



### Headteacher's Welcome

As we reach the end of what has been a remarkably busy half term, it is hard to believe quite how much has been achieved in just 4 weeks and 4 days! This edition of The Falmouth Eagle truly captures the energy, talent and spirit of our school community. From the rejuvenation of our beautiful pond area, to exceptional sporting achievements, alongside successes in art, music and dance, there is so much to celebrate. It is a reminder of just how talented, kind and ambitious our students are.

I am also incredibly proud of our newly qualified Year 7 Peer Mentors who will begin their important role supporting our Yr6s next half term. Alongside this, students have benefited from valuable finance workshops and many were delighted to receive personalised letters from our local MP, Jayne Kirkham, acknowledging and discussing their ideas to make Falmouth better.

As always, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and the enthusiasm of our students. Thank you for continuing to make Falmouth School such a vibrant, caring and inspiring community. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of The Falmouth Eagle and celebrating the many successes within it.

Mrs. Guest  
Headteacher

# Falmouth School Recognised with Prestigious Community Award

Falmouth School was honoured this term to receive the Andy Hocking Community Service Award at the Mayor Making Ceremony, presented by Falmouth Town Council and Mayor Alan Jewell.

The award recognises the outstanding contribution the school and its students continue to make within the local community and is a significant achievement for everyone connected with Falmouth School.



Over recent years, students and staff have worked hard to strengthen the school's role within the town community, taking part in a wide range of projects, events and charitable initiatives. In the past year alone, students have raised more than £5,000 for local causes, supported civic events alongside the Mayor, taken part in beach cleans and contributed to community art projects across the town.

The award is particularly meaningful because it celebrates the character, kindness and community spirit shown by students both inside and outside of school. It reflects the positive impact young people are making across Falmouth and the pride they take in supporting their local community.

Mrs Guest was proud to accept the award on behalf of the school, recognising the dedication of students, staff, families and the wider community who continue to support the school and champion its young people.

# Talent Beyond the Classroom



One of the greatest strengths of our school community is the incredible range of talent, dedication and ambition shown by students beyond the classroom. Every week, students represent the school and the wider community in sport, the arts, charity events and personal challenges, often balancing these commitments alongside their studies and school life. Recent weeks have provided some fantastic examples of what our students are achieving outside of school.



Freddie recently travelled to Cardiff to compete in a Tang Soo Do karate competition, where he achieved silver in forms and gold in sparring. His success means he is now a European Champion, an outstanding accomplishment that reflects years of hard work and commitment to his sport.



Harvey also demonstrated tremendous determination when he completed his first ever 10km Race for Life. Finishing in an impressive 49 minutes and 16 seconds, Harvey placed 8th out of 116 runners while also raising £170 for Cancer Research, combining sporting success with support for an important cause.



Another remarkable achievement came from Alfie, who became the first visually impaired person to complete the Ten Tors challenge.

Completing such a demanding event requires resilience, courage and teamwork, and Alfie's achievement has inspired many across the community.

Creativity and artistic talent continue to thrive too. Millie in Year 12, who studies A Level Fine Art at Falmouth Sixth Form, has had her artwork selected for the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show online exhibition. To receive recognition from such a prestigious national organisation is an incredible achievement.

Dance competitions also brought success for Lela, who competed in Bath across solo, duo and team performances. She achieved first place in both her solo and duo events, alongside two further first places and a second place in team performances.



In martial arts, Ollie competed at the EMAP Elite Taekwondo Championships in Bristol, earning silver in patterns and gold in sparring. His achievements highlight the discipline, focus and commitment required to compete at such a high level.

Musical talent has also been recognised, with Flo in Year 11 securing a grant from Young and Talented Cornwall to fund a new alto saxophone. This support will help Flo continue developing her musical passion and performance skills.

Meanwhile, Lyla represented her team at the end of season Player Development Pathway netball tournament in Bath. Balancing competitive sport alongside school commitments is a huge achievement and reflects the dedication shown by many students across the school.

Water sports and endurance events also brought impressive success for students this month. At Roadford Lake, Ernest finished as 2nd male in the 750m race despite being the youngest competitor overall, while Stan placed 3rd overall in the challenging 5km race and was also the youngest swimmer in the event. Both performances were outstanding achievements.

Emily also enjoyed a remarkable weekend of success. After achieving a personal best in the 1500m at Millfield, she attended her first British Nordic event where, after just a short rollerski lesson, she entered the race and won. She then went on to win the junior biathlon event and achieve the highest overall score, earning an invitation onto the British Biathlon Talent ID programme.

These stories represent just a snapshot of the talent within our student body. Whether competing nationally, supporting charities, performing creatively or overcoming personal challenges, our students continue to demonstrate ambition, resilience and determination in so many different ways.



# Celebrating a Successful Sporting Term

It has been a strong and successful term for sport, with students across every year group demonstrating impressive commitment, determination and teamwork. From athletics to football, students have represented the school with pride and shown the benefits of the hard work and preparation that has taken place throughout the season.



Our Athletics teams have delivered a number of standout performances in recent Track and Field competitions, with students from Years 7 to 10 competing across a wide range of events. From sprints and middle distance races to technical field events such as high jump and javelin, students demonstrated both skill and resilience against strong opposition. Their progress reflects the consistency and effort shown during PE lessons and training sessions throughout the year.



One of the biggest achievements of the term came from the Year 7 Boys Football team, who enjoyed an outstanding run in the County Schools Cup competition and successfully reached the County Final.

Although the final result did not go in our favour, reaching such a prestigious stage in their very first year of secondary school is an exceptional achievement. The squad showed excellent tactical awareness, teamwork and resilience throughout the competition and established themselves as one of the strongest teams in the county.

The boys represented the school superbly, showing great sportsmanship and maturity despite a narrow defeat in the final. They should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved together, and we look forward to seeing the team continue to develop next season.



Well done to all students who have taken part in sport this term, and thank you to parents and carers for their continued support. We wish everyone a restful and active half term and look forward to another exciting term of PE, including our annual Sports Day.

# Growing a Greener School Community

This half term has been another positive and productive one for the Falmouth School Families group, with parents, carers, students and staff continuing to work together to support projects and opportunities across the school community.

A major focus this term has been the ongoing development of the Project Green & Blue wellbeing space at the back of school. Across two volunteer sessions, families and students made fantastic progress restoring the area, uncovering the historic pools that once fed into the larger pond and creating new pathways through the space.

The project is gradually transforming the area into a calm and welcoming environment for students and staff, supporting both wellbeing and biodiversity within the school grounds. It is hoped that the space will be ready to welcome visitors during the Summer Fayre on Saturday 27 June, even as work continues to develop the area further.

Alongside the environmental work, the Falmouth School Families group has also held productive meetings with staff to discuss ideas linked to clubs, school trips and the library refresh project, helping to strengthen the partnership between families and school life. The growing involvement from families has also been reflected in the strong response from incoming Year 7 parents and carers, with almost 100 already joining the new Year 7 WhatsApp community ahead of September. A number of these families have already started supporting wider Falmouth School Families activities and volunteering opportunities.

The group continues to welcome new members who would like to get involved or contribute ideas. Families can contact the volunteer team via [families@falmouthschool.net](mailto:families@falmouthschool.net) to find out more about future projects, meetings and ways to support the school community. The next online meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 June from 8pm to 9pm.





## Giving Old PE Kit a New Purpose

Students recently welcomed Matt representing the charity U&I to speak about how donated PE kit can support communities in India while also helping to reduce waste. Students learned about the importance of upcycling old sports clothing and the positive impact small actions can have both environmentally and globally.

Donation points for old style Falmouth School PE kit are now available in Reception and at Castle Sports, giving students and families the opportunity to support the initiative and help make a difference beyond the school community.



# Inspiring Future Careers in Finance

Year 10 students recently had the opportunity to hear from Iain Ramsay, Manager of Market Intelligence and Analysis at the Bank of England, during a visit to Falmouth School.

Students gained a fascinating insight into the role of the Bank of England and the important work it carries out in supporting the UK economy. The session also explored careers in finance and economics, helping students to understand the wide range of opportunities available within the sector.

Hearing directly from someone working at such a high level gave students valuable real world insight into the skills, pathways and experiences linked to careers in economics and financial services. Opportunities like this help students connect their learning in school to future ambitions and broaden their understanding of the world beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly grateful to Iain for taking the time to visit and inspire our students.



# Celebrating Year 10 Success

This term, Year 10 students completed their mock examinations, marking an important milestone in their GCSE journey. The PPEs gave students the opportunity to experience formal exam conditions, reflect on their progress and identify the next steps in their learning ahead of Year 11.

Following the exams, students attended a special celebration assembly where they received their results and were recognised for the hard work, resilience and preparation they demonstrated throughout the assessment period. It was fantastic to see so many students achieving strong outcomes and taking pride in the progress they have made this year.



To celebrate the occasion, students were also treated to cupcakes as part of the assembly, helping to recognise the commitment and determination shown across the year group.



The positive attitude shown by Year 10 throughout the exam process has been extremely encouraging, and students should feel proud of the effort they invested into preparing for and completing their first full set of mock examinations. These experiences will provide valuable preparation as they continue their GCSE studies next year.

# Students' Voices Heard by Local MP

Last term, Key Stage 3 students took part in an important literacy and citizenship activity where they wrote letters sharing their thoughts about their local town, community and what they would like to see for the future.

Students explored a wide range of topics, including environmental improvements, opportunities for young people, community facilities and ideas for making the local area an even better place to live. The project encouraged students to think carefully about the role they can play in shaping the future of their community while developing their confidence in expressing their views.



We were delighted that Jayne Kirkham took the time to personally respond to the students, writing more than 300 letters back to them. Receiving a response from their local MP helped students see that their opinions matter and that young people can have a meaningful voice in discussions about their local area and future.

The project was a fantastic example of students engaging with real world issues and recognising the importance of communication, democracy and community involvement.



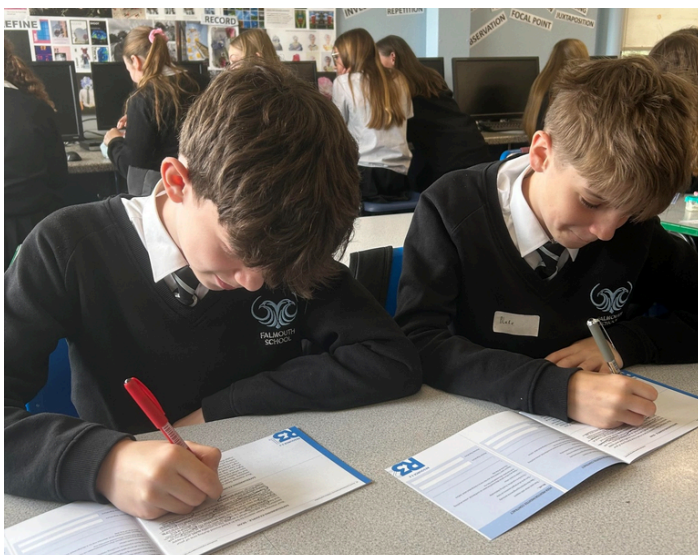
# Supporting the Next Generation Through Peer Mentoring



Personal development at Falmouth School continues to provide students with meaningful opportunities to grow, lead and explore beyond the classroom.

Our Year 10 Cornwall Marine Academy students have recently begun a 13-week apprenticeship programme, gaining valuable real-world experience and developing key skills for future pathways. This hands-on approach is helping students build confidence and deepen their understanding of careers linked to Cornwall's marine industries.

Student voice has also been a key focus this term, with the launch of the Falmouth Youth Council. Our Year 8 and 9 students took part in an engaging workshop exploring local democracy and discussing the issues that matter most to young people. We were delighted to welcome Jayne Kirkham MP, who spoke with students about the importance of having their voices heard and making a difference in their community.





# Students Showcase Artistic Talent on Source FM

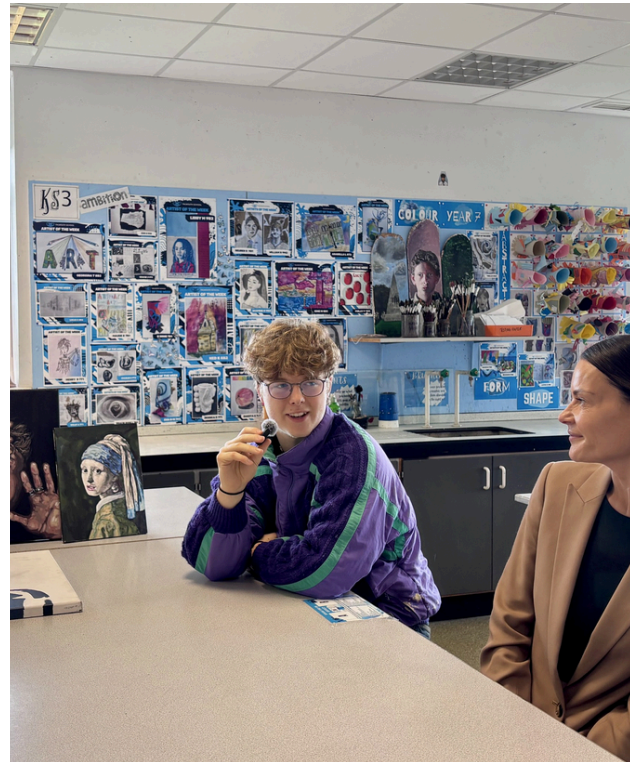
The Arts continue to play an important role at Falmouth School, with students recently having the exciting opportunity to showcase their artwork at Falmouth Art Gallery.

To celebrate the exhibition, students Joseph, Ava, Sophia and Jacob were interviewed by Frank from Source FM alongside Mrs Guest, discussing both their artwork and the importance of creativity within school life. The interview explored the value of the Arts at Falmouth School and the opportunities students are given to express themselves creatively and develop their talents.

Having artwork exhibited publicly, and in some cases sold, was a fantastic achievement for the students involved and highlighted the confidence, skill and creativity within the school community.

The experience also gave students the chance to speak about their work and represent the school within the wider community, helping to demonstrate the important role that art and creativity continue to play in education.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Laity for the many opportunities she provides for students to flourish creatively and share their talents beyond the classroom.



# Year 7 Students Explore Creativity Through Sound Art

Year 7 students recently took part in an exciting and innovative workshop led by Arts Lab and artist Justin Wiggan.

The workshop gave students the opportunity to explore the power of their voices through a unique combination of oracy, performance and live sound art. Students learned how to project and articulate clearly before experimenting with ways to transform their spoken words into creative sound pieces in real time.

It was wonderful to see students fully immersed in the experience, building confidence while expressing themselves in such imaginative ways. The session encouraged collaboration, creativity and communication, with students showing impressive enthusiasm and curiosity throughout.

A huge thank you to Arts Lab and Justin Wiggan for delivering such an inspiring experience for our students.



# Creative Excellence: Falmouth School Welcomes Miracle Theatre

We were recently delighted to welcome the renowned Miracle Theatre company to Falmouth School for an inspiring day of career insights and practical drama workshops.

The day began with a Business Breakfast hosted by Associate Director Hannah Stephens.

Hannah spoke passionately to students about the history of Miracle Theatre and shared her own professional journey into the world of the performing arts, offering invaluable advice on creative career paths.

Following the breakfast, Hannah was joined by Co-Artistic Director Sally Crooks to lead a series of energetic, hands-on workshops:

- Year 8 explored Miracle Theatre's upcoming production of Peer Gynt, engaging in physical exercises to design and embody their own unique troll characters.
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- Years 9 and 10 delved into advanced devising techniques, utilizing visual stimuli to create thought-provoking pieces of abstract theatre.

Our students demonstrated outstanding engagement, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Having experienced these fantastic workshops, they are now eagerly anticipating our school trip to watch the live production of Peer Gynt next term.

Thank you to Hannah and Sally for volunteering their time and expertise to inspire our next generation of performers.



## 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	Ratio and Proportion	Statistics
English	Much Ado About Nothing	The Tempest	Introduction 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	Tudors	Slave Trade	Post War World	Weimar Germany
DT	Various Projects	Various Projects	Various Projects	Coursework
Art	Printmaking-Natural Forms	3-D- St Ives Artists	Graphic Illustration	Unit 1 AO4
Music	Sea Shanties	Indian Music	Class Band	Unit 2
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



# FALMOUTH VI FORM

## 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.

Driven by excellence, defined by you.

