

THE FALMOUTH EAGLE



Celebrating our extraordinary students and staff

Easter 2024

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

This term has been one of notable triumphs for the students of Falmouth School, as they have showcased remarkable teamwork and excellence across various domains, including sports, the Lego league competition, and musical ensembles. We have awarded more than 94,000 praise points, acknowledging the myriad achievements of our students on a daily basis.

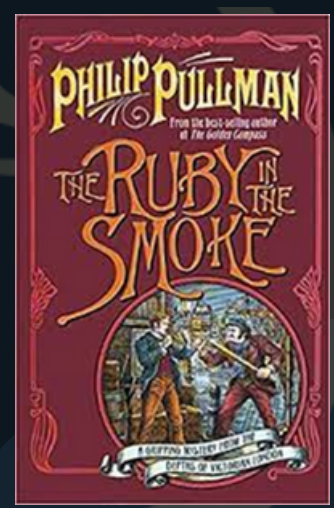
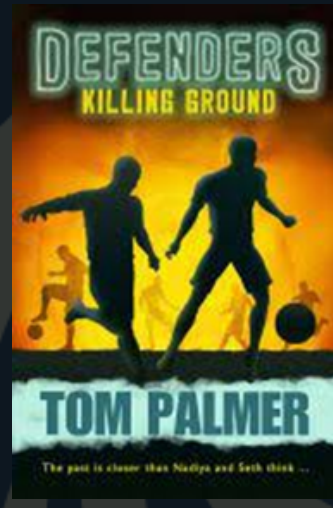
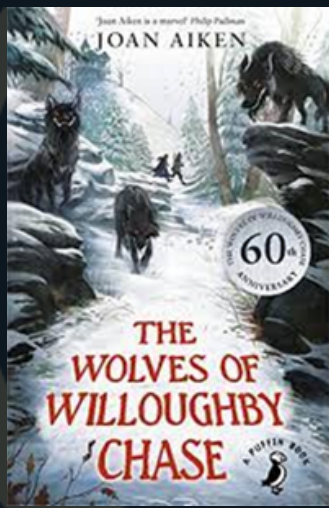
Students' voice informs us that students feel very positive about learning and the subject specific booklets support their progress. Students appreciate the recent improvements made to the praise system.

We extend our gratitude to the parents and carers who have actively participated in our Family Learning events, performing arts evenings, and other collaborative endeavours, strengthening our sense of community and partnership. Together, we celebrate the collective success of all our young people and look forward to continued growth and collaboration in the future. – Mrs. Chanter, Headteacher



DEVELOPING OUR CURRICULUM ACROSS THE TRUST

Teachers have been working hard behind the scenes, collaborating with their counterparts across the trust to align subject curriculums, which means students at Falmouth School will be studying the same curriculums as the students at the Roseland and Treviglas. We are all very excited about how the new curriculums are shaping up, which will be transferred into booklets and delivered in lessons from September. Feedback on booklets currently being utilised in lessons at Falmouth School in English and Geography have been incredibly positive, and we are very excited to continue moving forward with this aspect of our work to benefit our students' learning experiences.



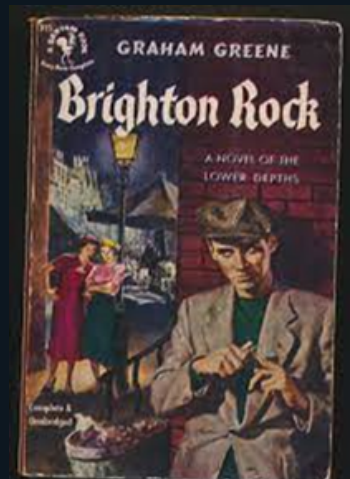
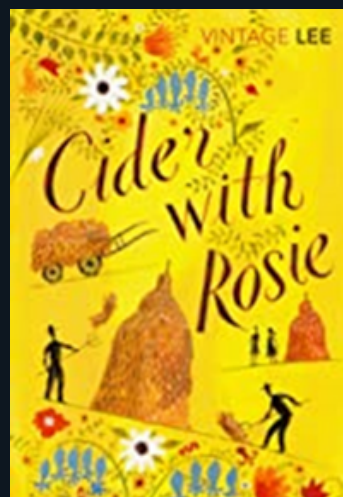
READING MATTERS

Falmouth school recognises the importance of reading for all subjects and for life. Students who read regularly will get the best GCSE results not just in English but in all subjects, even maths. You have to be able to read and understand the question before you can solve it. It has also been established that people who read are far less likely to suffer from anxiety as it allows us to escape our worries for a while at least.

Therefore, we are encouraging reading in many ways. In registration time, form teachers are reading a novel with their classes. Each year group is reading the same one, so this encourages discussion between students. Years 7 and 8 receive a reading lesson in the library every fortnight and year 9s once a month to encourage a love of reading. Our librarian Mrs Hague has a variety of reading competitions so students have the chance to win a book of their own.

Additionally, we are regularly checking students reading ages to ensure the expected progress is happening. Intervention is timetabled for registration times or during the school day for those who need a boost to catch up. If students are struggling to decide what to read, we have a recommended reading list which is included in this edition. Our aim to have all of our students reading weekly and enjoying it!

The books pictured are from reading lists for Years 7 to 11. A full list is available from your English teacher.





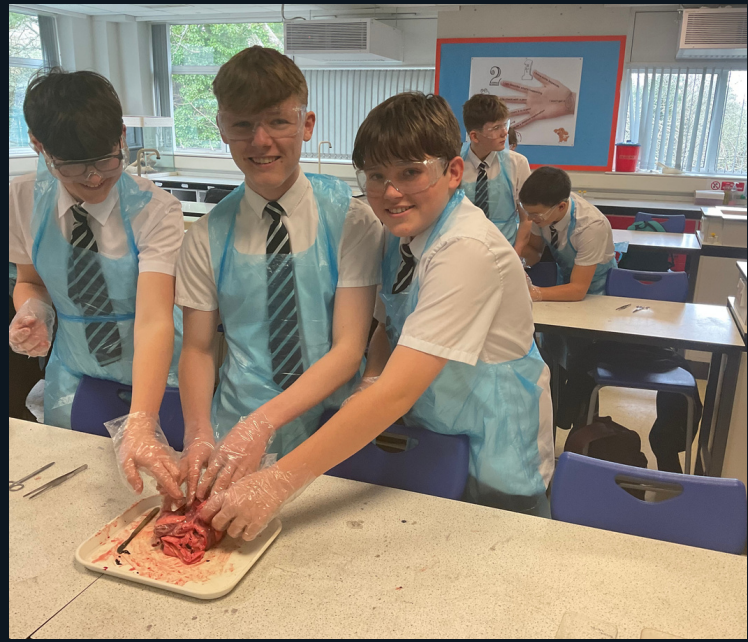
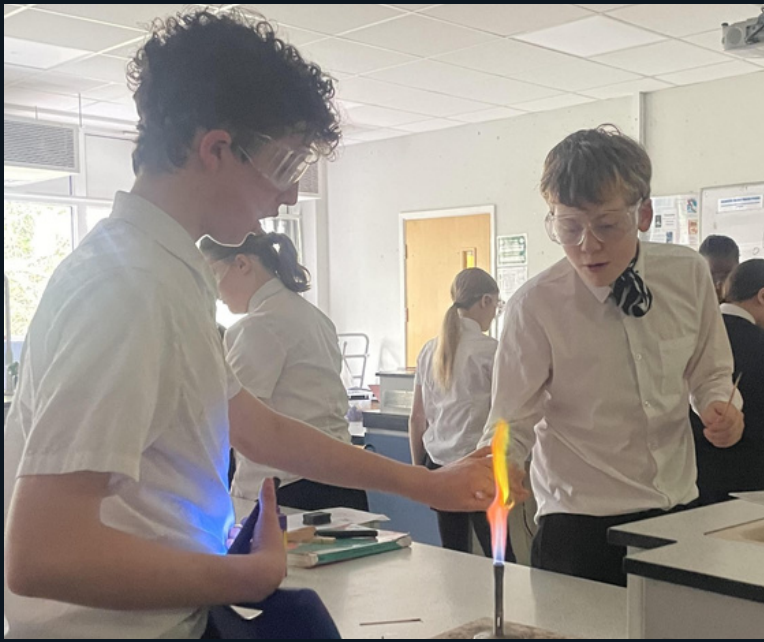
YEAR 9 CHARITY CONCERT

On Wednesday 28th February, year 9 students took part in a fantastic musical evening, raising money for the RNLI in their 200th anniversary year. The audience were treated to an array of popular songs, including Sweet Caroline, The Proclaimers and even some Spice Girls! The students have worked incredibly hard, learning all of their parts in their curriculum music lessons and they really did themselves proud with their commitment and professionalism they showed on the night!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the students, so far the total amount raised is £338.65 and 100% of this will be going to the RNLI.

A huge congratulations to all that took part in this fantastic event, showcasing the hard work of every single student!





SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

The science department has seen some changes in 2024. We welcome new science teachers Julius Carey and Tahlie Sharpe to the team who bring expertise in physics and biology respectively and Phil Bunney as new TTL. They join more established members Alex George, Becca Swan, Ben Tregear and Naomi Salatas and Alinka Smith. We are pleased to announce that the science department is fully staffed with specialists in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The science department celebrated science week with a rewards event for those showing a natural enthusiasm for the subject in Years 7 and 8. This was in addition to the practical work that takes place as part of the curriculum. In Year 8 we have students investigating flame colours from different metals. Students were excited to try new experiments and learn about why this happens.





SPORTS NEWS

Hockey wins all round!

Well done to the year 7-9 hockey teams who took part in their first fixture of the year away to Pool school this week. The students have been training hard and their hard work and effort were rewarded with each year group securing wins. With excellent goals from Orion and Grace the Year 7 team won 2-1. The Year 8 team demonstrated excellent passages of play to win their game with three goals from Florence, who was chosen as player of the match.

Last onto the pitch were the year 9 squad who dominated from the first whistle, showcasing excellent vision and team defence to deliver the ball to the attack to score a goal. Player of the match went to Lyla, who scored three goals.

Year 9 Football County Cup

Well done to the year 9 boys football team who secured a strong win against Pool school to move through to the next round of the County cup.

Cornwall representation for Rio

Rio, in year 11 played for the Cornwall U16's County Football team in Plymouth. He had been selected after impressing the team when taking part in a number of trials. Despite being nervous, Rio said that he "enjoyed every minute" and it was a brilliant experience. We wish Rio well in his next match!



BUSINESS BREAKFASTS

Our weekly, career focussed Business Breakfast mornings have continued to garner excellent attention and is it any wonder with the recent exciting visits by Flight Lt Charles 'Paff' from the RAF and 'Legal eagle' Rob Ecclestone from Solicitors firm Howell Hylton giving us candid advice and discussion about their respective career pathways.

Charles went through many of the career opportunities available in the RAF and discussed how you would go about signing up, as well as the many benefits you would get from being a member.

Rob gave our audience a taste of what his daily role as a 'duty solicitor' involves and went through a few different tricky scenarios to demonstrate. Some probing questions from students regarding the ethics of being a defence lawyer were raised and the feedback was excellent.

If you or a representative of your company would like to be a guest speaker at a Business Breakfast session please contact Mr French to arrange this.



PSHE

The week of 4th-8th March we celebrated National Careers Week in school by hosting a number of outside speakers who gave up their time to talk to our students about their chosen profession and their journey into it. We welcomed the NHS, D&C Police, RAF, Royal Navy, Cornwall College, Martha Dixon, Matthew Brierley, Peleton Accountants, Alun Cummings and Software Cornwall. Students opted in to attend these sessions and find out more about different careers. All students also had access to a virtual careers fair and information organised by National careers Week 2024 via google classroom.

Next term our year 9 students will begin a focused half term covering the statutory SRE in their PSHE lessons. This will be delivered by a team of trained professionals from Barnardo's. A separate letter has gone out to parents regarding this.



FAMILY LEARNING – EXAM SKILLS

We were delighted to have a full house for our recent Family Learning event focusing on exam skills, revision and preparation. Parents of Year 11 and 13 students joined us to explore the important role students, parents, and teachers have in working together to achieve outstanding outcomes for our amazing learners in the upcoming 2024 exam season.

All attendees were given a pack of resources including students' own personalised timetables and statutory information from the JCQ. Motivational films helped to raise aspirations, on the themes of belief, preparation, hard work and support.

For any families that couldn't make it, head over to the Parent Hub area of our website to see the slides.



DUKE OF EDIBURGH AWARD UPDATE

Our current cohort from year 9 and 10 have been working hard towards their awards. Many of them have completed their Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections – a major achievement. It has been great reading the reports submitted by their assessors and learning what our students have been doing so well to fulfil the requirements of each section. A huge well done to our students for all their work so far. Students have also been undertaking their training for the DofE Expedition and we look forward to their qualifying expedition which will take place during the last two weeks of June. If you are a student who is nearing the end of one of your sections, don't forget to ask your assessor to complete your report! Full instructions in the DofE google classroom.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS CHOICES

Excitement filled the air as our Year 9 students embarked on a journey of discovery during the recent Options Evening. It was a momentous occasion, marking the first time these young individuals could directly shape their academic path, and they approached it with enthusiasm and determination.

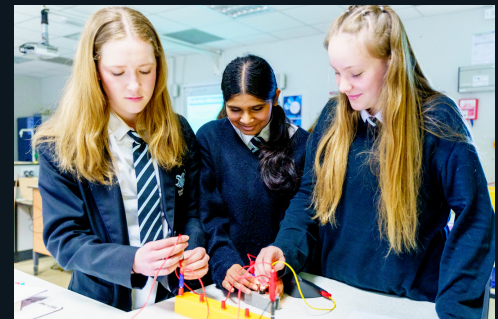
The atmosphere was electric as students engaged eagerly with the array of subjects and possibilities laid out before them. From spirited discussions to thoughtful questions, it was evident that our Year 9 cohort was fully invested in exploring their future pathways. It was heartening to witness their eagerness to delve into subjects that piqued their interest and ignited their passions.

As educators, we understand the significance of this milestone in our students' academic journey. That's why we're committed to providing the necessary support to ensure they make informed decisions. Our tutors stand ready to assist any student in need of guidance or clarification. Whether it's tweaking options or seeking advice, our doors are always open.

We recognise that choosing the right subjects is a pivotal decision, one that can shape the trajectory of their academic career. Therefore, we're dedicated to empowering our Year 9s to make choices they feel confident about. Together, we'll navigate this exciting phase, ensuring each student finds their path to success. Let's continue to foster a culture of curiosity and ambition as we guide our Year 9 students towards a future filled with endless possibilities.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring term ends	3pm	27 March
Summer term starts	8:35am	15 April
Year 10 Pre-Public exams	8 & 9 May	
Half term holiday	27 May to 31 May	



SPARX AND TASSOMAI SESSIONS

Every morning at 8.15 we open to any early birds who want to get their daily goals done first. All students are welcome in the library at 8.15 to complete their Sparx, Seneca and Tassomai work with the support of an English or maths teacher. This is open to all students, in all years. Let's make the most of this opportunity!