

# THE FALMOUTH EAGLE



*Celebrating our extraordinary students and staff*

**Summer 2024**

## **HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME**

It gives me great pleasure to celebrate with you the achievements of our Falmouth students. Summer 2024 has been an incredibly busy term where our students had the opportunity to participate in numerous activities. I am exceptionally proud of how our educational offer has grown over this academic year and what our students have been able to undertake and enjoy. From academic achievements, to sporting, creative, musical and extracurricular activities, our students have demonstrated remarkable dedication and enthusiasm. Their hard work and commitment has truly paid off, and it has been wonderful to see them thrive throughout the week. We are exceptionally lucky to boast such a dedicated group of professionals who have planned and led this rich repertoire of activities. We wish everyone a great summer break and we look forward to continuing this momentum into the next academic year, providing even more opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and succeed.







## PRAISE AND REWARDS

It has been so wonderful to celebrate and reward students throughout the academic year. We have increased the number of ways in which students could be praised including; Star Student postcards, through being issued with the gold, silver and bronze star standard in the morning greetings and through praise points being issued. Students have then been rewarded through praise assemblies where amazon vouchers and a range of prizes have been given out, in addition to running 'Treat Trips' to Falmouth Cinema and through issuing rewards to students who improved the most between the Easter and Summer term, and for students who achieved only positive points on class charts during the year. Some of these events had to be postponed due to unforeseen events, however will take place in the final week of term, along with the Grand Prize Draw assembly where students will be entered to win the £250 grand prize. Last week we held a fantastic Summer Term Celebration event where students were invited to receive certificates and trophies from their subject teachers, learning leaders and we also introduced a new award; The headteachers shield. Mrs Chanter was delighted to issue this to Isabel in Year 11 for her exceptional work, leading the prefect team, in addition to the kindness she showed.

Once again, students will be invited to provide feedback on the types of praise events and rewards they would like to receive in the new academic year.







## THE BELGIUM TRIP

Photos back from the Belgium trip show that students are having a thought provoking trip that is developing their knowledge of how war has shaped Europe. Here we have the Menin gate at Ypres and students involved in the Last Post ceremony.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

The English department welcomed parents to school in June to discuss the school's reading drive. Falmouth School's new reading intervention program, called Reading Plus, was explained and demonstrated. Parents were able to see how their children are assessed and then supported if necessary. We also looked at other school reading initiatives such as form time reading.

Reading is important academically and for mental health and some of this research was explored.

For example, the National Literacy Trust has reported that 3 in 5 children and young people say that reading helps them relax.

Strategies for parents to encourage reluctant readers to pick up a book and several reading list recommendations were shared.

If you were unable to attend, but would like the booklet that was produced please contact Mrs Hockley ([ehockley@falmouthschool.net](mailto:ehockley@falmouthschool.net)) and we will ensure you receive a copy.



## ACTIVITIES WEEK

Students have had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities through our July activities week. Below are students at Paradise Park, the Tate Gallery in St Ives and at Elemental UK on Swanpool beach.







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Students learning to surf at Gwithian and an opportunity to be creative with guest artist Rowena Tarplee at Falmouth Princess Pavilions. The weather couldn't dampen our students' enthusiasm!





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## GREEN POWER RACE DAY!

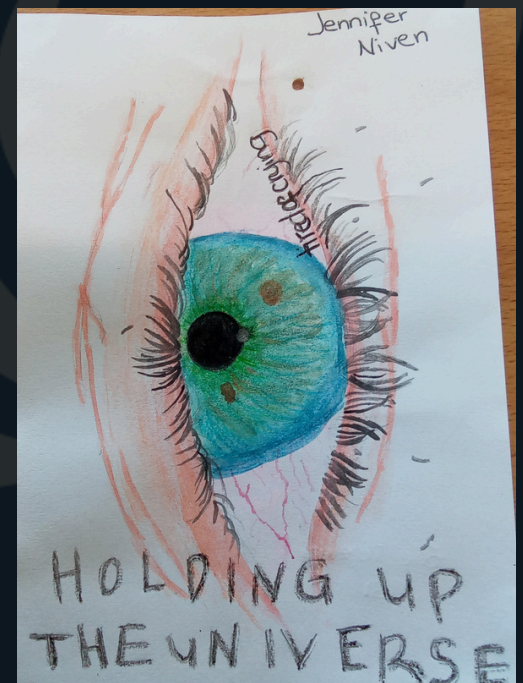
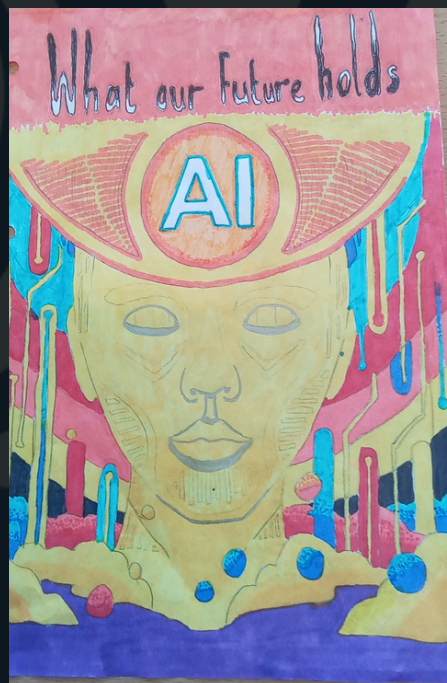
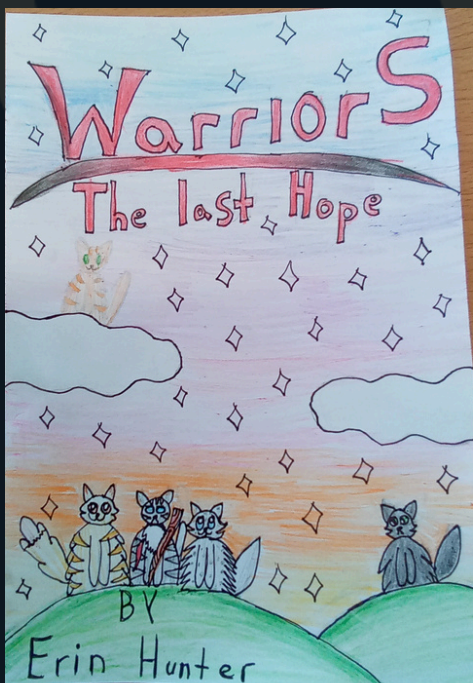
The Falmouth Eagles Greenpower Race Team travelled to Predannack airfield on The Lizard to take part in the South West heats. A team of 12 intrepid students from years 7, 9 and 10 have helped build and set up the car over the last three years. This was our debut race event. Some phenomenal driving from Jenson, Cosmo and Will was undone by some technical issues which Harry and the team worked hard to fix. What a dramatic day!

Special thanks go to Fibre Fusion for providing the body panels and Watson & Marlow for helping with the funding. We would love to see more parental engagement for next year so if you or your company are interested in this please contact Mr French.



## BOOK COVER COMPETITION

Many students entered the competition to design a new book cover for their favourite book. The standard of artwork and design was really impressive so selecting winners was really difficult. However, Josh (year 7), Lucinda (year 8) and Evie (year 9) all produced amazing covers and received Amazon vouchers as a prize. Well done to everyone who entered!







## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Photos from one day of Falmouth School's Duke of Edinburgh Award fortnight. The students have enjoyed the fantastic weather and stunning views. All students have shown brilliant teamwork and positivity. They are well on their way to achieving their Bronze Award!



## THE 'READING CHAINS' SUMMER CHALLENGE

Instructions:

- Read a book (any book)
- Choose your next book by finding a link to the first one.
- Repeat.

How simple is that?

Guidelines:

Keep a record of what you have read on the entry form (or a sheet of paper).

Make sure that you've written down the link between each book.

Get a signature on your completed form confirm that you've read the books.

Hand your form in to your form tutor in the first week back. Wait for prize announcements (which will include):

Most links / Widest variety of links / Most imaginative single link



## WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

In June, Mrs Swan and Mr French took 14 Year 8 girls to Truro High School for Girls to take part in an event celebrating International Women in Engineering Day. Throughout the day the girls took part in a range of workshops and a carousel of activities with various employers from the STEM field. They heard an incredibly inspirational speech from Dr Nash Vracas which set the tone for the day, and the girls took every opportunity given to them, including activities such as chocolate welding and lego robotics. Thank you to Truro High School for Girls for hosting us, and well done girls for being such incredible ambassadors of Falmouth School.







# SPORTS DAY 2024

We held our annual sports day for all students in year 7-10, competing in their house tutor groups.

Students had the opportunity to move around our school site to compete in a range of different sporting activities on offer.

Students went to Channel 4 field to compete in Softball, Rounders, Lawn Bowls and challenged themselves in Cycling on the bike track. Cricket, Volleyball and Alternative Athletics took place on 'Posers field' with Netball, Table Tennis, Dodgeball, Basketball and Badminton took place in our indoor facilities and on the outdoor courts and finally students were able to compete in fitness challenges at the sports hub and Football, Handball and Capture the Flag on the astro and surrounding fields. Students behaved fantastically throughout the day and displayed outstanding teamwork and support of one another, we were so unbelievably proud of students for the effort they applied throughout the day.

Every student taking part in an activity earned points for their houses; Trelawney, Melville, Smithwick and Boscawen. We are all very excited to find out which house won overall in our final assembly of the year on the last day of term.







# SPORTS DAY 2024 – MORE PHOTOS!





## **AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP**

For Refugee Week and Falmouth and Penryn Welcome Refugees are marking this annual event with a special day of multi cultural music and collaboration at the Princess Pavilions. Becoming a refugee is one of the most traumatic things that can happen to a person and the number of refugees in the world is no cause for celebration. Instead we wish to celebrate the richness that different cultures bring to any community and to share some of this directly with young people in our schools. We have two bands playing at the event, Baraka from Bristol and Diabel Cissokho from Senegal who lives in Saltash. Richard is Baraka's lead percussionist and an experienced workshop leader. Richard has brought more than 20 traditional drums for students to play and learn some new sounds, skills and rhythms.

Baraka is group of 5 musicians who come from Ghana, Senegal, Germany, Trinidad and Ireland.



## **NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUBS WITH FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

It's that time again when we launch our National Saturday Clubs for Year 9&10 students in September 2024. Last year, we welcomed club members from your school and we would love it if your school was involved again this year and would welcome the opportunity for our Club Managers to share what their clubs involve during an assembly.

In addition to this, it is also possible to book taster sessions for the clubs we run at Falmouth University. Our 3 clubs are Film & Screen, Fashion & Business Club and Art & Design.

For more information these are the web pages on our Falmouth website:-

<https://www.falmouth.ac.uk/events/national-saturday-club-film-and-media>

<https://www.falmouth.ac.uk/events/national-saturday-club-art-design>

<https://www.falmouth.ac.uk/events/national-saturday-club-fashion-and-business>

Registration forms for National Saturday Clubs are available on the Falmouth University website. Parents are also able to sign their children up directly, this does not need to be done through school.



## DANCE NEWS

The Summer Term was a busy one for BTEC Dance students with the Year 11's finishing their final assessment of the course, and the Year 10's completing their first unit of work. Year 10 students spent 15 lessons completing a written report of Sir Matthew Bourne's 'Cinderella', where they analysed the different components- Dance, Costume, Set and Lighting etc, and carried out an in depth analysis of how this version, set during the Blitz, was presented to the audience. Their work was completed to an excellent standard, and they should be commended for their behaviour during the assessment period which was outstanding.

Year 11 students worked really hard over the Spring and Summer term, as well as over the Easter break and afterschool to produce a group choreography of 7 minutes long. Students demonstrated excellent teamwork, and time management skills to create work with the starting point 'Treasured Memories'. Work included a piece inspired by the Mermaid of Zennor, The Mousehole boat disaster and found personal treasures washed up on a beach shore.



## NATIONAL AUDITION SUCCESS!

Huge congratulations to Year 9 student Lillie, who auditioned for the British Theatre Companies performance of Footloose in November.

Lillie wowed judges and was given the leading role, out of thousands of others who auditioned! Lillie will be travelling to London in August to undertake an intensive course to prepare for the show, which will be right on our doorstep in the Minack Theatre, this November! Congratulations, Lillie, we are all so proud of you!





## SONGWriters OF THE FUTURE

"We have welcomed back, Patrick Bailey from ASONE Cornwall. Patrick ran a songwriting workshop with a group of year 9 students, who are taking Btec Music next year.

Students named their song "The Journey" and in just two hours managed to write nearly the entire song with lyrics and instrumental accompaniment.

Well done to all involved, it was a fantastic afternoon! "

## MESSAGE FROM PC STEVENSON

At the beginning of July PC Stevenson spent time in school talking to students about their holiday and leisure time. It is important that our young people learn independence, but also that they take responsibility for their actions, recognising how their actions can affect other people. We all want to enjoy our fantastic public spaces and throughout the summer, Devon and Cornwall Police will be using social media to encourage young people to keep themselves safe and think of the consequences of their actions, including abuse of alcohol.

**Do you  
know  
where  
your  
children  
are?**

Help the police to protect them from risk and harm.

