

# The Callington Voice



## Message from the Principal

Happy New Year to all of our students, staff, families and friends. We hope that everyone had a restful break. We are delighted to welcome back Miss Kellett (Head of Finance and Business) from maternity leave this week and would also like to introduce some new members of staff who have just joined us: Mrs B McEwan has joined Callington Community College in the Maths department and Miss Vanessa McDonald in the role of Exams Officer.

Returning to work in January always seems difficult but it has been great welcoming back students and staff this week and I have been impressed to see all return with purpose and by the positive start to a new year - students have started the new term well. In my assemblies this week I have been discussing with students the focus on learning.

The coming term is short but very busy. I'd like to thank all families in will give as we work together to ensure every Callington Community potential. We are looking forward to a very successful Spring term.

Whether students set new year's resolutions or not, January provides us all with an opportunity to refocus on our goals and ambitions. I encourage all students to make themselves proud in 2019 and to identify and address their own "gaps" in knowledge, understanding, attendance, behaviour and progress.

I propose that we all adopt the College mantra to "work hard, be nice." I can't think of better advice for us all.

**Mr K Dyke (Interim Principal)**

**Some people  
dream of success,  
while others wake  
up and work  
hard at it.**

*Make  
yourself  
proud*

advance for the support I know they  
College student achieves their



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

Here at Callington Community College we are very focused on ensuring our attendance figures are as good as possible. Our overall school attendance target is 97%. Every single student contributes towards this and lots of little absences can have a very big effect. Every school day counts. For example, did you know:

Evidence shows that missing only 17 days of school can lead to a drop of ONE WHOLE GCSE GRADE in EVERY SUBJECT.

This also has an effect on how much money you earn as an adult. For example, leaving school with...

- Leaving with no qualifications will earn you approx. £7.44 per hour.
- Good GCSE qualifications will earn you approx. £9.02 per hour.
- Getting A-Level qualifications could earn you approx. £10.25 per hour.
- Achieving a University Degree could earn you approx. £15.01 per hour.

Many people think 90% attendance is good, but this means that...

- over just one school year it means you have missed HALF A DAY EVERY WEEK;
- over five years of secondary school it means HALF A YEAR has been missed.

Would an employer be happy if you were off work this much?

You will recall that a December Attendance competition was launched for 100% for the 14 days of December. In December 2017 418 students were recorded as 100% for the month of December - this year it is 528! Next week, Mrs P Mathieson will randomly select 2 students from Years 7 - 11 to receive a £15 Amazon voucher during assemblies.



In addition, 167 students have been awarded with a bronze award for 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. Students have received a lapel pin badge as well as a

certificate which were presented this week during assemblies.



The Callington Voice will communicate weekly the College attendance figures starting next week. Remember, **you've got to be in it, to win it!**





# Are you ready for exams?

Tuesday 15 January  
6pm - Main Hall



## Year 11 Parent Information Evening



### Football Fans

**Proud to be Cornish and supporting the community!**

This week, Mike Smith, Marketing Director, of Ginsters, invited Miss Mitchell to the site on Tavistock Road to discuss how the College and Ginsters can work together in respect of developing community links. Businesses and schools working in partnership produce substantial benefits for everybody involved: most importantly, young people's awareness and experience of the workplace. Ginsters are keen fans of football and have managed to source a match ball as well as a number of additional balls for use by our students during important fixtures here at the College. **Thank you Ginsters!**



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# 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.



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!

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 A Lovell  
(former NASA astronaut)

**national  
youth  
theatre**

**Audition**

for  
National Youth Theatre

**Saturday 2nd February 2019**

Callington Community College

# Take Centre Stage!

We are delighted to announce that Callington will be hosting National Youth Theatre auditions. If you are aged between 14-25, attending a WeST School and interested in joining a prestigious company of young artists, technicians and performers then come along; no previous experience is required. The day will start at 10am with a 3 hour workshop, following by an individual audition for the National Youth Theatre. The day will end mid-afternoon but more information will be available nearer the time.

The cost for the day is £39, which is payable in advance. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.

If you are interested please contact Ms Wilson or Mr Plunkett at Callington Community College 01579 383292 or [abw@callingtoncc.net](mailto:abw@callingtoncc.net) for an application form.

# Media Studies Sixth Form Trip to Falmouth University

On Tuesday 8 January, 13 Sixth Form students, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Yendell set off to Falmouth University for an open day and photography workshop presented by Andrew Wallis, Head of School and College Partnerships, Gretchen Viehmann, Head of Press and Editorial Photography and Christopher Morris, Director of The School of Film and Television and BAFTA winning documentary filmmaker.



went off for lunch.

A brief introduction of the School of Film and Television was then given to us by Christopher Morris, before we were shown the exceptional facilities available to the cohort at the university. With green screen rooms, editing hardware and software and sound rooms to rival anything in

the industry, the students were speechless.



The trip started with a tour of the photography facilities at the university and the students, and teachers, were blown away. The equipment they had

was outstanding, although when our students were offered the chance of holding a £7,000 camera lens, things were a little bit tense!

The students were then tasked with going out onto the university campus and taking a photo of anything that they liked that would tell a story. Some interesting shots were taken and these were reviewed by Gretchen Viehmann and discussed by the students, before we

Overall, the trip was a huge success and the students were buzzing about the opportunities available to them that are so close at hand. Further workshops here at the College are pencilled in for the future, as our students continue to go from strength to strength in discovering the world of media and film. A massive well done to all of our students for their excellent attitude on the day. **Mrs K Kirby**



the day. **Mrs K Kirby**



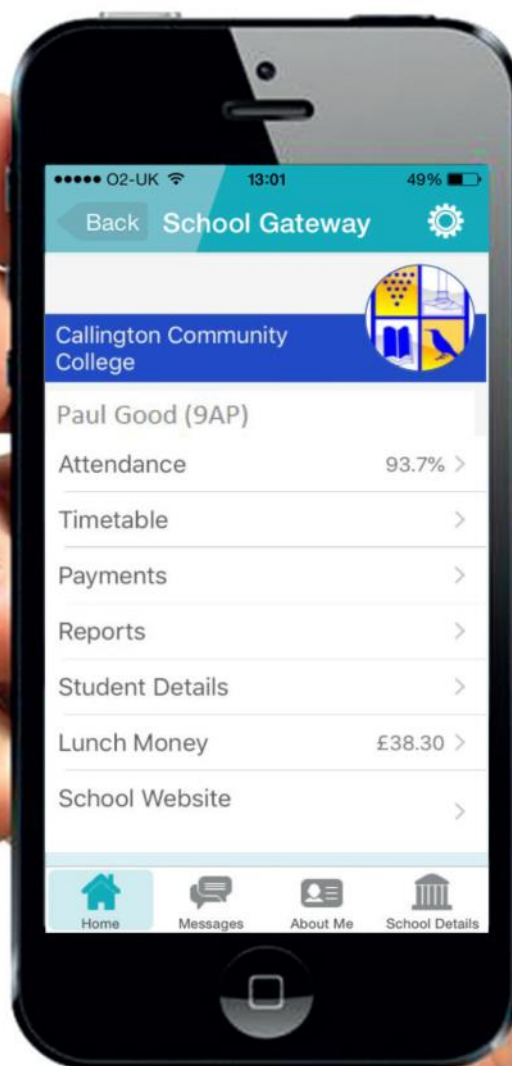
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Get Creative in 2019!  
Adventures in Handbuilding  
Ceramics Evening Classes for Adults



Evening Classes at  
Callington Community College

Discover the amazingly diverse possibilities of hand-built ceramics in a fun, structured class that will develop your technical skill and creative confidence.

Suitable for enthusiastic novices, and those with some previous experience. Classes will take place in A1 in the Art block on Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm. Introductory course of 5 weeks beginning Wednesday 16th January cost £50. Please contact Felicity Creber by email- [felicitycreber43@gmail.com](mailto:felicitycreber43@gmail.com) if interested.