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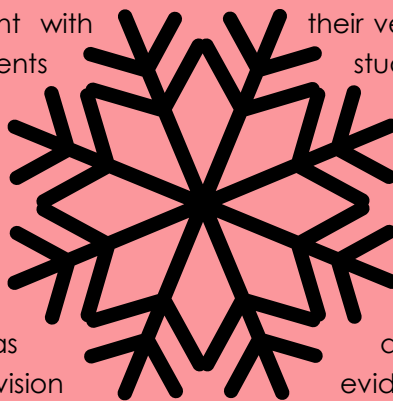


OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Merry Christmas Callington!

Our last week of term is resplendent with Christmas festivities and whilst our students are still working hard in their lessons, in between there are festive socks, Christmas jumpers, carollers, Christmas dinners and band music. Our Year 11 students have greatly impressed me this term. Their attitude towards their mock examinations was outstanding, with clear evidence of revision and commitment to doing well. The Year 11 mock result interviews revealed our students' mature approach and their consideration of their next steps, informed from their experience of their Post 16 taster lessons. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers of our Year 11 students at our most recent Parents' Evening and students did a great job of filling in their booklets with the specific improvement guidance offered by staff.



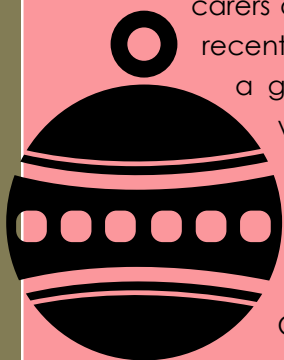
their very kind donation of stocking fillers for our students, ensuring that each of them received a festive treat in our special Christmas celebration assemblies.

I am always inspired by our wonderful student body, their musical and artistic talent has been evident throughout and this term, we have seen some wonderful sporting successes too. A very well done to all students who have secured victory this term, demonstrating resilience, team spirit and endeavour.

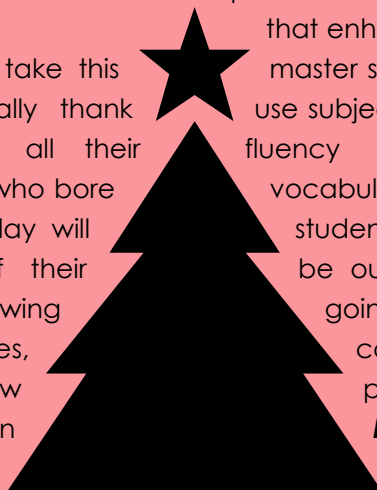


There is lots to look forward to in the New Year; our new and enhanced challenge and enrichment week, our charity event, an Easter gift appeal and the ski trip! Our staff are working hard on planning lessons that enhance metacognition, helping students to master skills and knowledge and we continue to use subject specific reading to enhance students' fluency with reading and broaden their vocabulary. Our commitment to ensuring students reach their full potential continues to be our key driver and we look forwards to going from strength to strength with your continued support. Wishing you all a peaceful and contented Christmas.

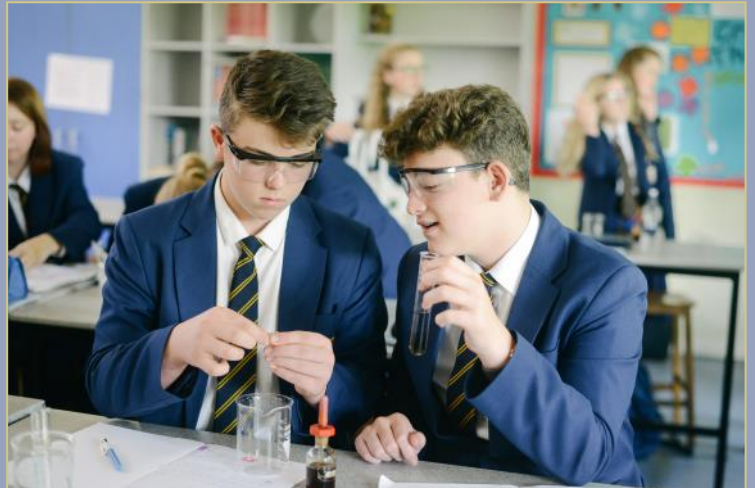
Mrs W Ainsworth



I would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank Callington Tesco for all their support this term. Anyone who bore witness to the truly splendid Elmer display will understand the impact the loan of their elephant made, and not just to us. Following our Elmer project with our local primaries, Elmer went on to reside at Harrowbarrow and Stoke Climsland primary schools. In addition, I would like to thank them for



Uniform: A commitment to excellence



I have always felt that the uniform of a school is a demonstration of its commitment to excellence. Students who take pride in their appearance are a justification of high standards and a school's expectations of them.

Our College has a pride worthy uniform which, when worn correctly, is demonstrative of our ethos and culture for restless excellence. Of late, some of our students have somewhat 'adapted' their College uniform and if not addressed, will result in the further slippage of standards. Therefore, on our return in

January, our expectations of uniform will be enforced by each member of staff and infringement will be punished. Please can all parents/carers reinforce this message. Skirts must be worn to the knee and the waistband should not be rolled up.

Shirts should be tucked in securely and no additional clothing, such as hoodies should be worn. We are proud of our College and our uniform. Our expectations are unapologetically high as they ensure our young people have the highest regard and respect in their community. **Mrs W Ainsworth**

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The Great Callington Cake Sale



The Year 9 Vocational Skills groups raised £24 in a Coffee and Cake event in October, and shared the money between Battersea Dogs Home and Cancer Research. They really enjoyed the experience and each student achieved 2 credits for their Bronze course. The Year 10 Vocational Skills class expressed an interest to also complete a fundraising cake sale morning which took place on Friday 6 December. The money raised will fund cookery sessions and other opportunities that will support the course and life skills. **Mrs E Lawrence**



Attendance Update Autumn Term

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

Year 7

7CJH

95.3%

Year 8

8IS

94.5%

Year 9

9BW

96.3%

Year 10

10LH

96.4%

Year 11

11LSF

95.4%

Into the trenches



Year 7 and 8 students have been busy researching and making this term for their History studies. Year 7 have been researching how castles designs have changed over time and for their homework they were either asked to carry out some research about local castles or to produce their own model of a trench. The History Department have been really impressed with the standard of work and creativity of the students and there are definitely some budding architects out there! Well done Year 7! Year 8 students have been looking at the fighting on the Western Front during the First World War and we linked

this is with the College commemorations on the 11 November. Students were given the option of creating a fact file about the trenches using their own research to help them develop the work we have studied in class. Students were also given the opportunity to design their own model trenches and once again the department were really impressed with the creativity and ingenuity of our students in their creations. Once again a huge well done to our Year 7 and 8 students and also a big thank you to all parents, carers and everyone else at home who helped create these fantastic displays. **Mr I Smith**

A week in pictures at Callington



Media Studies Sixth Form Trip to Marjon University



On Thursday 5 December, ten Year 12 students and Mrs Kirby set off to Marjon University for a Journalism Taster Day presented by Mike Baker, Senior Lecturer for Media at Marjon and one of our school governors here at Callington.

The students were again excellent ambassadors for our College, consistently working hard throughout the day on the journalism task set for them.

During the day, the students were taken to the new Media centre, known as the Workshop, which is based at the BBC Studios in Plymouth. There they were given the opportunity to observe a student radio show being presented, a chance to create their own news bulletin using the radio software and to practise using a teleprompter and sound recorder.

When they returned to the Marjon campus, the

students were given a task to "create news" from a story idea that they came up with. In pairs, they interviewed each other and staff at the university, recording audio bites and uploading it into the software used by the university to create pre-recorded news stories.

The students came through brilliantly, and were able to complete the task, learning how to edit out



unwanted sound bites and edit in different effects and wild track as necessary.

Overall, the trip was a huge success and we were able to follow up on the trip with our lessons when we returned to the college. As a result of the workshop, some students are now considering journalism as a career in the future. A massive well done to all of our students. **Mrs K Kirby**



Christmas Tunes



On Saturday 30 November our Friday Band (College Wind Band) went into the town to provide entertainment at St Mary's Church Christmas Fete, and were a huge success!

Playing from 9.30am until 12.00pm, there was plenty of festive music for the entire time. Playing a wide variety of music, from a selection of carols to festive favourites such as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and mainstream Christmas hits such as (So Here It Is) Merry Christmas Everyone! The band were well received by the public. The feedback from the public since the event has been phenomenal! Later on in the day, the students got a chance to meet Father Christmas and get a free advent calendar; and, of course, no Christmas performance would be complete without some Christmas Cakes.

Chart Topper!

Our Darcey Jones in Year 13 has written, produced and released a new song. It's called 'If Only' and is available on all major streaming and download music platforms.

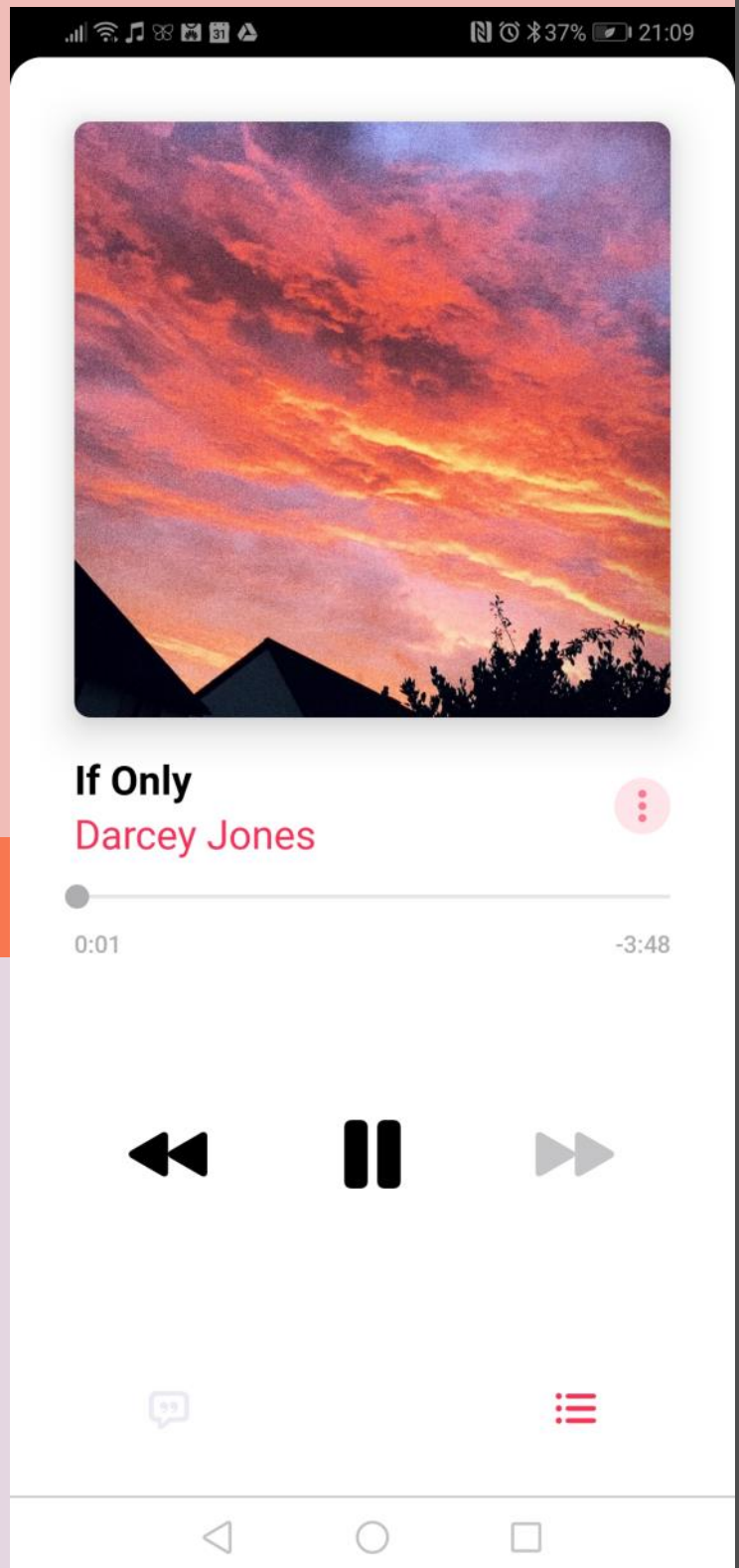
Darcey finds writing and composing music extremely relieving and relaxing.

The Music Department is always open to those who would like to learn, listen to or create music! Darcey would be willing to teach any students how to use recording equipment or help them with creating material - it's her passion and it's what she loves to do.



The behaviour and professionalism of the Friday Band Students were of the highest standard, and as always we are very proud of the students that partook in the day's festivities, and we thank them for giving up their Saturday morning to come and play

Our Friday Band and our other ensembles performed also at the Community Carol Service, at St Mary's Church earlier this week. **Mr T Crago**





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Year 13 Drama

In amongst the festive preparations exam work continues in the Drama department and last week saw the culmination of many months' work when the Year 13 A Level students presented "In the Mind of A Psychopath", a self devised piece based on Bryony Lavery's stage adaptation of Alice Seebold's "The Lovely Bones".

The piece which focussed on the story of a kidnap victim who escapes and turns to kidnap (and worse) herself. The four students created a complex piece

that embraced the performance styles of Frantic Assembly and that ranged from dark comedy to intense physicality and choral work. Mr Plunkett and Mr Procter oversaw the performance which was actually started at the end of last year by Mr Plunkett and Ms Wilson.

While Mr Plunkett focussed on performance skills, Mr Procter transformed the Drama Studio with a fantastic technical rig that included lights, smoke, TVs and music.



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