

Royal Marines Band Workshop comes to Callington!

On Tuesday 5 February, 37 music students at the College were lucky enough to be joined by 36 Royal Marines Band members from HMS Raleigh. Accompanied by their 40-ton lorry full of equipment, the Royal Marines transformed the College hall into a concert and workshop space in a record time of twenty minutes. From the jungle of flight cases, they supplied all the equipment students would need for the day, from microphones to music, to practice snare drums.

The day started with the band showing off their versatility through a rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody, performed by different ensembles. Throughout the song, they demonstrated their string quartet, brass ensemble, Corps of Drums, and of course, their use of the full band. They followed Bohemian Rhapsody with The Avengers Theme (Marvel) and Shrewsbury Fair, a military march, before letting their function band take over. The function band demonstrated their entertainment skills with a couple of pop hits, George





Ezra's Shotgun and Jess Glynn's Hold My Hand. And then it was time for the students and staff to join in!

The drummers went away with the Corps of Drums to learn their drum patterns and rehearse for the concert. Meanwhile, the concert band students took to the stage with the Marines to learn a Pirates the Caribbean of medley, The Avengers Theme, and the popular The Greatest Showman medlev. This workshop offered something for every type of musician. The Greatest Showman was sung by Maya Cotton and Ruby Roberts. Maya has only recently performed this medley with the Marines Band before they came

to the College, and so it was fantastic that she was willing to partake in it again and, alongside Ruby, give the College musicians the opportunity to accompany some excellent vocalists. Directed by Captain Darryl Powell, Director of Music for the Plymouth Band, each section of the band got a chance to work through the most difficult parts of their pieces supported by these highly trained musicians. Along with the singers and the woodwind and brass musicians, a couple of our drumming students stayed to learn percussion and kit, and our strings and piano players also got a chance to rehearse with the whole ensemble.



After a successful Concert Band workshop, it was time to exchange the flutes and clarinets for Bass Guitars Saxophones with the Function Band and workshop. More vocalists joined Maya and Ruby at the front, and our eight guitarists and one bassist formed the back line and had the Marines scrambling to find channels to plug them all in. Complete with a full horn section of various saxophones, trumpets and trombones, the Marines Function Band was ready to teach us their two songs, Shotgun and Hold My Hand. With some difficult rhythms, the students and staff managed to learn these songs to a high standard in the short time we had.

Just before taking a lunch break, the students were given a presentation, complete with videos, about life in the Royal Marines Band Service and the benefits of signing up. The videos showed them the lives of the musicians both in training and as full Royal Marines



Musicians. There was also the opportunity to ask questions, such as "What sort of roles are carried out by Band Members during active duty?". The presentation really encouraged students to think about what a life and career as a musician in the Royal Marines Band Service could offer each of them, and with the service now employing guitarists, bassists and vocalists as a persons' main instrument in order to expand the bands versatility, the careers presentation was relevant to every musician there.

The day ended with a concert to Year 8, and it was a resounding success. The function band, joined by the College students, opened the show with the sing-along hits, before letting the Marines introduce themselves to the year group with Bohemian Rhapsody.

At the end of the day, the Marines Band managed to pack down as quickly as they set up, even putting our chairs back, and loading their lorry up. The day was an amazing experience and opportunity for our students. For some, it confirmed that they wanted to be performers, even if not with the Royal Marines Band. For others, it further hardened their desire to join, and for the rest, it has hopefully given them something to aspire to.

A huge thank you to the Royal Marines Band Plymouth, who came and did these workshops and concerts for free! It really was a spectacular day! **Mr T Crago**



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On Thursday 14 February there will be a careers event for all Year 8 students, "I Love My Job". We have a number of guest employers attending the College on that day to talk about their work and their career pathways. The students will be working with the guests to find out as much information as they can.

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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated books this week. We have been positively overwhelmed by your generosity. Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have thoroughly enjoyed selecting new books to read during **Drop Everything and Read** time. If you still wish to donate, it's not too late!





Just before Christmas, a group of lovely, caring students got together to decorate some tasty cookies with the idea of spreading some Christmas cheer. The cookies were then shared with everyone who was involved in the Year 7 Christmas Service. We all had a lovely time while decorating the cookies and they all displayed some real talent and pride in their designs. A HUGE thank you to all of them (they know who they are) and we hope to get together to share some more loveliness. **Mrs K Blackmore**

PARENTS' Evening 1

Tuesday 12 February 4pm - 7pm Year 11, 12 & 13 Parents' Evening 2 Thursday 28 February 4pm - 7pm

Safer Internet Day



Emojis are fun, aren't they? Those cute little animals, facial expressions, and mermaids add flavour to your text conversations

and can help you indicate that something is lighthearted if there's a chance of it being misconstrued.

Teenagers like them, too, but sometimes those seemingly innocent little pictures take on a life and language of their own.

Mrs Mathieson sent a link home to parents/carers this week to help provide information about the hidden meanings of Emojis.





Love Quid

Ever wondered who you ultimate friend might be?

Find a new friend on Valentine's Day

For £1 you can take the quiz and the truth will be revealed!

Find us in the Canteen every lunch from the 4th - 12th February

Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them but you know they are there

brought to you by the Student Leadership Team

If you only read the books that everyone else is **reading**, you can only think what everyone else is **thinking**.



Attendance Update 28.01.18

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

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
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