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There are some things we only learn in a storm!

There have been real storms and media storms over the last few weeks. Thankfully the College buildings have remained unaffected by the likes of 'Dennis, Ciara and now Jorge' and we have all managed to remain warm and dry. The Coronavirus has also caused some conversation around the College (and not just in DEAR time in Science!) and we have been mindful to maintain a calm and measured approach to this. We have followed all the necessary guidance and as stated in my letter to you all, good hygiene remains the best prevention and in addition, we have purchased hand sanitisers and boxes of tissues that will be distributed to teachers, who will deploy them as necessary for coughs and sneezes. Should you have any concerns at all, the best approach is to contact NHS 111 who will provide up to the minute guidance and reassurance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents in Year 7 who completed the home learning survey for us. Your feedback is really useful in helping us to refine and improve our systems. 57.6% of respondents were happy with the amount of work being set with 54.6% thinking the amount set should stay the same or increase and 57.6% believed that home learning was being completed in a reasonable amount of time. We are going to refine our mechanisms so that only one subject can set per evening (excluding Saturdays and Sundays), that a reasonable time frame is considered – 45 minutes being the most likely and that students are rewarded more often for their efforts and receive useful

feedback. We will also, for future years, ensure a transition period occurs in their first few weeks with us, permitting only maths and English to set work initially.

Finally, I would like to alert you to an event we are planning for the last day of this term, Friday 27 March. You will be aware from my previous messages, that I believe that reading widely is transformative and a greater vocabulary has startling effects on outcomes. I would, as ever, encourage you to read with your family and engage them in reading as many texts as possible. To this end, we are hosting on Friday 27 March, a 24-hour sponsored readathon! We are seeking the involvement of students in joining us until Saturday morning at 8.30am in our library where we will engage in the pleasure of reading, with a mixture of quiet reading, listening to stories and reading and watching old favourites like Jackanory. Drinks and snacks will be provided throughout the event and all students need is a good book, a sleeping bag and a pillow and a keenness to raise as much sponsorship as possible. We will use the proceeds raised to buy more books and seating for our library. Further details and sponsorship forms will be sent out in the next few weeks and the event will be limited to a maximum number of 30 students. In the meantime, if you have any reading books of good quality that may have found their way otherwise into a local charity shop, particularly non-fiction texts, please drop them off to our reception and we will add them gratefully to our collection. Many thanks as ever for your continued support. **Mrs W Ainsworth**

A Series of Public Apologies...

27 and 28 February sees our school take part in the National Theatre's Connections project; I have just got in from our first performance and I am buzzing! The entire cast did well; working together to create flow from one scene to the next as well as supporting each other to convey different messages to the audience. Although at first nervous, over the entire performance the cast did well to relax into the performance and I think that this enhanced the entire show.

For a first night it was pretty smooth: we will rehearse again tomorrow evening to get ourselves back in the mood. Everybody involved also got to speak to a National Theatre representative, Tom Mansfield, who travelled down from London and who spoke to the cast about his opinions on the production and about the potential it had to be developed in the upcoming performances at school and in Plymouth. Dani

Hamblin from the Theatre Royal Plymouth came to also give her opinions which will be used to improve the play.

During this rehearsal period (of only about four weeks) the cast and directors had fun adding ideas to the production to eventually make it what it is now and what we will carry on working on to improve it more.

Please come along to the Drama Studio on Friday 28 February to support us; tickets on the door are £5 for full price and £2 for concessions (students and OAPs).

Gemma Potts (Year 10)

National
Theatre
**Connections
2020**

A Series of public apologies (in response to an unfortunate incident in the school lavatories)

- John Donnelly



*Young and
Unique @CCC*

27th and 28th February 2020

19:00 Callington CC Drama
Studio

£2 & £5 Admissions: 14 and
over only

Tickets on the Door



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Young and Unique @ CCC

"Someone has misbehaved in the school's lavatories. Big time.

Of course, it could be some kind of a protest...

Mr Lawrence, the school site manager is having to clear it up. The school's senior leadership team and governing body would like to apologise.

Please come along to the school's main hall at 19.00 where a public apology will be announced. The local press are invited."

This is the premise behind the latest Performing Arts department production, the comedy (with a serious message) 'A Series of Public Apologies (in response to an unfortunate incident in the school lavatories)' written by the BAFTA nominated playwright John Donnelly and being performed on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 February in The Drama Studio.



plays for young people to perform, bringing together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre makers of tomorrow. 300 youth theatre companies and over 6000 young people from every corner of the UK are producing a Connections play this year. Ten companies from across the country will go to the National Theatre with their productions. Following our production here at the College, we will then perform the show at The Theatre Royal in Plymouth.

The young cast (mainly Year 10) work under the College's performance group name Young and Unique @ CCC. They have collaborated in an extraordinarily short space of time under the brilliant technical guidance and directing of Music and Drama teacher Mr Procter ably assisted by Mr Plunkett, Nyah Mansfield and Jorgia Pickett. On Thursday evening a director from The National Theatre, Tom Mansfield and Dani Hamlin from Theatre Royal Plymouth attended the production as part of the whole process. **Mr J Plunkett**

Each year the National Theatre commissions ten new



Friday Lectures

The College is excited to introduce a new initiative aimed in particular (but not exclusively) at our high achieving students, Friday Lectures. These will be monthly events held initially during the student's second break. The first of our lectures will be held on Friday 13 March and will be presented by our Chair of Governors, Tom Godwin. Tom will talk about his life and career in the media and music industries with the lecture being held in The Drama Studio.

This will be an all ticketed event limited to an audience of forty. We would like to extend an invitation to you, the members of our wider college and town community, to come and present a future Friday Lecture to our students and perhaps the

community. The lecture could be an area of interest, a career related, political, sporting, autobiographical, whatever. We only ask that the lectures take about 25 minutes, that you would be willing to be interviewed afterwards by some of our student journalists for the following week's Voice and that the lectures are challenging and interesting for our students. We want them to feel like they are learning and that they are learning new things.

If you are interested in being part of this or even would like to join us for a Friday Twilight Lecture (perhaps from 16.00-17.00) then please let Mr Plunkett know via the college phone number or via email jplunkett@callingtoncc.net.



HELLO FRIDAY!

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

Contact us via e-mail

thevoice@callingtoncc.net



University of Plymouth Medical School

In Science we are dreaming big. Callington Community College Science Department has been selected, as only one of three in the South West, to become part of the Biochemical Society Teacher Placement Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to increase students' aspirations and support the transition into STEM subjects at University and beyond by introducing links between schools and Universities.

Recently we have had the pleasure of a visit from the University of Plymouth Medical School staff and students. Some of our prospective medics from Year 11 and 12 had the amazing opportunity to discuss the pathways into medicine and talk to some of the

current medical students about what to expect.

Other Callington students discussed how to apply to university, student finances and talk to students who had successfully been through GCSE and A-level exams. Callington students now have access to personal tuition support throughout the University application process, links with academics and a much greater insight into the Science opportunities available to them.

We are really excited about our partnership with Plymouth University and the Biochemical society, lookout for future news and opportunities. **Dr J Turner**



Table Tennis News

Regarding the few words for the voice : Angharad and Ptolemy recently attended the Cornwall schools individual table tennis championships in Penryn college. Both played in the under 16 category and played really well beating some good competition. Angharad finished 1st and Ptolemy 2nd overall. Both will attend the Nationals in Wolverhampton next term.



A Youth Programme Like No Other

All Year 11 students at Callington Community College have been invited to join a life changing programme called the National Citizen Service. The NCS experience will give you a clearer idea of what you want from your future.

We'll help you realise that big, exciting things can come from feeling a little bit overwhelmed....No, seriously, it's all good. Remember, No. We. Can. Show yourself exactly

What
are you
up to this

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On NCS, you'll mix with a new crowd, and take on fresh challenges together. Before you know it, you'll be rooting for each other, as you all tackle your own little hurdles. Along the way, you'll also get a taste for independence and pick up skills that'll help you smash your future goals.

And if that's not enough for you, you'll also be given a platform to have your voice heard and pursue a passion project.

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Attendance Update w/c 10.02.20

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

7CJH

98.1%

8BWS

100%

9KSY

97.9%

10CEM

95.1%

11MP

97.4%

Primary Netball

On Tuesday 11 February we welcomed players and parents from this year's primary netball league to the College for a presentation evening and celebration of all of the great netball that has taken place. We were delighted that so many of the children could attend, to give us an opportunity to praise the teams, and also the individual highlights that we have witnessed. Our awards included Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player, and Best Sportsmanship, along with acknowledgement for those who had been nominated most frequently as Player of the Match. Every player received a participation certificate for their part in the competition as a whole, and we finished with the announcement of runner-up and

winner of the league. Congratulations to Calstock who finished a very close second behind this year's Champions, Stoke Climsland!

I would like to extend a special thanks and well done to the team of Year 10 umpires, who gave up their time after College to officiate every week. They umpired with confidence and authority and were amazing examples of highly talented Sports Leaders - Tegen, Millie, Lizzie and Rosie.

We look forward to welcoming all the teams back next year, and wish Stoke Climsland success in the next round. **Miss C Mitchell**



Football Firsts!

Recently the Year 7 girls football team had their first match since joining us! We had drawn local rivals Liskeard in the first round of the County Cup on what was a windy and chilly, but sunny afternoon. Four of the team have already played as part of the successful Year 8 squad, but for most of them this was their first taste of competitive secondary football. The girls started brightly and within eight minutes were 2 goals up through Alex and Scarlett. We headed in to half time with the game looking comfortable and the girls playing with confidence. Macy, Beth, Kate and Maddie were making endless tackles in defence, with

Summer and Lillie creating space on the wings. After the break Liskeard found their feet a little and managed to squeeze 2 goals past the brilliant Robyn. Suddenly things got tense, and we looked like we were heading to extra time and possibly penalties! With less than three minutes to go Olivia got the ball within range and fired home to put us 3-2 up! Just to make sure of the victory, Scarlett added a fourth goal seconds ahead of the final whistle with a super strike into the top corner. A well deserved victory and another Callington football team starting with a win on their Cup journey. **Miss C Mitchell**

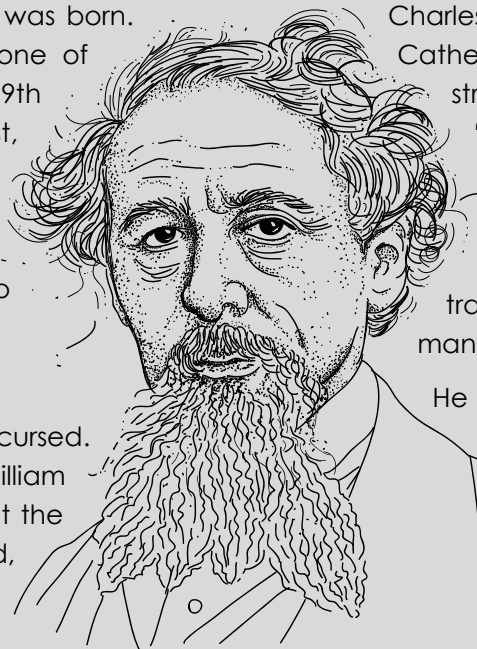
Charles Dickens' Birthday!



CHARLES DICKENS

On 7 February 1812, Charles Dickens was born. Charles Dickens is remembered as one of the most influential writers of the 19th century. He was a novelist, journalist, editor, illustrator and social commentator and is most known for his classic novels, *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol* and *The Tale of Two Cities*.

The name 'Dickens' was apparently cursed. In *The Merry Wives of Windsor* by William Shakespeare, instead of saying, 'What the devil?' as a profanity, people said, 'What the dickens?'.



Charles Dickens had 10 children with Catherine Hogarth and gave them all strange nicknames, such as 'Skittles', 'Lucifer Box' and 'Chickenstalker'.

In 1865, he was involved in a rail crash. Being in the only first class carriage which didn't run off the tracks, Charles Dickens went to help many other wounded passengers.

He was very interested in paranormal activity and was a member of The Ghost Club. Charles Dickens has appeared on the British £10 note.

Curling at Callington Community College



On Thursday 13 February, as the students prepared to leave for the half term break, some of the College teachers ventured to the Main Hall for this year's Curling Championships.

Last years winners have both since departed, so it left the crowns ready for two new Kings/Queens. Mr Procter came into the competition confidently after his

individual award for excellence in the Giant Volleyball, with Mr Taylor hopeful of a victory as they partnered up. Mr Piper is the current staff table tennis

champion and decided that Mr Watts would be a good choice as partner to try and claim this title too. Mrs Piper and Mr Williams lined up against them all as Team Geography, looking good in the warm-up.

The Cloud 9 team of Matthew and William ran proceedings with enthusiasm and authority, directing play and announcing scores for the watching crowd.

After several close rounds it came down to Mr Piper and Mr Watts battling it out against Mr Taylor and Mr Procter for the win. Team Piper/Watts had lined the stones up well and Mr Taylor was unable to clear a path to victory with his final shot. Congratulations team Piper/Watts, the Staff Curling Champions for 2020! **Miss C Mitchell**



Social Dance

Year 11 have been amazing this week in their first two Social Dance lessons. The boys have been brilliant - Stephen P and Sam R were furious that they didn't win best boy-boy pair today, Tyler B and Wes J did actually win on Monday! Some of the shyest and quietest students have performed so brilliantly, and it has been a real privilege to be a part of the lessons so far. **Miss C Mitchell**



13 QUESTIONS TO IMPROVE REVISION

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WHEN TO ASK

WHAT TO ASK YOURSELF...

BEFORE REVISION

- How much time do I have?
- How can I spread out my revision?
- Can I vary the subjects I revise in one day?
- Can I mix up the type of questions within a subject?
- Have I removed potential distractions?
- What questions can I answer before I start revising?

DURING REVISION

- Have I done any past papers?
- Who can quiz me on this topic?
- Why is this true?
- Have I read my revision notes out loud?

AFTER REVISION

- Who can I teach this to?
- Do I have a good bedtime routine?
- Am I getting plenty of sleep?



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