



## **HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME**

Reading through our first Eagle for this academic year, it is clear to see we've had a jam packed and hugely successful half term here at Falmouth School. It has been heartening to see our Year 7 students settle into school life so smoothly, enthusiastically embracing the myriad of opportunities available to them.

We've had a whole host of standout events; our Yr6 Open Evening, Black History Month, European Day of Languages, World Mental Health Day as well as many sporting and creative events and competitions such as The Big Sing! All of these unite and celebrate our students and their incredible talents and desire to be involved.

Our Year 11 students have also shown commendable dedication as they navigate their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and engage in their revision. Their diligence and ambition to succeed have impressed us all, and I am confident that their hard work will pay off.

This half term, we have had the pleasure of welcoming numerous visitors, including Falmouth University, The Dracaena Centre, MP Jayne Kirkham, and local primary school teachers and headteachers. These interactions have enriched our students' experiences and strengthened our connections within the community.

At the start of the term, I challenged all students to say "yes" to all the opportunities presented to them. I am delighted to report that they have embraced this challenge wholeheartedly. This newsletter serves as a celebration of the success and joy that can come from stepping outside one's comfort zone and taking part in school life.

As we head into the break, I encourage everyone to continue exploring new opportunities and to reflect on the achievements of this half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making Falmouth School a vibrant and engaging place for our students.

Mrs Guest  
Headteacher

## LITERACY UPDATE

The English Department has been busy with some great new activities aimed at boosting student engagement and performance. We're currently running revision sessions for Year 11 students while also introducing some fresh books for Year 7.

As Year 11 students gear up for their important exams, the department has set up focused revision sessions to help them get ready. These sessions, led by experienced teachers, give students a chance to work together, practice with past exam papers, and get helpful feedback. The goal is to build their confidence and skills during this crucial time, and so far, both students and parents have really appreciated the support.

At the same time, we are also working to spark a love for reading in Year 7 students by bringing in a variety of new books through the BookBuzz scheme. This initiative aims to expose students to different genres and authors, making sure there's something for everyone and providing a book for all Year 7s to take home, read and keep. By encouraging reading as both a valuable skill and a fun activity, the department hopes to create lifelong readers who enjoy the magic of stories.

By providing tailored help for Year 11 and enriching the reading experience for Year 7, the English Team are not just preparing students for exams but also nurturing a passion for literature that we hope will last a lifetime. As the school year continues, we are excited to keep these initiatives going and celebrate the successes of all our students.

Watch out for Reading Challenges over the holidays, with some great prizes to be won for readers of all abilities!



## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2024 – FALMOUTH SCHOOL BAKE OFF

Once again our students have overwhelmed us with the quality of their bakes and their creativity shown for the European Day of Languages Bake Off.

Pupils across the year groups brought in their amazing cakes despite the pouring rain! We were totally overwhelmed by the number of entries and the high quality of each and every one.

It was a tough decision to decide the winners, the standard of bakes was very high. However the judges decided on.....

Year 7 – Mila

Year 8 – Tallulah

Year 9 – Emily

Year 10 – Lily

Congratulations to each and everyone one of you and not forgetting our amazing team of year 11 Languages students who ran the bake sale at both break and lunchtime to raise money for charity.

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 concluded this week by celebrating different languages as part of the European Day of Languages. Students showed great interest in their learning by completing a range of quizzes, having a go at writing in different languages from across the world and embracing the wide ranging pronunciation challenges through tongue twisters. Students demonstrated great enthusiasm, ambition and respect throughout. It was great to hear from our students about their language skills and experiences. Thank you to Charlie, for managing the quiz for us.



## YEAR 11 STUDENT LEADERS



It's only right, we take a moment to celebrate the incredible contributions of our Year 11 student leaders this half term. Our prefects have truly gone above and beyond, showcasing remarkable dedication and enthusiasm in their roles.

This half term they have had the privilege of meeting a variety of visitors, including our local MP, Jayne Kirkham, while conducting engaging tours of the school. Their maturity and confidence have made a lasting impression on our guests and quite rightly so.

Our Open Evening was another significant success, where the prefects warmly welcomed Year 6 parents and students, providing them with insights into our school community. Again, their enthusiasm and warmth was noted by all.

In addition to these responsibilities, our prefects played a pivotal role in organising charity events for World Mental Health Day, successfully raising over £930 for Georgia's Voice and Man Down. This achievement not only reflects their hard work but also their compassion and understanding of the importance of mental health awareness.

Daily break duties have become a testament to their reliability and teamwork, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all students. The list of their contributions goes on, and I am continually impressed by their initiative and leadership.

Looking ahead to the next half term, the plans our prefects have in store are as ambitious as they are inspiring. They are eager to leave a lasting legacy at our school, and I have no doubt that they will achieve great things.

Mrs Guest



## FALMOUTH SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Join us for Falmouth Sixth Form's Open Evening on December 9, 2024, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm! This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and prospective students to explore the vibrant learning environment we offer. Attendees will have the chance to engage with our dedicated staff and current students, gaining insights into the diverse courses and enriching extracurricular activities available. Discover how Falmouth Sixth Form can help shape your educational journey by staying connected to your community and exploring further aspirations. We look forward to seeing you there.



## YEAR 11 SUCCESSES

Year 11 have had an incredible start to the new academic year. We have had, on average, 70 students attend after school revision sessions every night after school in the lead up to Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). This just shows the spectacular commitment of our students. Results are out on the afternoon of 4.11.24 and we look forward to celebrating this with our students.

On 21st October year 11 held their first Praise assembly of the year, where individual students were recognised for their commitment to the school's core values: Kindness, Responsibility and Ambition. This half term Kyra has earned the highest number of Kindness points, Red was the highest earner of Responsibility points and Ava scored the highest number of Ambition points.

Lola is the student in year 11 with the highest number of only positive points, scoring an impressive 212 in total. Well done year 11; keep up the great work!

Mrs Miller

## A FANTASTIC OPEN EVENING AT FALMOUTH SCHOOL!

On the 19th of September, we proudly opened our doors to prospective students and their families for a truly exciting Open Evening. It was an opportunity for visitors to experience first-hand what learning at Falmouth School is all about, and the atmosphere was electric from start to finish.

Throughout the evening, there was a wonderful array of activities on offer. Visitors explored scientific experiments in the science labs, tested their trampolining skills in the sports hall, and delved into puzzles and games in the History department—just to name a few. Armed with a treasure map, prospective students toured the school, hunting for clues and answers to key questions about school life, with plenty of prizes up for grabs for those who completed the challenge.

The event featured two keynote presentations from Mrs. Guest, and our dedicated student leadership team was on hand to offer support and guidance, ensuring everyone felt welcomed and informed. The feedback from families was incredibly positive, with many parents sharing heart-warming comments about their experience:

- "Staff and pupils were very helpful and kind. My granddaughter was very nervous when she arrived but is leaving very happy and looking forward to coming here."
- "Thank you for a great evening. The students are a credit to your school. As a primary teacher locally, it has been great to see many of our ex-pupils shining at Falmouth. My son is very excited to start here next year."
- "We were very impressed with the activities put into the Open Evening. Student helpers were all very impressive."
- "We were very impressed. My girls are feeling happy and confident about choosing Falmouth School."
- "Fantastic open evening. Staff and students were very helpful, and we received a warm welcome. Great success!"

These comments are just a few examples of the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received. Following the success of the evening, we have been delighted to continue welcoming families into the school for daily tours, allowing them to see life at Falmouth School from a student's perspective.

We are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming our new cohort next year and encourage anyone with any questions or queries to get in touch. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this evening such a fantastic success!



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

There was a real buzz in the History Department on Monday as students gathered to celebrate the Black History Month Project. Out of over 80 entries, 30 year 7, 8 and 9 entries were shortlisted. The history department were amazed by the creativity, level of research and the originality of the projects. From poems, cardboard cut-outs, works of art and research projects, there is so much to be proud of from these amazing young historians!



## DON'T MISS OUT!

To ensure you don't miss out on any important school communications, please update us with any changes to your address, email address or phone numbers. You can do this by using the SIMS Parent Lite App, or by calling/emailing [reception@falmouthschool.net](mailto:reception@falmouthschool.net). Please note: by providing us with your email address you are consenting to receive email communications from Falmouth School.

## AMAZING ARTWORK FROM 7BS2

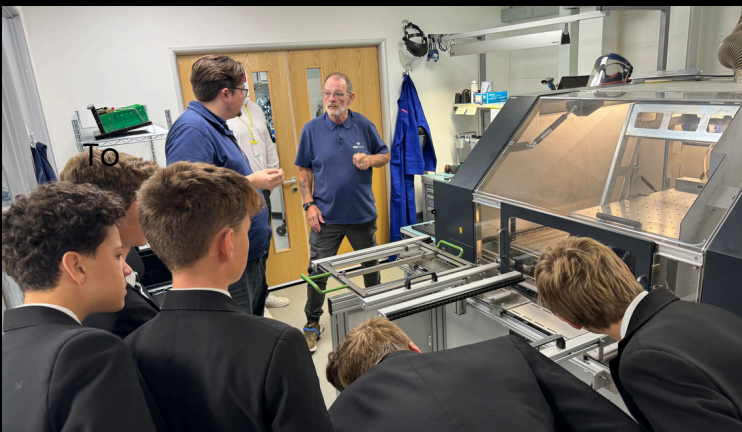
Students had one lesson to demonstrate their skills drawing a 3D Still Life object, ensuring they included tonal shading, shadow and highlights. A high level of focus and ambition was shown during this task, and we are really impressed with the outcomes! Well done Year 7!



## YEAR 9 VISIT SELECTRONICS

We had an amazing opportunity to go and visit SelecTronics who are based around the corner from the school in the business park. SelecTronics invited us to be a part of the National Manufacturing Day event which took place all over the UK. We took three groups of year 9 and post 16 students to visit and SelecTronics who welcomed us to see the incredible work that they do and held a talk on manufacturing in Cornwall. The Mayor and MP also joined us with our all girls STEM group.

A huge thank you to SelecTronics for welcoming us and we look forward to visiting you again!





## PYJAMA DAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

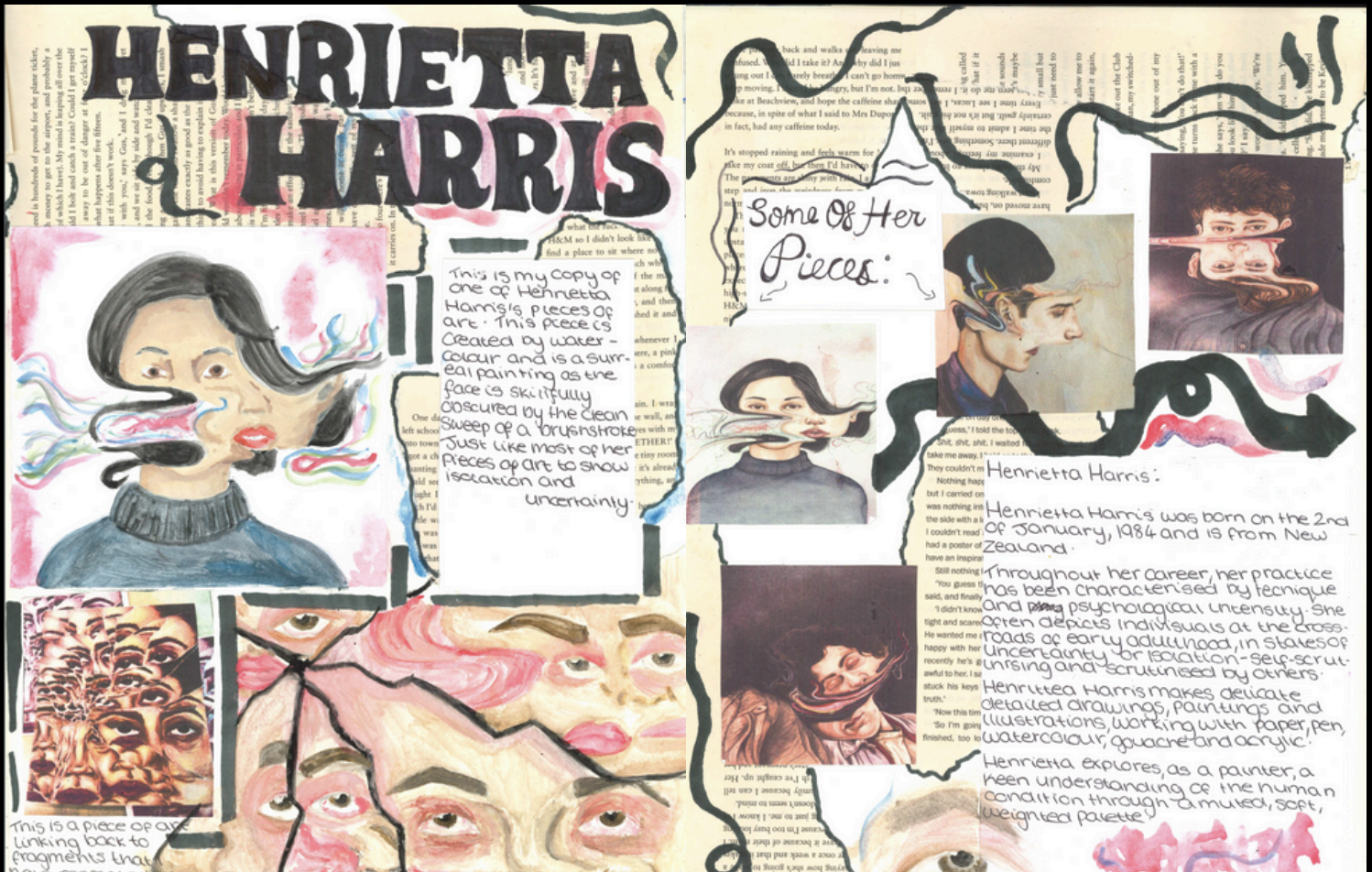
Year 11 students chose a charity day where all students wore bedtime wear for the day and learned about mental health awareness. There were assemblies throughout the day and students heard from representatives from Georgia's Voice and ManDown. All funds received were shared between the charities Year 11 chose for the day.



### NEWSFLASH!

Tickets for the Performing Arts Showcase (Weds 20th November at 6pm) go on sale via ParentPay on Friday 8th November. They will be £2 per head. You can expect to be entertained by dancers, musicians, singers and actors from Y7-11. Refreshments also available on the night, but bring cash as it is a donations-only stall.

# AMAZING ARTWORK BY CERYS!



## OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY!

The Library is a large space with thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, in addition to computers for homework and personal study. It is a fabulous space to read and catch up with school work. The Library is currently undergoing a transformation to make it an even more inspiring place to be in. We are buying hundreds of new fiction books and will be updating non-fiction area throughout the year.

Reading challenges that are available here in the Library include; The Alphabet challenge, Read a Theme, Non-Fiction, Read Around the World, History Timeline (for history fans), Read 100 books before you leave year.

There's something for keen or reluctant readers, so why don't you begin your reading journey by coming to see me now. There are of course prizes and praise points to be won. Take on a new reading challenge and reap the rewards. The Library is open Monday to Thursday for break and lunch time, also for English Library lessons.

