

THE FALMOUTH EAGLE



Celebrating our extraordinary students and staff

May 2024

A SUPERB START TO THE SUMMER TERM!

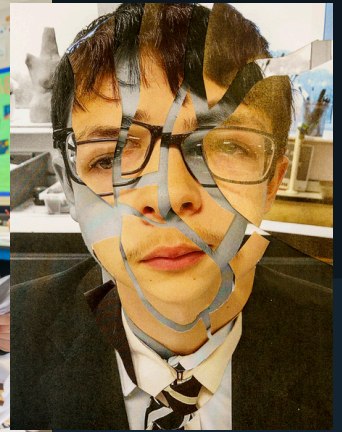
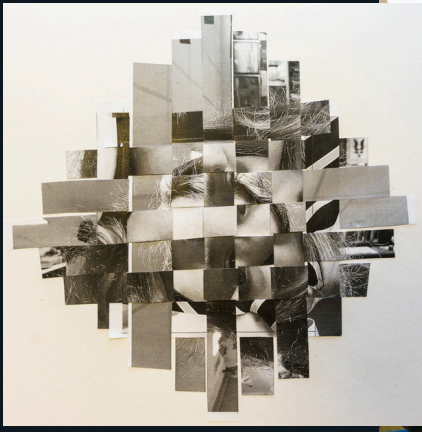
The summer term of 2024 at Falmouth School has begun with great enthusiasm and fantastic student achievements. With exams in full swing, students are tackling them head-on, supported by exam warm-ups, masterclasses, and revision sessions. A highlight this term has been the business breakfasts, offering students valuable career insights from professionals, including dental therapists and civil engineers. Our Year 8 girls' LEGO robotics team also achieved success in the national league in Harrogate, representing the school with distinction.

Additionally, we hosted a Film Studies day with Rob Shirley of Cornwall College, sparking interest among our aspiring filmmakers. Overall, it has been a fantastic start, and we are proud of our students' achievements, looking forward to maintaining this momentum throughout the term.

Mr Price
Deputy Headteacher



Excellent Year 7 work on Impressionism by Alasdair, Ione and Henry.



LOOKING INTO CLASSROOMS...

Year 10 GCSE Art students are currently exploring portraiture methods and techniques in order to create a final piece of artwork based on their own identity. They have been studying artists such as Frida Kahlo, Eduardo Palazzi and Yi Chen to analyse the styles of different artists. Most recently the students have been collaging photographs together in different compositions to explore how to distort, alter and manipulate images to express different ideas surrounding identity and self.

Year 7 students in Music have been following a scheme of work called "notation, Harry Potter". This involves students revisiting their prior learning of notation from the beginning of year 7, extending their knowledge and keyboard techniques, whilst applying this learning to the Harry Potter theme tune.

The photos attached demonstrate students practicing their left hand and right hand together.





SPOTLIGHT ON DT – LEGO ROBOTICS MASTERS!

Our four girls had an amazing day in Harrogate at the Lego First League National Robotics Challenge. We thank our sponsor, Watson Marlow, for their continued support, which helps us build STEM learning nationally. The event, run by the Institute of Engineering, featured 75 teams from across the UK. The girls competed in three heats with their robot, each lasting 2.5 minutes, completing 14 coding challenges on a complex game board. They also showcased teamwork and kindness, core Lego values.

Their innovation project impressed judges with a design to virtually decorate cakes using augmented reality, haptic technology, and quantum tunneling materials. Their performance received praise, with a teacher from Scotland noting their respect and conduct. The team plans to compete again in 2025 with the theme "oceans deep." We are seeking community support for coding assistance.



RAISING THE BAR FOR READING

Before Easter students in years 7 to 10 had their reading skills reassessed using the Reading Plus program. The data gathered from this has now been used to reorganise the intervention groups for reading. We were really pleased with the amount of progress demonstrated by many students who had been attending intervention sessions last term.

Year 8 are trialing a Sparx Reader program where they can read appropriate books on phones and other devices. We are intending to set a reading homework, once they are all signed up, of about 30 minutes of independent reading each week. If this works well, we will roll it out to the rest of the school.

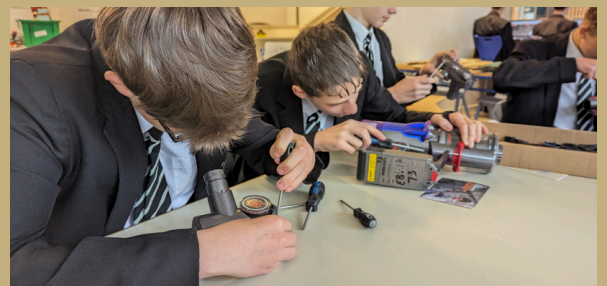
On Tuesday 11th June we will be holding a Family Reading Event. Everyone is welcome and we will send more details out nearer the time.



THE DYSON FOUNDATION SUPPORTS DT REVISION

Year 11s and Year 10s are participating in a D&T revision activity supported by the Dyson Foundation, which provides free learning packs to explore complex products. The students are examining materials, components, and manufacturing processes.

"This is great for revision as it's direct learning and we are immersed in an actual product," said Max. "We can discuss and learn from each other, which stretches our questioning," added Owen. "With this kit, we can explore more inquisitively and see details we might miss in an exam image," noted Charlie.



SPORTS NEWS

Golf Success

Congratulations to Harry, Theo, Stanley, Rory, and Aiden for their outstanding performance in the Cornwall Schools Under 16 Golf Championships at Falmouth Golf Club, with Harry winning overall.

Football Refereeing

Well done to Robert in Year 9 for his hard work in developing his refereeing skills. He is now a qualified football referee.

Martial Arts

Congratulations to Max in Year 7 for winning a silver and bronze medal at the WMAC British Championships. He has also qualified for the World Games in the Czech Republic this September. Well done, Max!

CORNWALL CRICKET

We have some fantastic opportunities for cricket camps this May Half Term! Our camps are located at Cornwall Cricket's fabulous Cricket Centre!

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE GIRLS

Plymouth Argyle Football Club Girls Advanced Development Centre have upcoming open trials for aspiring young female football players.

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Half Term Holiday Camps



Softball
Tuesday 28th May

5 to 8 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

8 to 11 year olds: 1pm to 4pm £24

Hardball
Wednesday 29th May

8 to 13 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

Club hardball players: 1pm to 3pm £16



At Cornwall Cricket Centre

Truro College Campus
Truro
TR1 3XX

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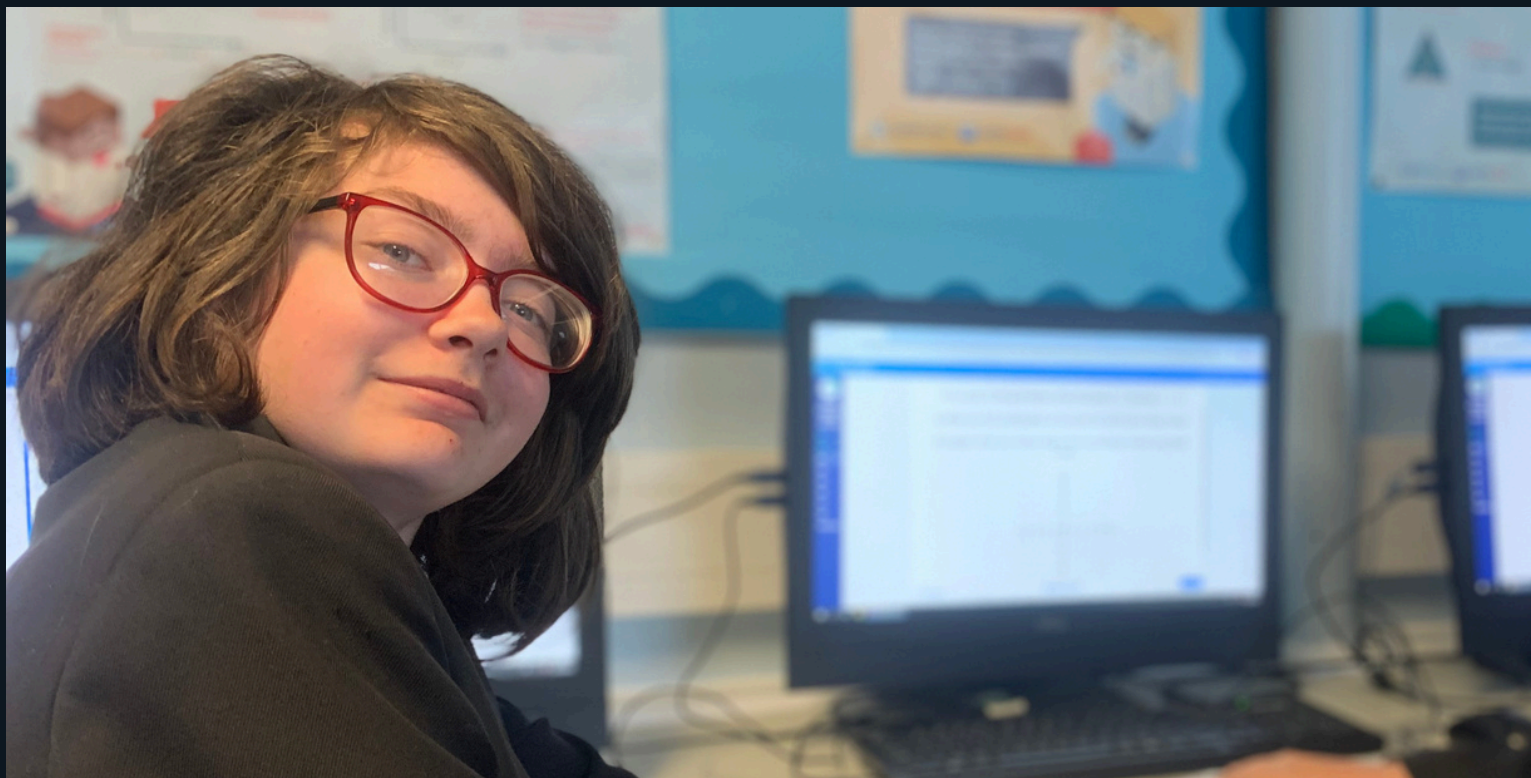
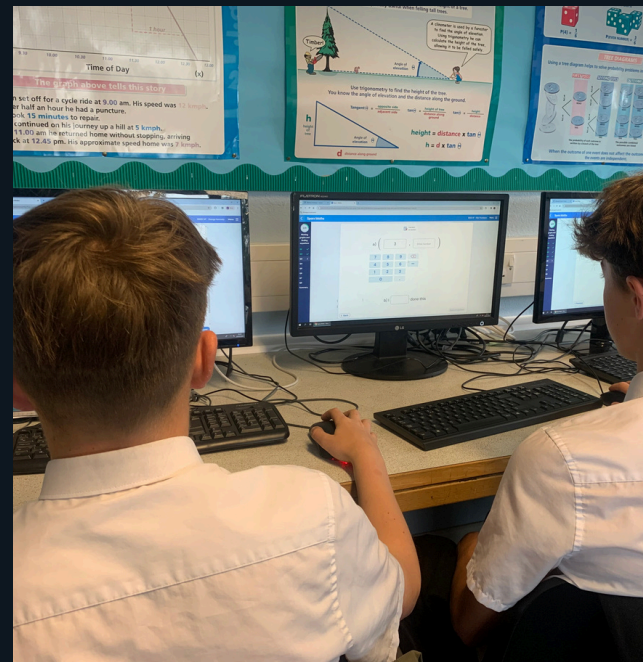
SPARX MATHS – WELL DONE YEAR 7!

Students and the maths department have worked hard this half term to increase maths homework completion rates, significantly impacting final outcomes. Year 7 notably improved their submission rate by 25%.

So far, 200 students have improved their timetables recall, answering over 720,000 questions correctly, and completing 12,500 hours of personalized learning.

This commitment is evident in daily classroom progress.

Support is available every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3 to 4 pm, and every morning in the library or C20 for help with tricky questions. Well done to everyone for your dedication to independent learning.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Nearly 70 year 11 students were recently awarded their Bronze DofE awards. Students received their awards at a special ceremony to celebrate their success which took place in the school hall on the evening of the 26th March. The students worked hard for their awards and we are very proud of all they have achieved during the time they undertook the award. We are also pleased that at 85%, our students have already almost doubled the national average of young people who complete their awards within three years of starting. A terrific achievement and testament to their commitment.



FALMOUTH SIXTH FORM

As we approach the end of the academic year our 6th form students have been preparing for their final revisions. Throughout the year we have watched our students navigate the challenges of academia, forge friendships and develop lifelong skills which we see converge at this final stage of the year. As we draw closer to the last days of term there are still several important and exciting milestones for the 6th Form department to look forward to.

Firstly let us embrace this period of revision with determination and resolve, knowing that every moment spent poring over textbooks and notes brings us one step closer to finalising goals. With the end of examinations in sight we watch our students calmly conquer, showing that all their hard work and countless hours of dedication will have paid off. Despite the intensity of this period, it is imperative to remember the core values embedded within student learning.

An exciting day to look forward to is for our Year 10's, where we invite you for a taster day, to experience a day in the life of our 6th form students. Although it is not always Wii challenges and Pool games, we hope to show Year 10's the importance of choosing education. Year 10's will have this opportunity on the 27th June. Our current 6th formers have definitely shown this year what education can be as they have individually reached personalised goals.

A final milestone for our 6th form is Prom, just before 6th formers begin progressing to the next stages of their lives, prom is not just about looking back; it's also about looking forward with hope and excitement for the future. Our 6th formers stand on the precipice of endless possibilities.

PSHE AND CAREERS UPDATE

This half term we have continued to explore many important topics in PSHE and Careers. Our year 7s have covered a unit on Growing and Changing, Y8 were looking at Physical and Mental Wellbeing. Year 9 welcomed Barnardos into their lessons to deliver their Healthy Relationships course. Teachers, Barnardos staff and students have been enjoying this unit and the discussions sparked from it. Our Y10 students have been the first of our students to begin using their new Unifrog accounts for careers education. These provide students with access to a huge amount of information on their post 16 options. They can explore apprenticeships, T levels, college and university courses, for example. Students manage their own accounts and build up a record of their skills, experiences, knowledge, prepare CVs, etc. Our younger students will begin exploring what Unifrog has to offer for them after half term.



'WEAR IT GREEN' DAY

Last Wednesday Falmouth school enjoyed "wear it green" day in support of Mental Health awareness week and the Mental health foundation. It was lovely to see so many splashes of colour around the school and to encourage more conversations about mental health.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half term holiday	7 May to 31 May
Geography field trip	6 & 7 June
Family Learning	11 June
Year 10 trial exams	11-13 June
Year 7 Parents' evening	12 June

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE GIRLS

PAFC Girls Advanced Development Centre have upcoming open trials for aspiring young female football players.

Their program is designed to provide talented athletes with the opportunity to showcase their skills, receive top-level coaching, and further develop their abilities in a professional and supportive environment. We believe that by working together, we can help young athletes reach their full potential and achieve their dreams in the world of football.

ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

2024-2025 SEASON

UNDER 10 | UNDER 11 | UNDER 12 | UNDER 13



Be part of it.

EMAIL: JOSHUA.CHALK@PAFC.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION

PAFC Girls Advanced Development Centre Open Trials:

Wednesday 7th August - Under 10's & Under 12's.

Launceston College 3G Pitch, PL15 9HH.

Thursday 8th August - Under 11's & Under 13's.

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