

THE FALMOUTH EAGLE

Celebrating our extraordinary students and staff

Summer 1 – 2025



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we approach the end of what has been a short but incredibly busy half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many successes and achievements that have made these past five weeks so memorable.

Our recent Ofsted inspection in April highlighted the strength of our school community, noting that pupils feel safe and well supported and leaders have high expectations for what all pupils can achieve. These comments are a true reflection of the hard work and dedication shown by both students and staff.

This term has been filled with highlights as you'll see looking through this edition of The Falmouth Eagle: From outstanding performances in sporting events and vibrant community engagements to impressive entries in art competitions. Our Year 11 students have been a real credit to the school, approaching their exams with commendable diligence and maturity. Meanwhile, our newly appointed Year 10 Prefects are already demonstrating leadership and initiative, including conducting interviews for new staff this week.

As always, I'm incredibly proud of the positive, ambitious spirit that is defining our school. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Guest

Headteacher



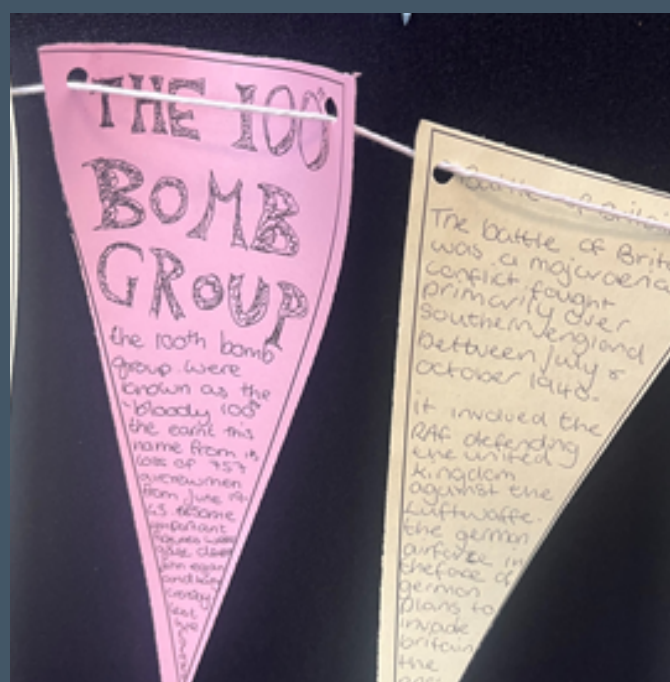
Year 9 Explore Conflict and Commemoration



This spring and summer, Year 9 students have immersed themselves in the study of conflict in Europe and the wider world during the mid-twentieth century. A significant focus of their learning has been the Holocaust, building on the powerful and memorable encounter with Holocaust survivor Freddy Berdach and the thought-provoking assemblies on Holocaust Memorial Day.

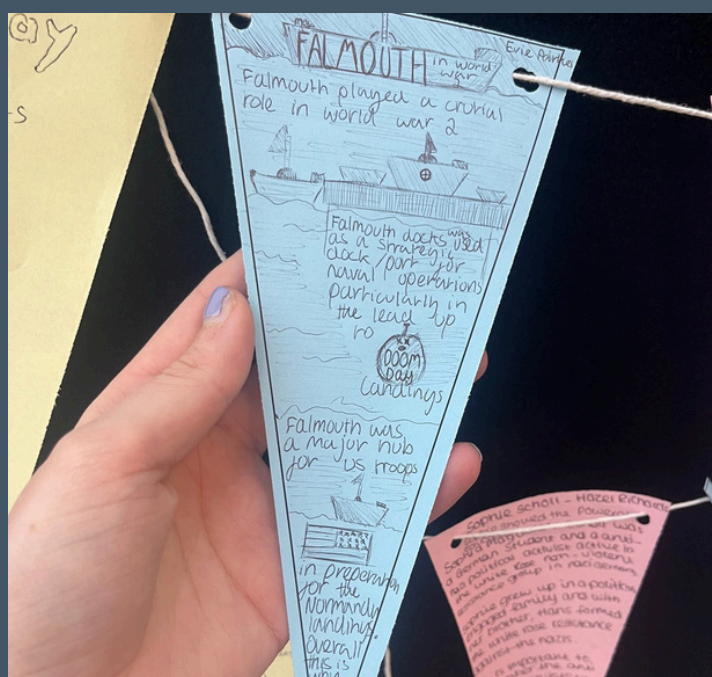
Using resources from the Holocaust Education Trust, students explored the Holocaust in depth—tracing the roots of anti-Semitism in Europe and the escalation of Nazi persecution. Through discussion and debate, students examined the roles of perpetrators, bystanders, and resisters, developing a nuanced understanding of the events that unfolded between 1933 and 1945.

Beyond the Holocaust, Year 9 extended their learning to broader events of the Second World War. From investigating the causes of the conflict to analysing its key turning points, students examined diverse perspectives—considering the experiences of women and children on the home front, and the bravery of British soldiers and pilots in pivotal battles such as Dunkirk and the D-Day Landings.



This learning experience culminated in a whole-school VE Day commemoration. Year 9 researched the question, 'Who do we remember when we commemorate VE Day?' Their findings were presented on bunting, echoing the 1945 street celebrations, and shared during a special assembly.

It was inspiring to see the diverse people, groups, and events students chose to honour, reflecting their interests and deepening their understanding of the Second World War. This also gave them a meaningful chance to contribute to the school's collective remembrance.



Student Spotlight: Harvey P

This half term, we are proud to shine the spotlight on Year 7 student Harvey. Since starting at Falmouth School, Harvey has made a smooth transition from primary school and recently achieved national success in Taekwondo.

Harvey's passion for Taekwondo began five years ago after watching *The Karate Kid*. Inspired, he joined the First Defence Black Belt School near Penmere Station—and has been hooked ever since! Demonstrating our core value of ambition, Harvey trains twice a week and often on Saturdays when tournaments are near.

Earlier this term, he competed at the EMAP Open Championships, a national event



attracting hundreds of competitors from across the country, where he fought his way to a silver medal.

We are incredibly proud of Harvey and wish him all the best for his future competitions.

Manga Magic at After School Art Club

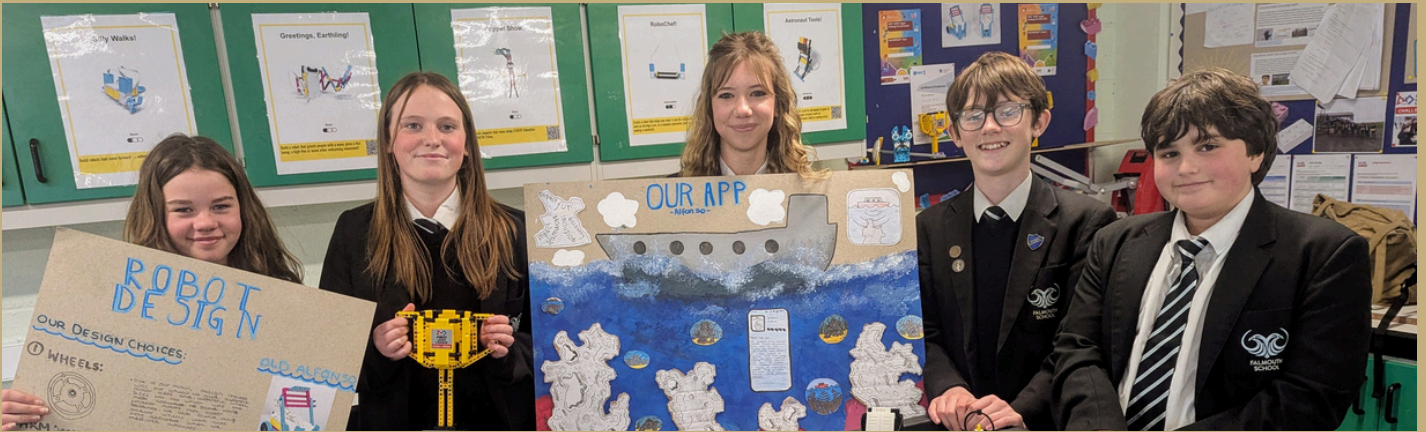
Falmouth School's after school art club recently took part in an exciting Manga workshop led by local artist Keith Sparrow.

Students were introduced to a range of Manga illustration techniques and had the chance to develop their own unique styles. As a special gift, Keith gave each student a copy of his illustrated comic based on the life of Richard Trevithick—a creative fusion of history and art.

We're also very grateful to Falmouth Library for funding the workshop and providing every student with a library card, giving them access to a fantastic online collection of Manga comics and stories. A brilliant and inspiring experience for all involved!



More Success for Our LEGO Robotics Teams!



For the second year running, our LEGO Robotics teams have been epic. One of our teams won a trophy for their Innovation Project at the regional FIRST LEGO League competition!

The FIRST LEGO League is a global STEM challenge that inspires students through hands-on learning in four key areas:

- Robot Game: Programming a LEGO robot to complete themed challenges
- Robot Design: engineering smart, efficient mechanical solutions
- Innovation Project: Researching and developing creative solutions to real-world problems
- Core Values: Demonstrating teamwork, inclusion, and perseverance

This year, four teams took on the challenge themed “Submerged”, focusing on ocean-related problems. Two teams advanced to the regional finals at RNAS Culdrose, impressing judges with their technical knowledge, creativity, and presentation skills.



Innovation Projects That Made Waves

Team 1 researched the decline of bull sharks off the Cornish coast, identifying noise pollution as a major threat.

Their innovative solution is a metal foam coral-shaped structure that absorbs underwater noise, provides habitat, and collects eDNA for research. They proposed using Autonomous Underwater Vehicles and sonobuoys to place and monitor these structures.



Team 2 focused on the declining lobster population caused by falling plankton levels. Their solution: a tidal-energy-powered drone that emits UV light to stimulate plankton growth. This idea showed creativity and strong environmental awareness.

Both teams consulted Royal Navy officers, marine scientists, and other experts, impressing judges with their professionalism and passion.

Learning Beyond the Competition

The teams also visited LEGOLAND, where they took part in engineering workshops and sensor training to prepare for next year's challenges.

LEGO Robotics Club will relaunch in September for Years 7–9. Next year's theme is "Unearthed", and we have exciting special guests lined up. If you're interested in joining or supporting as a mentor or expert, please contact Mrs Warden at jwarden@falmouthschool.net.

The future is bright — and brilliantly built!



A Term Full of Futures: Careers, Creativity, and Community Support at Falmouth School

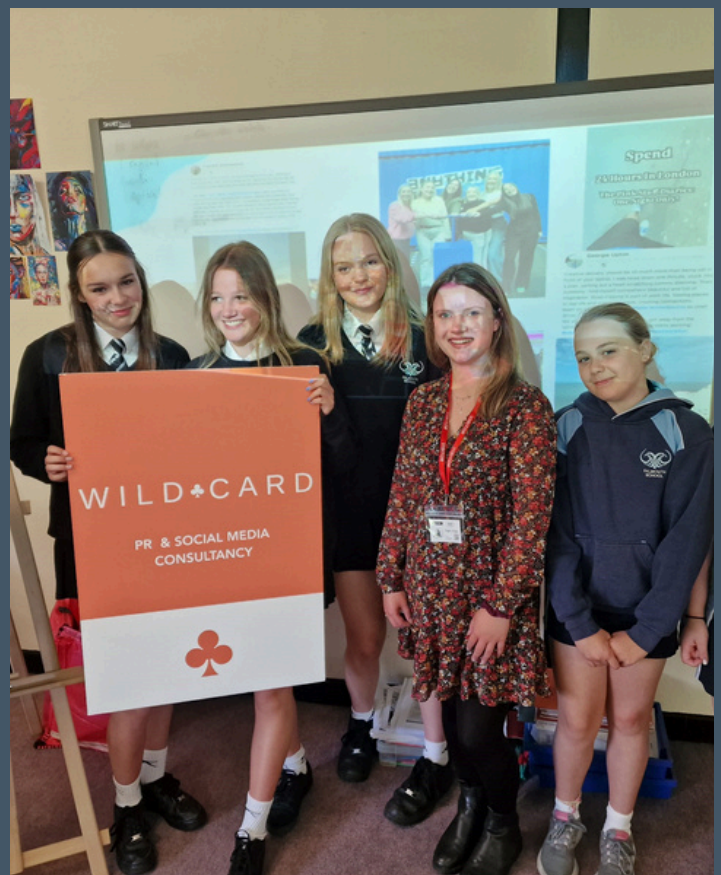


Our Year 10 students are gearing up for their work experience placements, taking place from the 14th to the 18th of July. The overwhelming majority have secured placements ranging from local businesses here in Falmouth to opportunities as far afield as London. Their commitment to finding meaningful, aspirational placements reflects the high standards they set for themselves.

In preparation, all students will take part in a health and safety session this term and attend a final assembly to ensure they are confident and ready to enter the world of work. We are incredibly grateful to the many parents, carers, and businesses who have supported our students in organising their placements and making this opportunity truly valuable.

We're also excited to share a fantastic opportunity offered by our local MP, Jayne Kirkham. To meet growing demand for political work experience, she will be hosting a 2025 Politics Summer School—a one-day event for students aged 15–18 across the Truro & Falmouth constituency.

The event will provide insight into how politics works locally and nationally, practical advice for starting a political career, and a chance to speak directly with Jayne. Interested students should email jayne.kirkham.mp@parliament.uk by Friday 30th May with their details and a short statement explaining why they'd like to attend.



CAREERS FAIR SUCCESS



This term's Falmouth School Careers Fair was a resounding success, with nearly 50 organisations attending to share insights, opportunities, and advice. Students from all year groups engaged with employers and training providers, exploring pathways from apprenticeships to higher education. A huge thank you to every participant—your time and enthusiasm helped shape students' futures and inspired many new ambitions. We look forward to welcoming you back next year.

As Year 11 students focus on their exams, we're proud to see so many already securing their next steps—whether in college courses, sixth form, or apprenticeships. We encourage students to continue checking the weekly apprenticeship listings shared on Google Classroom, which highlight a wide range of roles across Cornwall. It's never too late to find the right opportunity.

Finally, we're looking forward to our upcoming Year 7 Experience Days at Falmouth University on the 8th and 9th of July. This inspiring visit will give students a taste of campus life and introduce them to a range of creative subjects. A reminder to parents to complete the permission form emailed home, and ensure students bring a packed lunch, appropriate weather gear, and plenty of enthusiasm.



MPs and Lords

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Jayne Kirkham

Jayne Kirkham is the Labour (Co-op) MP for [Truro and Falmouth](#), and has been an MP continually since 4 July 2024.

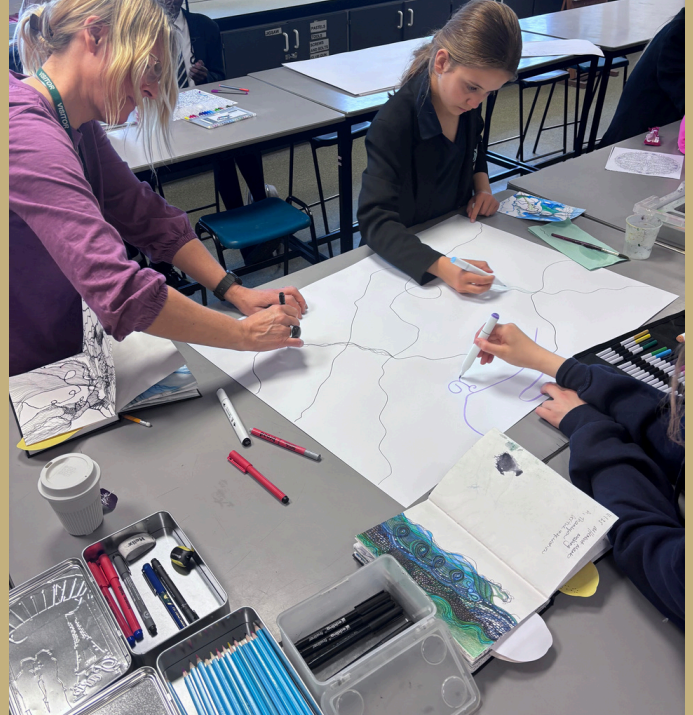


SHOWCASING CREATIVITY: ARTWORK FROM OUR TALENTED STUDENTS

A visual celebration of the imagination, skill, and creativity of Falmouth School's young artists.

KS3 Art Club

We love seeing our creative clubs grow, this term we have seen some amazing Manga work and expressive drawing in our wellbeing club led by artist Chantal Oliver.



KS3 Art Curriculum

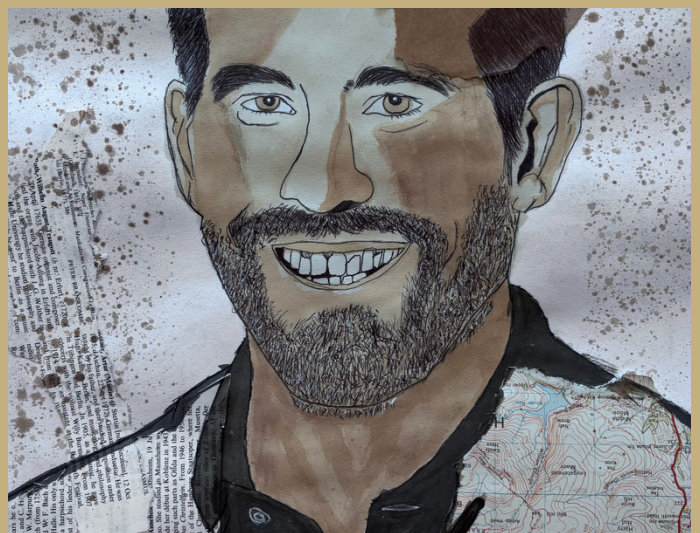
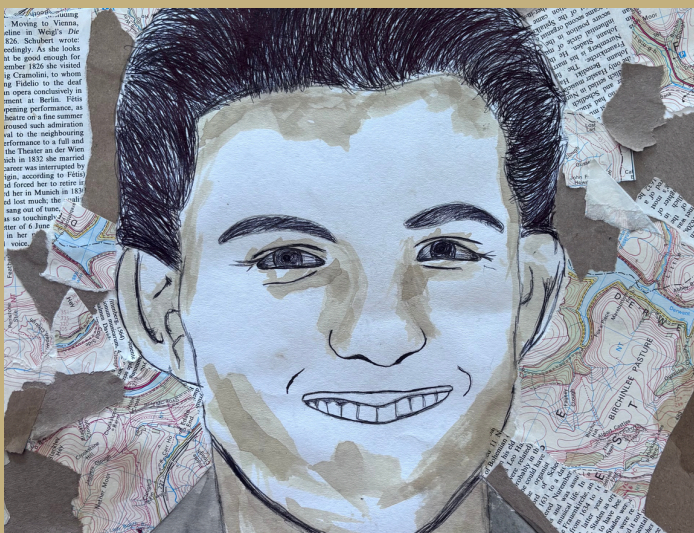
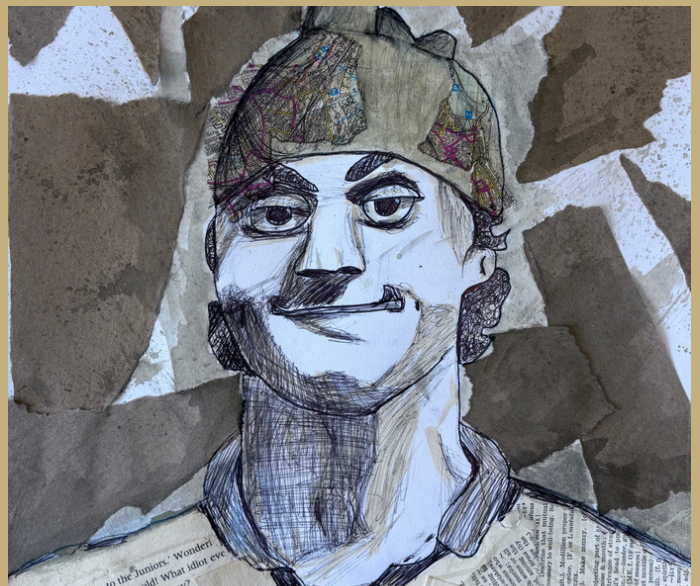
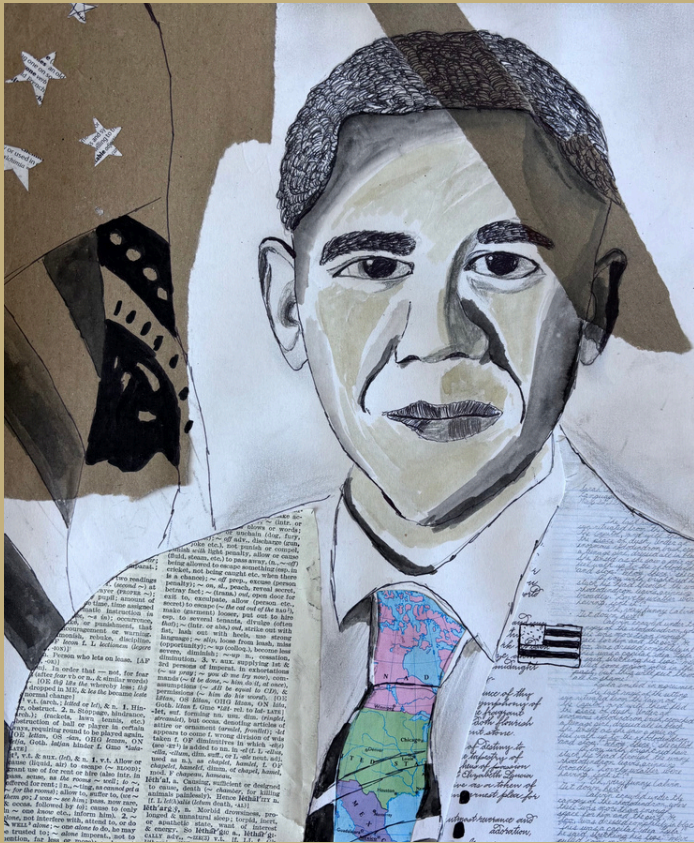
KS3 this have shown resilience and determination working on their unit outcomes. We are blown away by their incredible work and consolation of skills taught in their clay work, mixed media portraits and drawing work based around portraiture.



Year 8



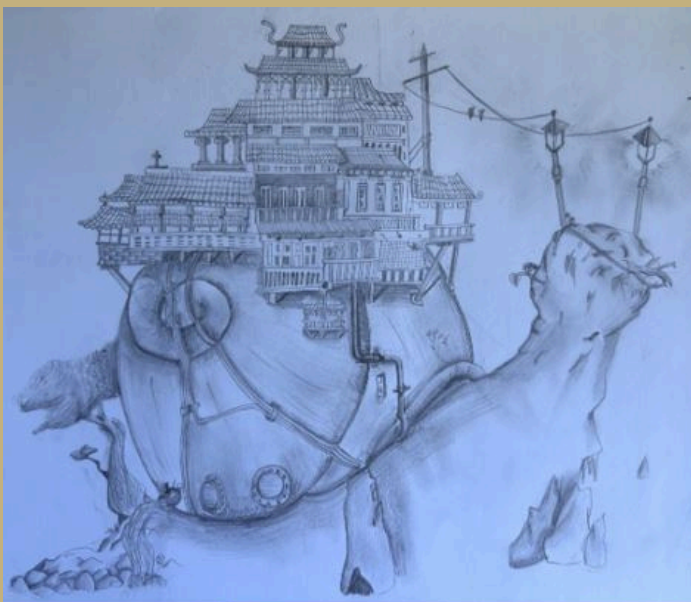
Year 9



YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION ENTRIES

Well done to all our students that took part in the Royal Academy Young artist competition. I am delighted to share that Henry (In year 7) art work has been selected for judging and their online exhibition on the 15th of July.

This is a huge achievement as the gallery received over 23,000 submissions and have been blown away by all of the entries this year. Well done all students and a special mention to Henry!



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FOR OUR UP-COMING CHARITY EVENT WE
ARE SEARCHING FOR 15 CREATIVE
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Falmouth School's Year 7s Shine in County Cup Final Thriller

Falmouth School's Year 7 football team capped off a remarkable season with a courageous performance in the County Cup Final against Penrice Academy.

Played in scorching heat at Wadebridge Football Club, the final showcased the best of school football—skill, passion, and resilience. Falmouth started the match with energy and confidence, quickly taking a well-earned 1–0 lead, much to the delight of their travelling supporters.

Penrice Academy, however, responded strongly, scoring three times during a challenging spell that shifted the momentum of the match. Despite the setback, the Falmouth players refused to give up. With determination and grit, they battled through the intense conditions and were rewarded late in the second half with a second goal, making it 3–2 and setting up a dramatic finish.



As the final minutes ticked down, Falmouth pushed relentlessly for an equaliser. Though the goal didn't come, their effort and character left a lasting impression on everyone watching. From start to finish, the team gave everything.

Reaching the County Cup Final is an outstanding achievement, and this team can be incredibly proud of how far they've come. Their teamwork, spirit, and sportsmanship were second to none. They may have finished as runners-up, but their heart and performance marked them as champions in every sense.

Well done, Year 7—you've done Falmouth School proud!



Growing SEND Expertise at Falmouth School

At Falmouth School, we are excited to be growing our expertise in supporting students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Mrs Robin Penrose, our SENDCO, is currently seven months into her training for the new National Professional Qualification in Leading SEND (NPQ SEND). This course is designed to help SENDCOs lead inclusive provision and develop a culture where all students feel valued. Mrs Penrose reflected on her experience so far, saying, "It is so helpful to receive the most up-to-date best practice training and be at the forefront of new research."

Alongside her, Mrs Niky Riley, our SEND Manager, is nine months into her Autism Champion training. She is working closely with Mrs Julie Dear, who has already completed the programme. Together, they have created support groups for autistic students and hosted Autism Cafés, where parents can meet informally and share experiences. One parent shared, It's so nice to come



Support for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia is growing, with Mrs Ruth Panszczyk working closely with Literacy Coordinator Louise Robinson on reading interventions and exam prep. One student said, "Understanding my dyslexic profile helps my teacher meet my needs... using a digital booklet with read aloud really helps."

Mrs Sharron Bryant is enhancing support for speech, language and ADHD needs, while Mrs Julie Dear and Mrs Coles continue vital work around emotional wellbeing. As one student put it, "I feel safe being in school as I know I have adults who will look after me."

Mrs Sheridan Wilkinson and Mrs Tracey Whitehouse support students with complex physical and medical needs. A parent shared, "They've transformed my child's life beyond what I expected." Our SEND team continues to strengthen Falmouth's inclusive, supportive culture.

Empowering Personal Development

It's been a busy and rewarding time for personal development at Falmouth School, with students enthusiastically taking part in sessions that build essential life skills and promote responsible choices.

Year 9 and 10 recently took part in YZUP workshops focused on drug awareness, helping students make informed decisions and stay safe. These sessions built on powerful assemblies from The Naked Truth earlier this year, which raised awareness across all year groups about image sharing and the serious impact of sexting.

Next term, we look forward to welcoming Brook, who will deliver important sessions on healthy relationships—another key aspect of our ongoing commitment to equipping students with the tools to thrive beyond the classroom.



We're also celebrating the fantastic response to our new student leadership applications, which saw more than double the number of applicants compared to last year.

It's inspiring to see so many students keen to take on leadership roles and contribute positively to school life.

Curriculum Update – The Term Ahead

Learning at Falmouth School is an exciting journey, and we're thrilled to share some of the engaging topics your child will explore in the upcoming term. From hands-on experiments to fascinating discoveries, there's so much to look forward to! By staying informed, you can support your child's learning at home and spark meaningful discussions about their lessons. For more details, including comprehensive learning journeys for all year groups, visit our website. Year 11 will be preparing for their PPEs and their curriculum is dynamic to address areas of specific need.

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Maths	Geometry and Application	Coordinates and Solving Equations	Ration and Proportion	Data, Powers and Roots
English	Much Ado About Nothing	The Tempest	Introdcion to Language Skills	Descriptive Writing
Science	Electricity, Acids and Reproduction	Respiration, Earth and Space	Electricity, Bonding and Bioenergetics	Inheritance, Reactions and Motion
Geography	Prisoners of Geography	Asia and Russia	Weather Hazards	Fieldwork
History	The Tudors	The Atlantic Slave Trade	Post War World	Weimar Germany
DT	Various Projects	Various Projects	Various Projects	Coursework
Music	Sea Shanties	Indian Music	Class Band	Unit 2
Art	Printmaking	3D Sculpture	Graphic Illustration	Unit 1
Drama	Shakespeare	Approaches to Script	Scripts to make you think	Exploring set text
PSHE	What rights should all children have?	What is the law?	Mental Health	Body Image

Never Just a Number at Falmouth School Sixth Form

At Falmouth School, we believe in every student's potential. With an ambitious curriculum, a proven track record of success, and a commitment to providing every student with the support and attention they deserve, we help you achieve your best.

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