

THE FALMOUTH EAGLE

Celebrating our extraordinary students and staff

Autumn 2 - 2024



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

What a busy but absolutely brilliant Autumn term it has been!

Our Christmas edition of The Falcon certainly highlights the fun and success our students have experienced so far: From exciting events like Cornwall School Games to impressive achievements like raising over £1600 for Man Down and Georgia's Voice . It's been a wonderful few months and I am so proud of our students' commitment to the school values of Kindness, Ambition and Responsibility, values I wholeheartedly believe in.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support as we focus on helping all students progress, succeed and love where they learn. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday season.



GETTING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

The Christmas spirit has certainly arrived at Falmouth School, and we've embraced it with enthusiasm and joy. This year, we worked closely with Falmouth Garden Centre to bring in our beautiful Christmas tree. Our student leaders played a key role in the process, heading out to the garden centre to collect the tree, before returning to school to decorate it. It now stands proudly in the heart of the school, filling the space with festive cheer.



On 12th December, we came together for a memorable Christmas lunch, enjoying an extended lunchtime filled with delicious food and the warm sounds of Christmas music in the hall. The atmosphere was festive, with students and staff alike in high spirits, enjoying the holiday season.



We also celebrated Christmas Jumper Day on 12th December, with students and staff donning their cosiest and sparkliest outfits to raise money for two fantastic local mental health charities—Man Down and Georgia's Voice. It was heartwarming to see everyone joining in the fun and supporting such an important cause.





Our Christmas Concert was another highlight, packed full with fantastic performances that delighted our audiences. The concert showcased the incredible talent at Falmouth School, featuring a mix of traditional and more contemporary pieces. The students' performances were nothing short of spectacular, leaving everyone in awe of their hard work and dedication.



As we know that Christmas can be a challenging time for some, we have worked with the local food bank to provide 131kg of food provisions. Our efforts are part of our commitment to supporting the community and ensuring that those in need have access to essential supplies during the festive season.

This year's Christmas celebrations at Falmouth School have been a wonderful mix of joy, generosity, and community spirit. We're grateful to everyone who has contributed to making this time of year special for all. We wish all our students, staff, and families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year!

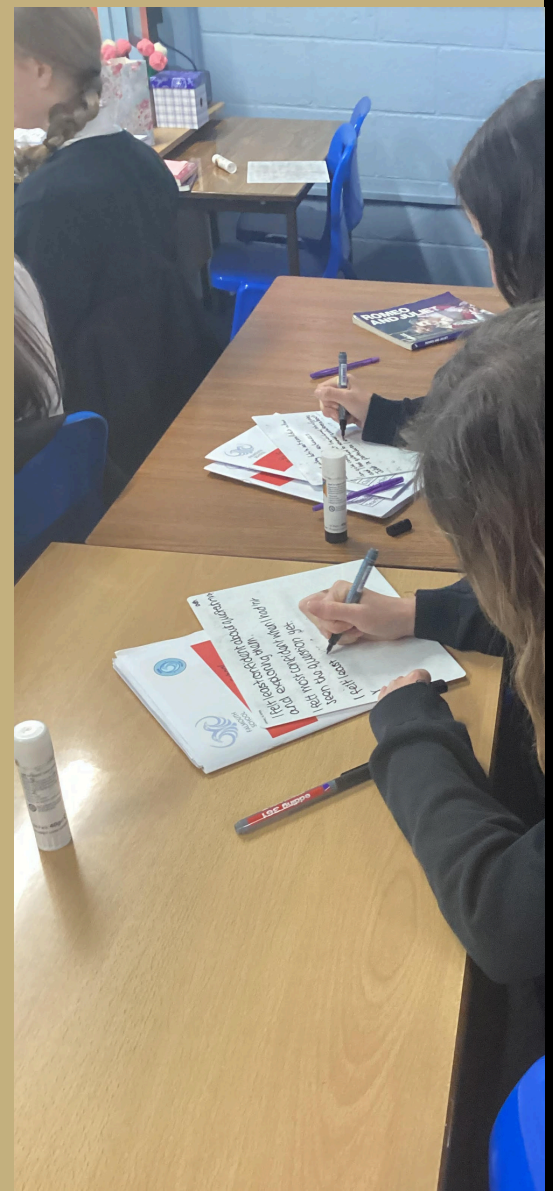


Teaching and Learning In Action

At Falmouth School, one of our key Teaching and Learning strategies implemented across all subjects is a retrieval-based 'DO NOW' activity that students independently complete as they enter any classroom.

Deep learning occurs when information transitions from our short-term memory to long-term memory stores. Retrieval practice enhances this process by requiring students to recall previously learned information. This method creates stronger memory connections, boosting the likelihood of retention.

Retrieval practice also helps identify gaps in students' knowledge or any misunderstandings, allowing teachers to address these issues. Furthermore, retrieval activities enable students to forge and reinforce connections between what they are learning, making it easier for them to absorb new information. The more knowledge a person possesses, the simpler it becomes to retain new details, as there are existing anchor points to connect the new information to. Teachers employ various retrieval strategies in their lessons to support students and enhance memory retention.



CELEBRATING PASSIONATE READERS!



Our library continues to be a vibrant hub for reading and learning at Falmouth School, and we couldn't be more proud of our passionate readers! This term, we've seen a huge increase in the number of books being checked out and more students than ever taking part in our exciting reading competitions.

The library is not only home to thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, but it's also a welcoming space where students can relax, catch up on schoolwork, or simply enjoy a good book. We're thrilled to see students engaging with our reading challenges, such as the Alphabet Challenge and the Theme Challenge, which encourage them to explore new genres and authors. With new books being added regularly and ongoing improvements to the space, we're committed to making the library a place where all students feel inspired to read.



Whether you're a keen reader or just starting your reading journey, there's a challenge for everyone. And it's not just about the books—there are prizes, praise points, and plenty of opportunities to share your reading journey with friends. The library is open Monday to Thursday during break and lunchtime, as well as for English library lessons. Come by and take part in a challenge today!

FALMOUTH SCHOOL CELEBRATES SPORTING SUCCESS



This half term, Falmouth School has been buzzing with sporting events and achievements. Students in Years 7–10 have taken part in regular Rugby and Netball fixtures, with our U14 Netball team shining at their County Tournament, finishing 3rd in their group. Although Hockey season hasn't officially started, our U13 and U14 teams had the opportunity to attend tournaments, and we look forward to their fixtures in the new year.



The Year 7 boys competed in the West Cornwall Rugby Tournament, playing in a highly competitive competition and finishing 4th. Meanwhile, Falmouth School celebrated fantastic success at the Cornwall School Games Netball and Basketball finals. Our Basketball and U13 Netball teams earned silver medals, and our U15 Netball team were crowned champions!

A huge congratulations to all our students who trained and represented Falmouth School this term, especially those participating in competitive sport for the first time. The PE team is excited about the opportunities and competitions the new year will bring!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!



Our Christmas Concert on 10th December was a truly magical evening, showcasing the incredible talents of our students. The audience was treated to a fantastic range of performances, from beautiful solo singing and piano pieces to an electrifying DJ set. Adding to the festive fun, the staff band took to the stage, much to everyone's delight!

We are immensely proud of our students for their hard work, creativity, and confidence in sharing their talents with us. Their dedication to perfecting their performances shone through, and the evening was a true celebration of the vibrant musical and creative spirit at Falmouth School.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the parents and families who came along to support—it was wonderful to see the hall filled with such a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere. Your encouragement means so much to our students and helps make events like these truly special.



REMEMBRANCE

Falmouth School commemorated Remembrance Week 2024 in a variety of meaningful ways. The school collectively raised funds for The Poppy Appeal, with Ms. Smith and her team of helpers leading the effort. Together, they raised an impressive sum for the Poppy Appeal and the British Legion. Reflecting on this, Ms. Smith said, "The students were delightful and really understood the meaning of Remembrance. I am so proud of all that they have achieved."



Members of the Prefect Team, accompanied by Mrs. Guest, represented the school at the civic ceremony in Falmouth on Remembrance Sunday. During the event, Mrs. Guest laid a wreath alongside other institutions and organisations from the town.

On Remembrance Day, Falmouth School held a special assembly for all students to honour the fallen. This year's assembly highlighted the stories of two relatives of current Year 11 students, offering a personal perspective on how war impacted their lives. Mrs. Guest gave a heartfelt reading, and Ms. Smith spoke about the Menin Gate ceremony, where Falmouth students laid wreaths during the school's Battlefields trip earlier this year. The assembly also featured a stunning rendition of Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again" performed by Lillie and Lily.

Adding to the solemnity, members of the cadets proudly represented their respective units by wearing their uniforms and marching into and out of the assembly. The event concluded with a two-minute silence, allowing everyone to reflect and pay their respects.



YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION MAKES WAVES!



We are thrilled to announce the success of the recent Rotary Young Chef Competition, where five talented young chefs from our school showcased their culinary skills. After a tense and exciting evening, Sophie was crowned the winner of the school round.

The competition was judged by three esteemed guest judges from Cornwall Hotel Collection, The Greenbank Hotel, and Penmorvan Manor. One judge even remarked, "You wouldn't get better in a restaurant," highlighting the exceptional quality of the dishes created by our students.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of Falmouth for providing our students with this incredible opportunity and to all the chefs who generously gave their time on a busy Friday evening to support and inspire the next generation of culinary talent.

Congratulations to Sophie and all the young chefs who took part in this memorable event!



DON'T MISS OUT!

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SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: SCIENCE

This term, students have been developing essential safety and investigation skills. Year 7s have explored hazard symbols, practiced using Bunsen burners, and investigated energy efficiency by burning candles in beakers of different sizes.

Year 11s have also taken a practical approach, learning how to turn sewage water into tap water, testing for dissolved impurities, and even calculating the number of daisies in the school fields!

YEAR 11 LEAVERS – CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Earlier this month, we were delighted to welcome back our Year 11 leavers to celebrate their outstanding Key Stage 4 results. With outcomes placing us among the top three schools in Cornwall for attainment, it was an evening filled with pride and joy.

The event also provided a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and hear how confidently our former students have settled into their next steps in education.

Special awards were presented to exceptional students across all subject areas, with Iona and Toby recognized for making the greatest progress, and Megan and Ben receiving awards for top achievement across the year group.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by all our students. Congratulations to everyone!



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	Application of Number	Algebraic Techniques	Reasoning with Number	Geometry
English	Time Machine	Gothic Writing	Dystopia	An Inspector Calls
Science	Energy	Health and Disease	Particle Models	Electrolysis
Geography	Coasts	Tropical Rainforests	Gloablisation	Coasts
History	Islamic Civilisations	Empire	World War Two	Elizabeth
DT	Various Projects	Various Projects	Various Projects	Coursework
Music	Notation	The Legacy of the Blues	The Year 9 Concert	Coursework
Drama	American Frontier	Approaches to Script	Devising	Coursework
EPR	Prophets	Good and Bad	Judaism	Human Rights
PSHE	Keeping Safe Online	Developing Enterprise Skills	Sex and Relationships	Marriage and Relationships

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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CREATIVE ARTS SPOTLIGHT



Artwork by Queenie (Yr8)

It's been a vibrant and inspiring term for our creative subjects, with students showcasing their incredible talents across a range of disciplines. From producing fantastic artwork to engaging in groundbreaking innovation projects, our students have truly embraced the spirit of creativity.

One highlight was the Lego Robotics Workshop, a full-day event designed to prepare students for their innovation projects. Students explored the marine-focused challenge with enthusiasm, brainstorming and researching cutting-edge solutions to real-world issues. Ideas ranged from Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) to eDNA technologies, as teams envisioned the future of underwater exploration.



Artwork by Arabella (Yr8)



Students created innovative prototypes using Lego Technic and coding, showcasing remarkable teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity.

The event was supported by Chris from Global Borders, who provided insights into marine work; Mr. French, who offered engineering guidance; and the Science Department Team, who explained underwater sonar science. This dynamic term highlighted students' boundless passion for creativity and innovation. Well done to all involved!

