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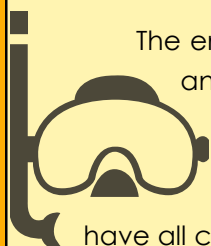


One sunny day we will meet again!



There is but a few days to go to the holidays, and the summer weather has been with us for most of this very busy but exciting term. Enrichment week has provided students with a wide range of activities – the feedback from students and staff has been very positive – this type of programme enables all to experience and learn something new that they enjoy away from the constraints of the curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues who have supported these events. I am extremely proud of the Year 10 students who have had a very successful week's work experience – this is an incredibly valuable week for students to learn more about their own abilities.

Hello Summer



The end of term is always a transition time and along with saying goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students we are also saying goodbye to a number of staff. Like any school, at this time of year we have a number of staff leaving us. It is a sign of a successful school that staff gain the experience and skills while they are here, which will mean that they can secure promotion/positions in other schools. They have all contributed fantastically to the College in different ways, for which we are very grateful, and we wish them all the best at their new schools.



My time at Callington Community College is also drawing to a close and it has been my great honour to serve as Interim Principal and I leave with so many incredibly fond memories of my time here. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to lead the College through its development journey. With the support of our committed staff, my time here has been exciting and rewarding and I have the greatest confidence that the team supported by new Principal, Mrs Wendy Ainsworth, will continue to build on the success and achievement we have all reached together.

I would like to wish you all a happy and restful summer break. Students finish at 12:10 on Friday 19 July.

Have a great break.

Mr K Dyke



Message from Mrs Wendy Ainsworth

I am delighted to be joining you in September as the new Principal of this wonderful school. I was there for a brief visit a few weeks ago to meet the new Year 7 students and had a wonderful time meeting the staff, students and fabulous new Student Leadership Team. The College has a significant talent pool of students. I had already borne witness to this via the College's tweets, where it proudly announces students' sporting, artistic and academic achievements. I saw more of this whilst I was in the school; the Year 7 students playing the drums, the fantastic art work that has been produced in this year's examinations and students working both collaboratively and diligently in classrooms. I returned to my existing school full of joy and pride that I now get to be part of Callington Community College's journey.

In my messages to the new Year 7. I informed them about a young man called Austin, who produced a wonderful picture of a butterfly for his teacher. What is remarkable about Austin is that he is just 6 years old and he is most definitely not an art prodigy. He is a normal boy who has a teacher with expectations of excellence supported by peer feedback and collaborative relationships in the classroom. This notion of children being able to achieve amazing things through the receipt of teacher's belief, carefully constructed lesson planning and an ethos of mutual appreciation is a core belief of mine. I want all children who come to Callington Community College to have the opportunity to achieve 'craftmanship'. To be afforded resources which enable all of our children to reach their fullest potential. In the words of Martin Luther King "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

greatness. We have an excellent staff body, a fabulous supportive community in which we occupy a glorious position and an outwards facing trust in WeST, who will support us wholly in our journey to becoming an outstanding school. I look forward to meeting our community over the Summer and in the new school year. See you then!

Mrs W Ainsworth

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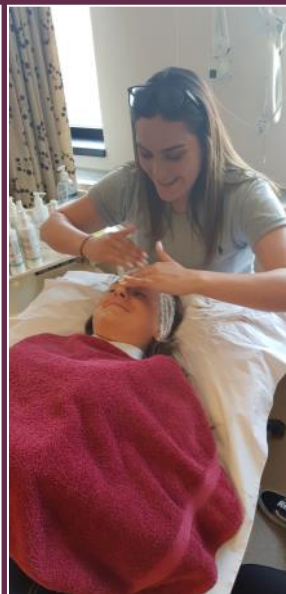
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Year 10 Cornwall College Taster Day

As part of our CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) provision Year 10 students have been working closely with PHSE and their Tutors to begin to plan for their future pathways.

As part of this work 81 students from Year 10 spent some time recently at Cornwall College's Stoke Climsland and Saltash campuses.

Check out these fantastic pictures from their visit!



And the music sounds better with you!

Einaudi, Bruno Mars, Queen, Japanese Taiko Drumming and Disney. What do they all have in common? They were a resounding success in the 2019 Summer Concert! On Thursday 4 July, an audience filled into the sweltering Main Hall to experience a huge amount of Musical Talent. And what an extraordinary concert it was! From solo acts to a huge variety of ensemble acts, the showcase was well received by the audience.

Among the many acts, the Friday Band delivered some well-known songs. For the first time in a long while, they were also accompanied by a singer, as Daisy Mays (Year 11) put down the flute and picked up the microphone to sing Cry Me A River (Buble).

Back on the stage for the first time in six years, led by Mr Procter, the Japanese Taiko Drumming Ensemble made their debut, with some very energetic performances, and some very loud shouting. The Soul Band closed the night in spectacular fashion, with a couple of lively songs. Among the many solo acts of the evening, we had our final student performances from our Year 13 leavers, Harvey James, who once again astounded us all with his guitar skill, and Luke Bunkum, who as always was a huge favourite with the audience!

As tradition dictates, the Interim Principal, Mr K Dyke, and Head of Music, Mr A Lane, presented this year's Music Awards to those students we feel deserve public recognition for their work in the Music Department.

Overall, the money raised from the refreshments and

ticket sales totalled around £600, which will go towards buying more equipment and instruments for the students to use to put on an even bigger performance next year! It was lovely to see so many families,

friends and members of the public in attendance, and we, the students and the staff, would like to thank you all for your support. Events like this would not be possible if not for the parents, families, friends and public support!

It would not be right if we did not mention the incredible hard-work of the Music Ambassadors for this concert. From organising the music to building the stage to taking charge and acting as backstage crew, these events just could not happen without the incredibly talented Music Ambassadors, and we are very proud of all of them! There were some sad moments in all the joy of the evening. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to many of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students as they move on to other things, but there is a younger generation of talent stepping up to take their place. The next academic year holds the promise of a lot more performances. We look forward to seeing you there!

Photos from the evening were taken by Year 12 Photography student Adam Gimblett.



Enrichment and Experience Week 2019

Wow, what a week! Students across the College enjoyed a fabulous week. Year 10 and 12 students spent the week out of College engaging in a work placement that gave them real life experiences of being in the work place. Many students managed to secure placements that directly linked to their personal and career aspirations.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students spent the week at College engaging and enjoying a wide range of activities. At the start of the week, the students took part in a 'love of learning' day, which saw them learn their subjects in a variety of ways. This included outdoor learning, field trips, treasure hunt, practical experiments, fun challenges and even a tasting session in a Spanish lesson. The following day saw the brilliant Festival of Sport take place. All the student's actively participated in a wide range of sports and physical activities, ranging from hockey, rugby, trampolining, volleyball, basketball, fitness, tennis, athletics, rounders, cricket and handball. The day closed with the traditional relay races and the large crowd was treated to some very competitive and close races.

The next two days saw Year 8 and 9 students take part in different activities, which were all linked to specific subject areas that are studied within the College curriculum. This included multi sports, MasterChef challenge,

art and photography, Plymouth Argyle soccer school, outdoor adventure, making music, dance, design and technology, game design and film making. There was also a large group of students that took part in the Duke of Edinburgh experience, which included camping overnight near the Rame peninsula.

Year 7 students took part in a couple of day trips, which included visiting Looe and Mount Edgcumbe Country Park. The Looe Town activity was led by the Geography and Physical Education department, and completed three different activities; coastal walk, beach games and town visit. The Mount Edgcumbe activity was led by the Science department and again included three different activities; bushcraft, orienteering and nature walk.

The final day of the week saw the students in each year group attend a celebration assembly, where their talents, achievements and successes were recognised and celebrated.

A big thank you to all the students and staff for making the week such a success. The students applied themselves superbly and took advantage of the opportunity to enrich themselves and gain new experiences.

Mr A Yendell





Live for moments you can't put into words!

Year 13 Leavers Celebrations

On Friday 28 June the Year 13 students said their final goodbye to the College. After a tremendous amount of work the students put into their exams, they finally celebrated coming to the end of their school life. Students spent the afternoon in the Sixth Form centre for one final assembly celebrating their work over the past two years. Head of the Sixth Form student union, Thomas Chauhan started proceedings with an emotional and brilliant speech, which acknowledged the hard work, commitment and dedication of students and staff during the past two years and recognised how hard Level 3 qualifications have been but this has been made slightly easier by the support and care given by Tutors and teachers.

The Year 13 Tutors then gave a small speech about their groups of students, who they have supported during their time in Sixth Form and this was followed by one final round of the Sixth Form quiz. It was fitting that the tutor group that had spent the entire academic year finishing last, would finally secure a win! Congratulations to Mr Hutchins and his tutor group.

Thomas Chauhan and Ella Nicolle then presented students with a number of subject awards before Mr Yendell highlighted some of the students amazing achievements and presented the annual awards to the following students:

Student of the Year: Georgia Walters

Inspirational Student of the Year: Harvey James

Contribution: Harry Tredinnick & Thomas Chauhan

Dedication: William Tucker & Luke Sambells

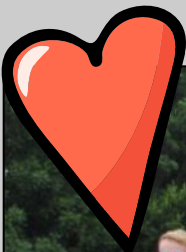
In the evening, China Fleet County Club in Saltash was once again the venue for the Year 13

Leavers' Dinner. Students and teachers enjoyed a 3-course meal, disco and one final speech by Mr Yendell, where he challenged the students to use their talents to go and make a difference the in the World. The evening also included a surprise visit from a former England, Liverpool and Tottenham footballer, now turned celebrity. Neil 'Razor' Ruddock, was at the venue for an event but took the time to talk to the students and staff and posed for photographs. Many students headed off into Plymouth to continue the celebrations through the night.

The College would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their commitment, dedication and hard work during their time at Callington Community College Sixth Form. Individually and collectively they have been a credit to themselves, the College, the community and their parents and carers. It has been an honour and privilege to have led a very talented group of young people who have embraced the ethos, culture and accessed the opportunities within the Sixth Form.

As one chapter closes, another exciting one opens which will see many of our students attend higher education at some of the best institutes within the UK, other starting employment and apprenticeships some taking the opportunity to travel the world to enrich themselves and experience different cultures.

Mr A Yendell



Sixth Form Induction



The Sixth Form welcomed the new intake of students for a two day induction to help them make the transition into Post-16 life.

Over 65 students attended, with a number of external students who have made the decision to continue their education by studying Level 3 qualifications.

The first day included a number of different workshops, delivered by experienced staff

and supported by Year 12 Sixth Form ambassadors. The workshops included Post-16 study skills, Post-16 Aspirations, Post-16 life and Post-16 mindset. The students experienced different activities that will hopefully allow them to make the transition to Level 3 study a bit smoother. The day also included a lunch with Year 12 students and staff, and it was great to see both year groups and staff interacting with each other and building a real positive and happy environment.

The second day saw the students attend subject lessons that they have chosen to study as part of their programme of study. The lessons provided the students with an introduction to the course, how the course is assessed and engaged in a teaching and learning episode. Finally, the students were issued with the Bridging the Gap project, which is a piece of work the

students complete over the summer period to help them develop the skills, knowledge and understanding to succeed within their subject.

The students finished the two day induction in the Sixth Form centre, where they received information about the opportunities that are provided to them to enrich themselves through a number of additional qualifications and non-qualifications such as volunteering, student union, subject ambassadors, reading mentors, work placements, work experience and lunch time supervisors.

One student commented 'I have decided to join Callington Community College Sixth Form from another school, I have been made to feel so welcome by everyone, I really like the atmosphere and how friendly and helpful everyone has been. I am really looking forward to starting in September as I feel I will get all the support I need to do really well here'.

The two days were a real success with lots of students leaving very happy and positive, and everyone is really looking forward to welcoming all of them back in September to continue to support and help them achieve their personal and career aspirations.



Time to say goodbye

Alison Wilson who leaves us for a new Head of Drama role on the island of Guernsey next week has been at the college since September 2003. It is a little remembered fact however that this is actually her second stint at the College; she originally joined in February 1997 when, as a newly qualified teacher and going under the name of Miss Birkett, she joined Mr Plunkett in the drama department to cover a maternity leave. She was thrown straight into the deep end with a teaching load and performing as a ghostly Aboriginal Australian in a Sixth Form production of 'Our Countries Good'. She then took up a teaching post on Guernsey's sister island, Jersey.

She re-joined the College as Head of Dance and Drama reflecting her background in Dance. Over the years she helped build both departments, working at all times with patience, humour and creativity, and helping to make the department strong and successful. Hugely popular with everyone that she teaches, Alison has also been a superb Tutor over the years, mostly in the Sixth Form but recently as a Year 11 Tutor. She works brilliantly on a personal level with students and has been a great listening ear over the years for a number of students. Alison has taken on stage management of the College productions over recent years, her set changes as a grumpy site manager in School of Rock developed over the four nights and proved a hugely popular aspect of the production. She will be hugely missed by everyone at the College; a more dedicated, professional and popular teacher would be hard to find.



Celebrate good times!

Let's Celebrate!

On Friday 12 July, Year 7, 8 and 9 students were recognised for all their successes, achievements and talents throughout the academic year.

The Head of Year started proceedings with a speech about the year which was then followed by a brilliant music and dance performance. The music and dance students had produced the performances as part of their enrichment and experience activity during the previous two days, which made the performances even more impressive.

A large number of students then received awards and recognition for sporting, reading, Science, and Duke of Edinburgh achievements, before the Head of Year and Tutors awarded their Student of the Year awards. These awards were presented to the students that have shown real commitment, dedication and work ethic in all aspects of College life.

Year 9: Matt Bushell-Crane 9BR & Tegen Young 9YP

Year 8: Romy Richardson 8GZ & Joe Stirling 8GZ

Year 7: Brandon Reeves 7RPR & Hattie Pollard 7IS

At the end of the Year 7 celebration assembly, a presentation was made to the brilliant Mrs Blackmore, who is retiring from the College at the end of the academic year. Mrs Blackmore has been integral member of the pastoral teams over a number of years and the support, guidance and care she has provided students, colleagues and families has certainly changed lives. We wish Mrs Blackmore the very best in her retirement, she will be missed by many.

Festival of Sport

When we started thinking about Sports Day for this year we decided that the main aim was simply to engage and enthuse ALL students, and so the Festival of Sport was born. The day consisted of seventeen different activities (the students chose which three they took part in), designed to provide enjoyment for everyone and bring the whole College community together to celebrate being active. We used the five Ways to Wellbeing as a framework, which is endorsed by the NHS. In order to offer such a diverse programme, we had to draft in teachers from across the College to lead and support the sessions. It's not easy to suddenly become a PE teacher for a day but the staff were amazing, showing energy and enthusiasm in spades! In return, the students responded with fantastic behaviour, high levels of participation and excellent effort.

Some of the highlights of the day included closely contested tutor competitions in netball and rounders,



fun with giant volleyballs, the Walking Bus and creative dance routines. There was a nod to Wimbledon with the popular tennis sessions, football was well attended by the girls, taking inspiration from the Lionesses, and there was some hard-hitting softball action. The



athletics session showcased individual talent, while teamwork was on show in the tag rugby session (led by Plymouth Albion). The Dome played host to some high-flying badminton whilst the sports hall saw lay-ups and crossovers in some hot and sweaty basketball games. The skipping ropes were swishing as the jumpers tried to duck underneath, and the MUGA saw some hockey action which is a first for a number of years.

The Main Hall usually plays host to assemblies, but for the Festival it became a uni-hoc pitch! Finally there were some rowing and fitness challenges accompanying learning about muscles and training zones.

DJ Hammond turned the field into a dance floor during lunch time and a huge crowd of students were joined by Miss Campbell and Mrs Underwood for YMCA and the Macarena, among others! The final part of the day was the traditional tutor group relays, where the whole College comes together on the field to cheer each other on. All of the runners were fantastic, considering they had just completed over three hours of sports and activities. Unfortunately the four staff teams were not strong enough to beat the triumphant Sixth Form team, and they even got beaten into third and below by the Year 9 boys! The closing message was about the five hundred plus people that had come together to enjoy a day of sports and activities, and how being active, looking after our physical and mental health, truly is something that we can ALL engage in and enjoy. Thank you so much to the fantastic staff team who led sessions or supported; to the grounds men; to the canteen staff; and to the students for their amazing efforts and enthusiasm.

Miss C Mitchell



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