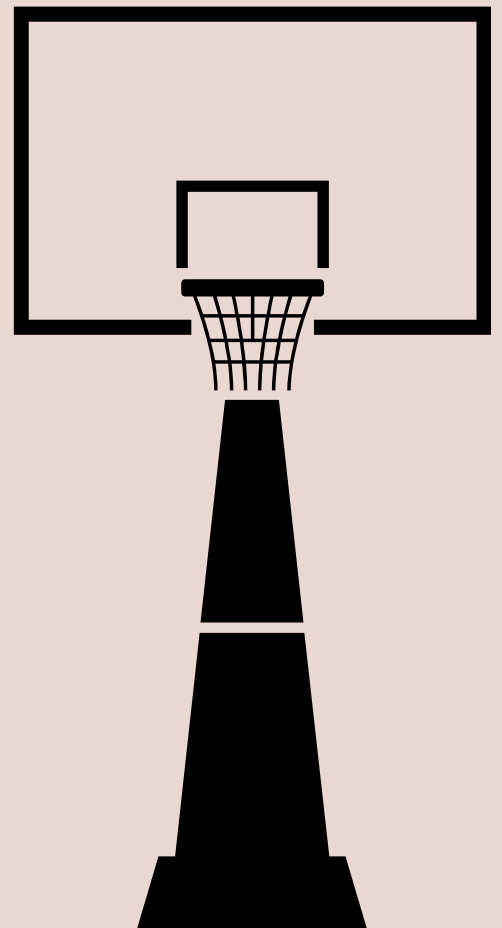
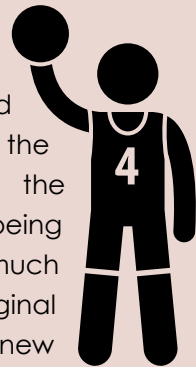
Two full size netball courts has increased our capacity to three which will allow us to host the East League next season and not be controlled by the weather. Two new full size basketball courts three and we are looking taking off with renewed energy



Two new full size basketball courts three and we are looking forward to basketball club next year.



Badminton has long been hampered by lights and beams in the sports hall but the height and design of the Dome allows sky-high overhead clears to soar without being impeded. Six courts means that badminton lessons are much more inclusive and active for all students. As the original Dome could accommodate two tennis courts, so the new Dome has retained its tennis roots and the familiar red of the tarmac dominates for those singles and doubles matches. In its short life the Dome has already played host to a crowd of local primary school children who enjoyed many stations of multi-skills fun during a student-led Festival. As time goes on the Dome will continue to welcome performers and participants for many different disciplines, broadening our curriculum offer and serving the wider community. **Miss C Mitchell**





**Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much**

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## KS2 Multi Skills Festival

On 2 May we welcomed our local primary schools to Callington Community College to take part in a KS2 Multi Skills Festival. Callington Primary School, St Dominic Primary School and Stoke Climsland all came along to take part.

Our Year 12 leaders planned the activities and managed our Year 7,8 and 9 leaders. They did a brilliant job and the primary school students really enjoyed their day. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 leaders were exemplary and an absolute credit to the College. I was extremely proud to watch them coach, encourage and support the primary school students.

Here are some photos of our leaders in action. A massive well done to all of them and a big thank you to the schools who took part.

Miss J Lee



# Meeting Jessica

On Friday 3 May Callington Community College students got the opportunity to meet Jessica Lynn. Jessica is a world-renowned transgender advocate, educator and activist. Her experiences as a transgender woman and parent led her to dedicate her life to spreading awareness and acceptance for gender non-conforming communities around the world. Over the last several years, Jessica has crisscrossed the globe sharing the story of her journey over 750 times in 25 different countries and is now internationally considered one of the foremost transgender speakers. We were lucky enough that she could squeeze a visit to us in before jetting off to give talks at universities in Turkey and Prague.

Over the course of the day Jessica spoke to the students about her life journey. She offered a perspective on a world that has shown how an individual can overcome adversities in their lives in an open and honest way. From losing loved ones to a court battle over her youngest son, she spoke honestly about how it shaped her transition and life experiences. I was drawn in by the talks as were the students. The questions that they asked were insightful and reflected the amazing students we have at

Callington (and the staff too, that asked questions!). Walking around at lunchtime was like walking with a celebrity with students wanting to say 'hi' and meet the person that had been speaking to them. Jessica was also in demand with staff wanting to chat with her and to speak about her honest approach. Speaking with Jessica at the end of the school, she said that she'd had an amazing day.

I could not have been more proud of the students that took part in this. **Mrs S McEwan**



**It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.**

E E Cummings





# My voice matters!

You may recall in Issue 15 it was reported that our very own Callum McGinley in Year 10 had written to various members of the Government requesting more Teaching Assistants for schools nationally.

South East Cornwall MP Sheryll Murray visited the College on Friday 3 May to face a number of questions posed to her by Callum. The future of politics locally looks bright with Callum in the driving seat.

## Bravery is to stand up for what you believe in!

We are so proud of Callum McGinley in Year 10 who recently wrote to various members of the Government requesting more Teaching Assistants for schools nationally.

My name is Callum McGinley and I am a student in Year 10 at Callington Community College. Unfortunately, due to problems when I was born, I was diagnosed with a form of cerebral palsy as well as being partially blind, partially deaf and with autism. As a result, I am on the blind register and as result of my disabilities I have a statement of special needs. To try and have a more normal childhood I am in a normal secondary school. However, I have difficulty when walking to my lessons due to the large number of pupils and my inability to see clearly. Like many schools in the UK, at present there appear to be a lack of Teaching Assistants.



There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen.

James Lovell  
(former NASA astronaut)

I am one pupil and I am sure there are many more that are in similar situations to myself. If there were more Teaching Assistants I would be able to move more confidently around the College and I feel that I would be able to learn more throughout my lessons with the support I require. I hope to go on to further education; but I need help and support to get me there I hope that this raises some awareness as to the importance of Teaching Assistants in schools.

Excellent work, great initiative Callum!



## Attendance Update 29.04.19

You've got to be in it, to win it!

Year 7

7IS

97%

Year 8

8MB

97.9%

Year 9

9HB

99%

Year 10

10AP

97%

Year 11

11ABW

97.2%

# All the world's a stage

In March this year, I was fortunate enough to audition for the National Youth Theatre. This involved spending a Saturday at Callington Community College, participating in group workshops throughout the day and performing a monologue in the afternoon. I got to work with a lovely group of people and really enjoyed the experience.

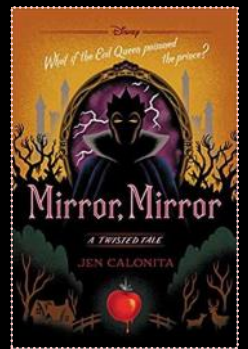
Last week I found out that I got in and have been invited to stay in London for 2 weeks during the summer to participate in workshops and perform! I am thrilled to have this opportunity and want to say a big thank you to Mrs Wilson for helping me choose my monologue and her support throughout the process.

Also a big thank you to Mr Plunkett for all his encouragement and advice, and giving me the opportunity to be a part of the Young and Unique Connections production and Starts YTC which gave me the confidence and experience to audition for the NYT. **Ellen Parsons Year 9**

## Mirror Mirror by Jen Calontia

I read the book 'Mirror Mirror' by Jen Calontia. This book was about Snow White and how she escaped from the Evil Queen (her stepmother). But then sometimes it would change to a story about Ingrid (the Evil Queen's actual name) and her childhood with her younger sister

Katherine, so each chapter would be titled 'Ingrid' or 'Snow White' changing back and forth from the present to the past.



Ingrid had to pretend that Ingrid had died from an illness but really she had paid someone to kill the previous queen (Katherine) and cover up his tracks. The Evil Queen also tried this on Snow White but the huntsman was too kind and felt sorry for Snow, so he let her run and told her to never come back. This is my favourite part because at the same time of telling her to leave he had also told her what really happened to the queen and that it was his father that had to kill her.

This story made me cry a little a few times so I would recommend it to someone that is mature and definitely someone in their early teens if that. There are about six or seven more of these books like 'Once Upon a Dream' or 'A Whole New World' and even more great stories that will take you on a magical journey if you're into this kind of stuff. **Mia Boxall Year 8**

Fairest  
of them  
all





## Get lost in a good book? Never again with a bookmark!

Bookmarks for DEAR time and beyond. A small group of kind-hearted Year 7 and 8 students recently put their artistic talents to the test creating some colourful bookmarks for the Library. They had great fun using paint, coloured pencils and plenty of glitter! A huge thank you to Mr Hortop for letting us use A2 and his resources.

**Mrs K Blackmore**

## Accelerated Reader Update

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
7	7SFV 9 points	7KLH 6 points	7RPR 6 points	7BWS 5 points	7LS 5 points	7IS 2 points	7ADR 1 point
8	8BW 15 points	8RM 9 points	8MHD 8 points	8GZ 8 points	8SC 5 points	8MB 4 points	-