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Spring has sprung! (nearly)



The weeks after the February half term always contrast markedly with those immediately before when we still seem to be in the depths of Winter. Now, the longer days are evident and although the weather remains variable, there are definite hints that Spring is on the way.

We are now half way through the academic year and for students in Year 11, 12 and 13, Spring, of course, means exams, stress and pressure, revision and last-minute cramming. Prior to the half term break Year 11 students experienced a workshop designed to support their learning potential during these last few months.

All students are being invited to join our 'Booster' sessions and I have been really impressed by how well students have engaged with the support they are being offered. We also know that it makes a difference. Equally the most important expectation is for our students to be in school everyday right up until their exams. Many of our teachers are trained examiners and they specifically teach the students how to answer exam questions.

We have the March mock examination period coming

up for Year 11 students and I am looking forward to seeing how well Year 11 do in particular as they close in on the real thing. Other year groups have been working hard in their subjects and we have been very impressed with our Year 7 and Year 8 students who have commenced the Accelerated Reading programme.

When you read through the newsletter I am sure you will be very proud of everything that our students are achieving. We are always delighted that our students get involved with activities beyond the classroom. This does enable them to be well-rounded young citizens. Since the launch of 'the Callington Voice' you will have seen that there have been excellent trips to universities as a taster for higher education. We have also welcomed visitors from universities and different careers who have inspired students about their future aspirations.

Students at the College are fortunate to have the opportunity of a variety of different

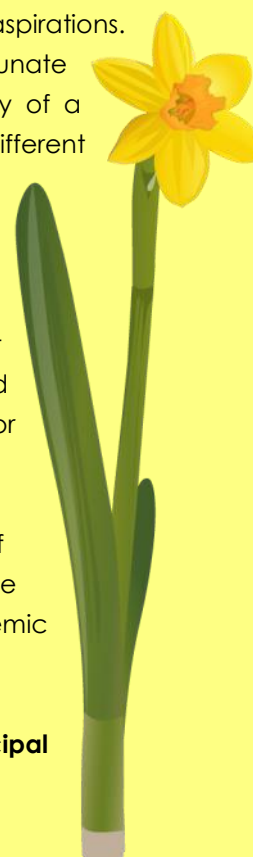
experiences.

These do take a lot of organisation and I am sure you would join with me in thanking colleagues for their hard work.

I am looking forward to the second half of the year and building on the successes of the academic year so far. Have a great weekend.

Mr K Dyke - Interim Principal

HELLO
March



Harry Potter and the order of the phoenix

A book review by Ellatheia (Year 7)

Harry Potter and the order of the phoenix is a splendid read. The storyline is built on intense drama and a hideous plot twist.

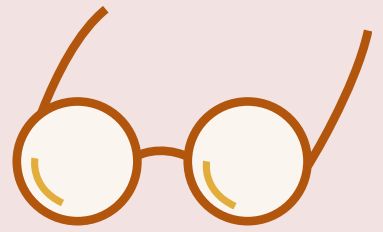
Harry is now sixteen, you'd think life for a sixteen year old boy would be normal wouldn't you? Well this boy is a wizard; a wizard in immense danger. Ever since Cedric Diggory was brutally murdered by Voldemort, Harry can't stop thinking about what will happen next. Voldemort now has only one thing in his way, Harry, but is he the only child Professor Trelawney was referring to in her prophecy? Or is there another who could have been in the same situation Harry is now? When it all comes down to the Department of Mysteries how will Harry hold on to what he really loves?

PLATFORM 9 $\frac{3}{4}$

J.K Rowling's Harry Potter series is one of my all-time favourites, I especially love her writing style and the way she makes you feel almost like you are a character in her story. I also love the way that once you start reading you can't put it down, I spent several

days glued to the book. She understands exactly how and when to portray emotion.

I would highly recommend this book and the others in the series to anyone who still believes that there is joy in reading books, and anyone who likes a bit of magical fiction.



Working hard is important but there is something that matters even more; believing in yourself.
Harry Potter

Some stories
-STAY WITH US- forever

Attendance Update 11.02.18

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

Year 7

7LS

98.8%

Year 8

8RM

96.2%

Year 9

9LH

96.9%

Year 10

10HP

96.8%

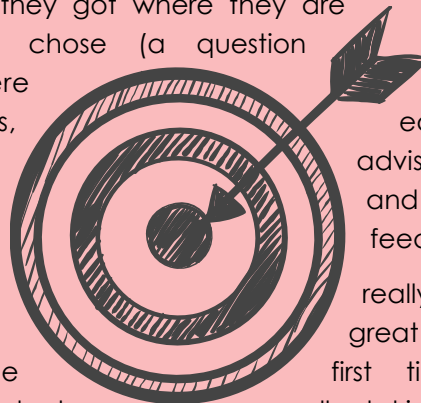
Year 11

11AL

97.9%



On Valentine's Day Mr Plunkett ran a Year 8 Careers Event entitled "I Love My Job". A number of different people from a wide range of careers came into the College and told the Year 8 students about how they got where they are today, what they do for a living and what options they chose (a question uppermost in the minds of Year 8 at present). We were joined by ex-professional cyclists, job centre employers, educationalists, IT specialists and our latest College enterprise advisor, Terry Dooley from The Cornwall Bakery. Two of our guests, Ryan Trout and Fiona Coates from Devonport Job Centre Plus provided some lovely feedback about the day:

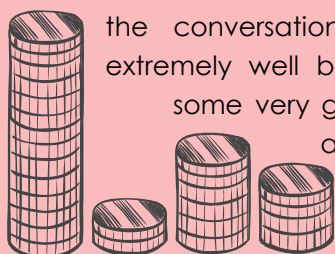


Ryan Trout "I felt the morning went fantastic students who asked some really certainly kept me on my toes!! It was the anything like this. It was good to see students about their questions and seem fairly interested in the answers I was giving. I thoroughly enjoyed it and would be happy to do this again."

really well and you have some great questions, some of them first time I had done really taking time to think



Fiona Coates from Job Centre Plus said: "I thought that the event on 14 February was great. Very well organised, clear instructions were given prior to the event and on the day. Visitors were treated with respect and gratefully fed and watered! The timetable was just right, and the fact that the students had some ideas of what to ask made the conversation flow. The students were all extremely well behaved and polite. There were some very good questions. I have spoken to all of the volunteers since the event, and they are all keen to be involved in future activities."



Throughout February, myself, along with fellow Year 13 student Josh Clark and Mrs A Wilson, have been on the Lessons from Auschwitz trip run by the Holocaust Education trust. The trip is run annually and allows for two students from each Sixth Form nationwide the opportunity to travel to Auschwitz with the purpose to educate about the events which took place at Auschwitz One & Auschwitz Birkenau and the testimonies of survivors of the Nazi persecution which took place. We had an introduction seminar in Exeter at which we met our group we would be visiting the camps with and our educators for the trip. At the seminar we heard the testimony of survivor Hannah Lewis MBE. Hannah was born in 1937 in Włodawa, Poland. Hannah and her family were taken to Adampol labour camp in 1943. Her account of her experience in the camp was heart-breaking and a testimony that will stay with me forever.

On Wednesday 13 February we went on the trip to Poland to visit Oswiecim, Auschwitz One and Auschwitz Birkenau. We were first taken to the town of Oswiecim which was renamed "Auschwitz" when the Nazis occupied Poland. The town had the great synagogue and the Jewish community in the town in the 1920s made up 40% of the population. We then visited Auschwitz One, and had a guided tour around many of the blocks and exhibits within them. Walking around I personally experienced some emotions which I have never felt before and will never forget the feeling of. We were then taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The main thing that stuck with me was the vastness of the camp. Auschwitz-Birkenau was the main camp the Jews were sent to as part of the holocaust. We learnt about the conditions they were kept in and how dehumanising they were. The trip was accompanied by a Rabbi who gave a testimony of Elie Wiesel, and a service at the end of the day to remember those who suffered. We

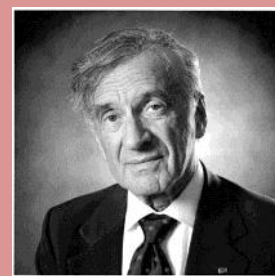
heard poetry written by some of those who experienced the Nazi persecution and were encouraged to remember what had taken place and to stop messages of hate and prejudice which still continue these days within society.

We are now working on our next steps project which will take place within the school in the coming months. Everyone who went on the trip is encouraged to do this to continue to educate on the sights we saw and the event which took place; which we must never forget happened.

Visiting these sites will be an experience that will be with me forever, although the trip is a very sensitive matter it's something that I personally am honoured to have been a part of. After having been I would say words cannot fully describe what I saw or what I felt and that I would encourage everyone who has the possibility of going to go! **Ella Nicolle (Year 13)**

Elie Wiesel was born in Sighet, Romania. He was deported to Auschwitz, where his mother and sister were murdered. Testimony of Elie Wiesel

Never shall I forget those flames which consumed my faith forever. Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live. Never shall I forget those moments which murdered my God and soul and turned my dreams to dust. Never shall I forget those things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God himself. Never.





Bon appétit!

If you wish to pre-order food for 1st break please:

1. Order before tutor time in the main canteen.
2. All food must be paid for when ordering.
3. Collection will be from the van under the canopy.

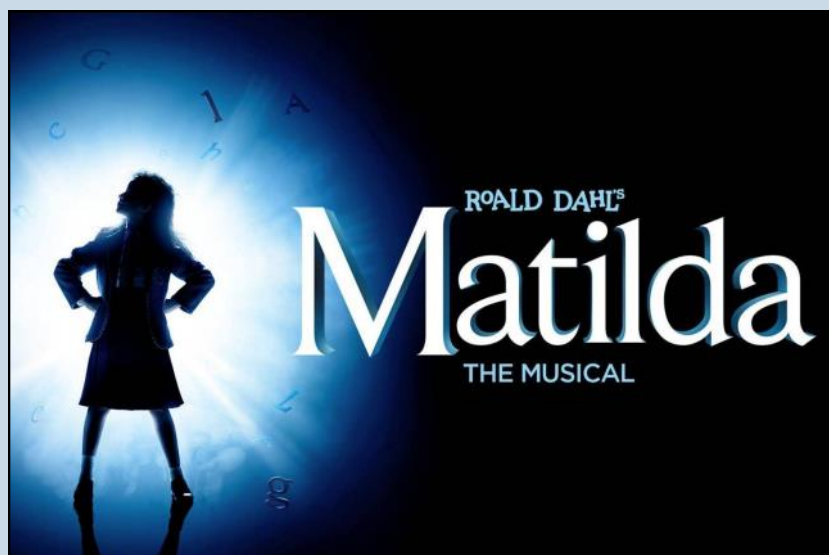
Parents' Survey

Many thanks to those parents who completed the survey in respect of Parents' Evening - it is really appreciated.

We hope you will see some of the changes/improvements that have been suggested the next time you come to the College to meet with your child's teachers.

PARENTS

Year 7 & 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7 March
4pm - 7pm



Theatre Trip!

On Thursday 7th February 38 excited drama students from Year 9,10 & 11 had the pleasure of seeing Matilda at the Theatre Royal Plymouth. The performance was sensational. The sets were creative; from the library to the school room and especially the swings! The costumes were vibrant and the singing and acting were mesmerising. All that is left now is for the Year 11 students to analyse and evaluate the performance in preparation for their written Drama exam in June.

Mrs A Wilson

THE BIG GIG

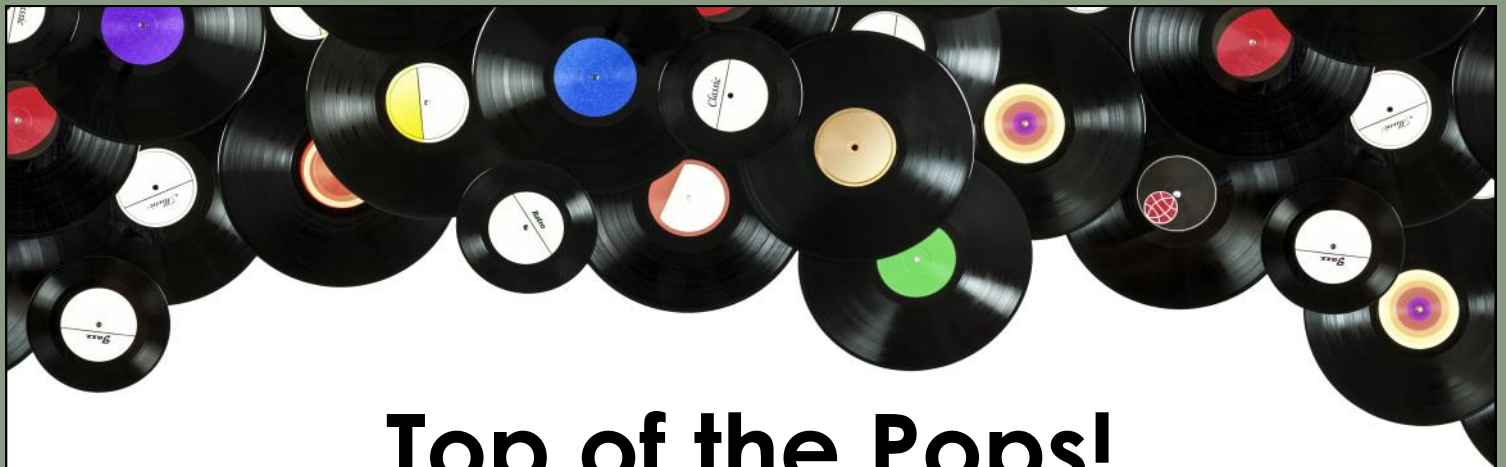
THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

SIXTH FORM CENTRE

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

TICKETS
£3.50 THROUGH REPROGRAPHICS
£4.50 ON THE DOOR



Top of the Pops!

James Jack in Year 13 is in a band called Echo Chamber, the Callington Voice is delighted to report that Echo Chamber is releasing their latest single, called 'Bump' **today**. The song is available on Spotify and Apple Music, as well as on YouTube. If you search Echo Chamber Bump you will be able to find it.

Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share?

Contact us via e-mail

thevoice@callingtoncc.net



Boxing clever!

Year 8 were recently involved in a boxing tasting session hosted by Tavistock boxing gym. Coach Tony, lead an assembly on the benefits of boxing and then held an hour long session for 24 students who wanted to partake in the event.

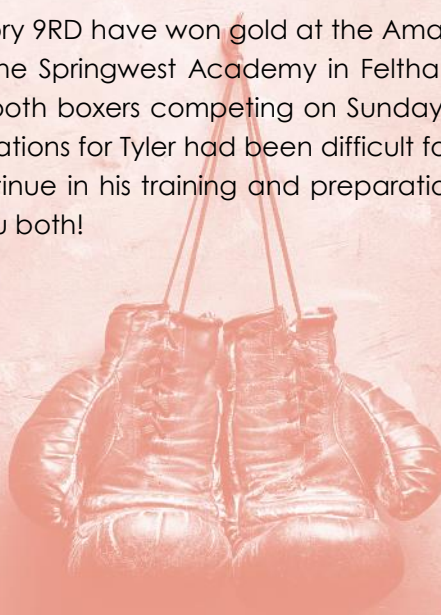
Credit to Freddy Owen (Year 8), Leah Howe (Year 8) and Olive Trice (Year 11) for outstanding leadership within the session as experienced boxing coaches.

Mr R Hammond



Find the fighter in you!

Launceston Amateur Boxing Club's Billy Jago 7SFV and Tyler Gregory 9RD have won gold at the Amateur Boxing Alliance's National Minors and Schools Championships Finals at the Springwest Academy in Feltham, London. The competition saw 40 contests staged over the two days with both boxers competing on Sunday. Both boys were strong and determined and have both won their title. Preparations for Tyler had been difficult following the passing of his grandmother. However, Tyler bravely chose to continue in his training and preparation for these finals and dedicate his performance to her. We are so proud of you both!





Many of you will be aware that on Friday 15 February, at various places around the country, a series of events took place nationally organised by young people to raise awareness on the issue of climate change. The College feels that tackling climate change is very important and an issue that affects every single one of us now, as well as in future generations. As a College, we have done much to reduce our carbon footprint, such as accommodating a large number of solar panels, installation of energy efficient boilers, large amounts of recycling and preservation of most of the College's 'green areas'.

However, there is still much more to do, not only to reduce our carbon footprint, but also to highlight awareness of climate change. The Geography Department and Sixth form invited interested parties, to come along to the Sixth Form Centre and help plan what we can do going forward. Items discussed were:

- An overview of climate change and why we need to further raise awareness.
- Discussion/sharing of ideas of what we can do as a College to further reduce our carbon footprint.
- Discussion on what we as a College can do to highlight our concerns about climate change to politicians (including whether we invite in local MPs for a climate change debate).

No challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change.

Barack Obama

U14 girls cruise to the County Cup third round



The U14 girls football team recently secured an emphatic victory over Brannel School in the second round of the County Cup. They came away with a 13-1 win after a commanding display that saw all players contribute to a well polished Callington performance. The girls showed great passing and moving through the centre of the pitch and worked the ball effortlessly around the Brannel defence. Shots from Erin O, Mille H, Angharad B and CH rained down on the helpless keeper who spent most of the game picking the ball out of the back of the net. Mia W showed composure and dominance in the Callington back line with Anya L making saves when the opposition occasionally broke through. We are now looking forward to meeting our next opposition in the third round - well done girls!

Miss C Mitchell



In November, Edie Olsson 10MP was accepted onto the Amnesty International Youth Advisory Group. Since then, she has made two journeys up to London to work with 19 other young people aged 14 to 18. "Although this is a great opportunity, I was pretty terrified about going up to London by myself. It turned out ok though – we were met at the station and the whole group went out for a meal and got to know each other."

Amnesty, through this group, seeks to gain a better understanding of how to appeal to and involve younger activists. On the second meeting, for example, the group met with Lisa Majumdar, the lead campaigner for Brave, an AI initiative which is calling for the increased recognition and protection of Human Rights Defenders. This is following a continued increase of attacks, intimidation and killings of those on the frontline defending Human Rights. "She wanted us to help her plan a training scheme for young people which would then enable them to run effective campaigns. We had to consider what might be fun and engaging and the sorts of things people would want to campaign about."

Both experiences have been really valuable and Edie is looking forward to the rest of her visits. In the meantime, the CCC Amnesty group continue to defend human rights and raise awareness. "We have just written a letter to Jeremy Hunt, asking for him to take more steps to ensure the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe. We're also working on some pages for the school's Ideas to Live and Learn By, focusing on the issues which matter to us. We're always keen for new members to join us so if you are interested in human rights do come along to our Wednesday meetings." Congratulations Edie, Keep up the fantastic work.

**FREEDOM OF
EXPRESSION
IS A
HUMAN RIGHT**

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**



WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience forms an increasingly important part of the educational process for students at the College. These opportunities provide invaluable insights into the world of work and help students to develop the skills and qualities they will need for future employment. The College has arranged for all Year 8 students to participate in work experience for one day. They will be employed as an 'Office Monitor' and will be based in the Main Reception.

The students will be paired with another student for the day and will be informed of their allocated day prior to their work experience. As with any job there may be periods when the office is quiet. We would like students to bring in a reading book and/or homework that may be done at this time. They are to wear full school uniform whilst at work particularly as they will be meeting parents and visitors to the school. Emerson and Mia were selected from Mr Watts' Tutor Group to be our first Office Monitors earlier this week.

Mia said 'I have learnt that it can be quite hard working in Main Reception because all the phones go off at once!'.



Experience is the teacher of all things!

Tea and Talk Tuesdays

Last week staff at Callington held a Time to Talk event in the staff room where we had an open discussion about mental health and what support is available. Time to Talk is an initiative run by the mental health charity Mind, which encourages people to start a conversation about challenging mental health stigma.

Following on from the success of last week we will be having a regular 'Tea and Talk' event in the staff room every Tuesday at lunchtime.

This is a great opportunity for staff to check in with colleagues from across the school that they don't often stop and chat to and also discuss how to promote good mental health.

Each week we will focus on a different topic such as understanding and supporting depression, self-care and many other mental health topics, which will be relevant to supporting our students and our colleagues.

Mrs K Cook



We rise by lifting others

Callington Community College Sixth Form students are being praised as 'heroes' after helping out another student in the College who was involved in a road traffic accident earlier this week. We are so proud of the efforts of Year 13 students William Tucker and Georgia Walters who leapt into action to support a fellow student. We wish a speedy recovery to all involved.



Breakfast Club

On the last day of last half term, our Year 8 morning reading group had a special breakfast treat. The Year 8 students have worked really hard to improve their reading skills. Over the last term, these students have been reading three mornings a week one to one with a member the College support staff team. The

students have made lots of progress with their reading to improve their reading ages. A great big thank you and huge well done to everyone involved.

Miss L Pollard



Class of 2022!

What a truly wonderful event the Choices Evening turned out to be. The subject displays made by teaching staff were lovely. They showed off the wonderful range of curriculum that we are able to offer at Callington Community College. The presentation, given by Mrs Patton was informative yet

motivating and the atmosphere created by the students and their families was electric.

A great turnout from the students ensured the night was a real success. A huge thanks has to go to the Year 9 and 10 Leaders, who gave up their time to come back to school and support this important event. A great experience all round. **Mr R Hammond**





Key Stage 4 Curriculum Choices

Deadline Friday 8 March



**Year 9
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