



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to this term's edition of The Falmouth Eagle: another wonderful read, bursting with everything that makes our school so special. It is a true celebration of talent, hard work, character and community spirit.

As you will see in the pages ahead, our students have continued to shine across every corner of school life: on the sports field, on the stage, in the gallery, and beyond. Their successes have ranged from outstanding sporting achievements to impressive musical performances and creative flair.

Students have also enjoyed incredible opportunities beyond the classroom, with visits to The Houses of Parliament, Falmouth University, Hall for Cornwall, Bodmin Jail and more, enriching experiences that make learning vivid, memorable, and ambitious. As well as hosting inspiring guest speakers from the BBC.

This term our community has continued to live out our values of: ambition, kindness and responsibility: I could not be prouder of our staff and students for their Christmas Card initiative, with cards designed and written by students and personally delivered to more than 200 residents across six local care homes. We have also been actively fundraising in support of the Mayor of Falmouth, Alan Jewell, and his drive to bring a swimming pool back to Falmouth: bake sales, comfy clothes days, performances, and even students swimming alongside the Mayor himself!

Finally, I want to recognise our Prefects, who represented local young people brilliantly at a Town Council meeting with architects, helping shape plans for how the local library and gallery spaces could better support teenagers in our community.

It has been a busy, joyful, purposeful term and I am endlessly proud of our students, staff, and families. Thank you for everything you do to make Falmouth School such an exceptional place to belong and grow.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Mrs. Guest
Headteacher



Christmas Concert - A Festive Evening to Remember



On 17th December, our school community came together for a wonderful Christmas Concert, showcasing the talent, commitment and enthusiasm of our students, supported superbly by staff. The performances were full of energy and festive spirit, reflecting the hard work that had gone into preparing for the evening.

A particular highlight was the beautiful rendition of God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, with Mr Christophers providing excellent support and helping to create a memorable musical moment. The atmosphere throughout the concert was warm and joyful, made even more special by the large number of parents and carers who joined us to celebrate.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the concert such a success and a fitting way to end the term on a high note.



Sporting Success This Term

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, it has been fantastic to see the continued commitment, enthusiasm, and positive attitudes shown by students in PE at Falmouth School. This term has included a wide range of activities focused on developing physical fitness, teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. One of the key highlights has been the outstanding contribution of our Sports Leaders, who have done an excellent job supporting and delivering primary school sporting events and officiating school fixtures, representing the school with kindness and demonstrating responsibility.

We were also pleased to support our Year 11 students through a Wellbeing Afternoon, where students took part in a variety of physical activities designed to support mental health and promote positive wellbeing. This session highlighted the important role that physical activity plays in supporting both physical and emotional health, particularly during exam preparation.



We have enjoyed great success in competitive sport this term. Our netball teams have performed exceptionally well, showing skill, determination, and teamwork in their fixtures. In addition, our rugby and football teams achieved excellent success in the County Cup competitions, a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of both students and staff.

A special mention must go to the Year 11 rugby squad, who have shown outstanding commitment and resilience. The team has achieved excellent results while balancing the demands of GCSE studies alongside training and fixtures, setting a fantastic example of dedication, time management, and perseverance to the younger students. Good luck in the Semi Final of the County rugby cup.

These successes, alongside the strong participation in lessons and extracurricular clubs, demonstrate the positive sporting culture at Falmouth School.

Well done to all students involved this term, and thank you to parents and carers for your continued support. We wish everyone a restful and active break and look forward to another exciting term of PE at Falmouth School.



Inspirational Print Making

Students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to Falmouth University's Woodlane Art Campus, where they took part in a printmaking workshop in the University's specialist facilities. The visit provided an exciting opportunity for students to experience a higher education art environment and to view impressive degree level work across the campus.

During the visit, students participated in a hands on workshop led by the University's educational team, exploring a range of printmaking techniques and processes. The work produced during the session will contribute towards their art portfolios, supporting their ongoing coursework and creative development. The visit was both motivating and informative, encouraging students to think ambitiously about future creative pathways.



Year 11 PPE Exam Success!

Smiles were in abundance as students received their October PPE results and took time to celebrate their hard work and progress. Staff congratulated students on their efforts, recognising the commitment and resilience they have shown in preparing for these important assessments.

To mark the occasion, students enjoyed cupcakes as a well deserved reward, adding to the positive and celebratory atmosphere. Moments like these are an important opportunity to reflect on success and build confidence moving forward.

With the Christmas break approaching, students are now looking ahead to a well earned rest before returning in the new year ready for their Trial Exams in January. They have been working hard towards these next milestones, and we are proud of the focus and determination they continue to show.



Falmouth School Musicians Shine at Christmas Tree Festival



The Falmouth School Music Department was honoured to take part in this year's Falmouth Christmas Tree Festival at the Princess Pavilions. As the festivities got underway, pupils provided festive background music in the Garden Room, creating a welcoming and joyful atmosphere for visitors.

The Junior Choir then took to the main stage, performing a Christmas set that was met with an enthusiastic and highly appreciative audience. Their confident and joyful performance was a real highlight of the event.



The evening concluded with a fantastic solo performance from Year 11 pupil Lilly, who delivered a rousing rendition of Kelly Clarkson's Underneath the Tree. Our pupils truly rose to the occasion and relished being at the heart of our community's festive celebrations.





Cracking Careers Curriculum

At Falmouth School, preparing students for life beyond education is a key priority. Our comprehensive and progressive careers curriculum is carefully aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarks, ensuring students develop ambition, awareness and informed decision-making at every stage of their journey.

Students benefit from a wide range of opportunities designed to broaden horizons and provide real-world insight. All year groups are invited to attend our popular Business Breakfasts, where students can network with professionals from a range of industries over a continental breakfast, volunteering to attend sessions linked to their interests.



Students in Years 7 to 10 recently explored creative and digital career pathways through the BBC Bitesize Careers Tour, an exclusive event delivered in a chat-show format by a BBC reporter, offering an engaging insight into careers within the media.

Our youngest students in Years 7 and 8 begin building career awareness early through Labour Market Information (LMI) sessions during tutor time. These lessons help students understand employment trends and encourage them to align their ambitions with areas of growth.

As students approach important decision points, support becomes increasingly personalised. Year 10 students recently visited the University of Exeter for a taster day, experiencing courses such as geology and medicine. They are also in the process of securing work experience placements, supported by tutors and partners at the DWP, with guidance continuing into next year.



In Year 11, students receive ongoing one-to-one careers interviews to support their post-GCSE plans, ensuring every student is well prepared for their next steps in education, training or employment.

Through this structured and inclusive approach, we are committed to equipping every student with the knowledge, skills and connections they need to take ownership of their future.





Sixth Form Students Visit the House of Lords



Sixth Form students recently took part in an enriching educational visit to the House of Lords, offering a unique insight into the heart of the UK's parliamentary system. The visit provided students with the opportunity to explore one of the most significant institutions in British democracy and to deepen their understanding of how laws are debated, scrutinised, and shaped.

During the visit, students learned about the role and responsibilities of the House of Lords and explored the historic chamber and surrounding parliamentary spaces. The experience brought classroom learning to life and encouraged thoughtful discussion around politics, governance, and active citizenship, helping students to better understand the importance of democratic processes.

A Successful Sixth Form Open Evening

Falmouth Sixth Form recently welcomed prospective students and their families to its Open Evening, with a strong turnout and a vibrant, positive atmosphere throughout the evening. Visitors enjoyed the opportunity to explore a wide range of courses, from Classics to Engineering, and to gain a clear insight into the breadth and ambition of the Sixth Form curriculum.

Staff and current students were on hand to discuss subject choices, enrichment opportunities, and future pathways, helping visitors to make informed decisions about their next steps. Applications for Falmouth Sixth Form are now open, with just 75 places available, and we look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Sixth Form students.



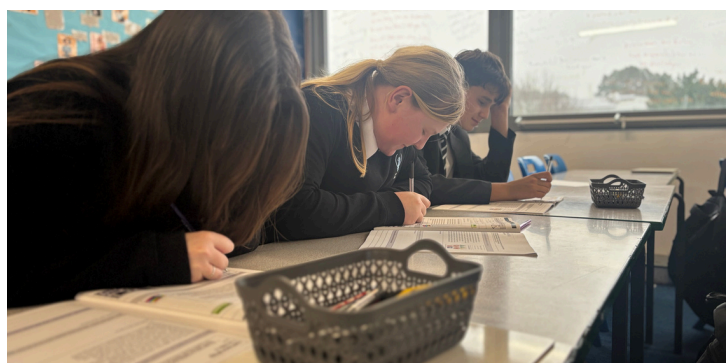
Subject Spotlight: English

It has been a lively and productive term in the English department, with students across all year groups engaging thoughtfully with a wide range of texts, ideas and creative challenges.

Year 7 began the year with their transition unit, helping them settle confidently into secondary English before embarking on an exciting journey through the Origins of Literature. From ancient mythology to more modern storytelling, students explored how stories have been used across time to explain, entertain and inspire.

Year 8 turned their attention to the power of language through a unit on Rhetoric, analysing the techniques used by inspirational speakers and considering how words can influence, persuade and motivate audiences.

In Year 9, students tackled William Golding's classic novel *Lord of the Flies*, engaging in thoughtful discussion about human nature, society and morality, while developing their analytical writing skills in preparation for the challenges of GCSE study.



At Key Stage 4, Year 10 made a strong start to their GCSE course by exploring Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, focusing on character, conflict and the play's enduring relevance. Year 11 students continued their studies with in-depth analysis of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, examining its social messages alongside the writer's powerful use of language and structure.

Beyond the curriculum, KS3 students took part in a special National Poetry Day lesson, producing imaginative responses to the theme of 'play'. Creativity was also at the heart of a festive cross-curricular project, with Year 7 students writing Christmas cards for local nursing homes in the Falmouth community, working alongside the Art department to help spread some seasonal cheer.

It has been a term full of rich texts, thoughtful discussion and creative expression, and we are proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our students across all year groups.

Showcasing Creativity: Artwork from Our Talented Students

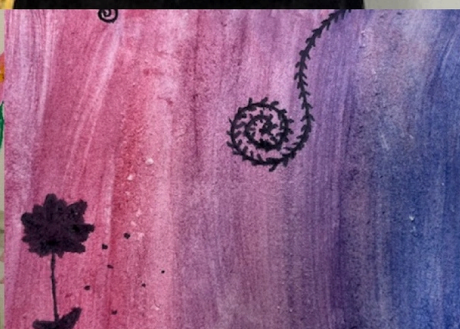
A visual celebration of the imagination, skill, and creativity of Falmouth School's young artists.

Wellbeing Club

The wellbeing art club continues to grow and allow students the opportunity to express themselves in a variety of different media and techniques.



Watch this space, our KS3 art club have been busy creating the set and props for Matilda! We cannot wait to share this with you



Falmouth Art Gallery work on display

Our A level fine art students had the opportunity to have their work exhibited in Falmouth art gallery this term. Students showcased the outcomes they produced in response to the 'out of paper' exhibition.



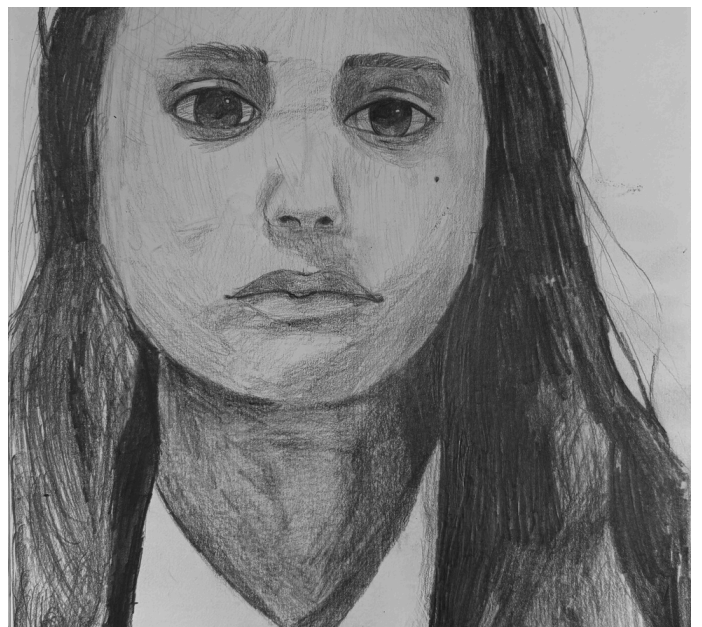
Year 7

Year 7 students have been building their resilience through sustained project work, developing their still life drawing skills and understanding of colour through colour wheel work using oil pastels.



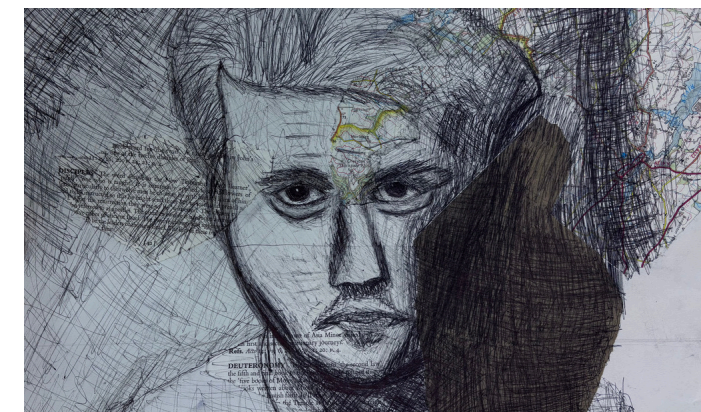
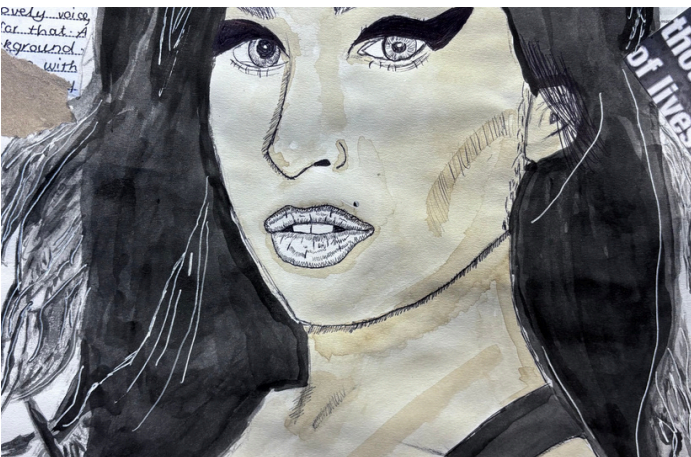
Year 8

The Year 8 students have been exploring the fascinating world of Cubism. They've analysed the revolutionary techniques of artists like Picasso and Braque and produced some truly fantastic Cubist responses themselves, abstracting form and perspective with great skill.



Year 9

Our Year 9 artists are already stepping up to a GCSE-style approach! They are focusing on impactful sketchbook pages and experimenting with mark-making to create expressive, textured effects.



Creative Competitions

It has been a busy term with our creative competitions, with the best entries of Inktober and our Christmas card competition winning amazon vouchers.





Student Council Spread Festive Cheer at Falmouth School

The Christmas spirit has arrived at Falmouth School thanks to the enthusiasm and teamwork of our Student Council. We are extremely grateful to Falmouth Garden Centre for generously donating our Christmas tree, highlighting the strong and valued links between our school and the local community.

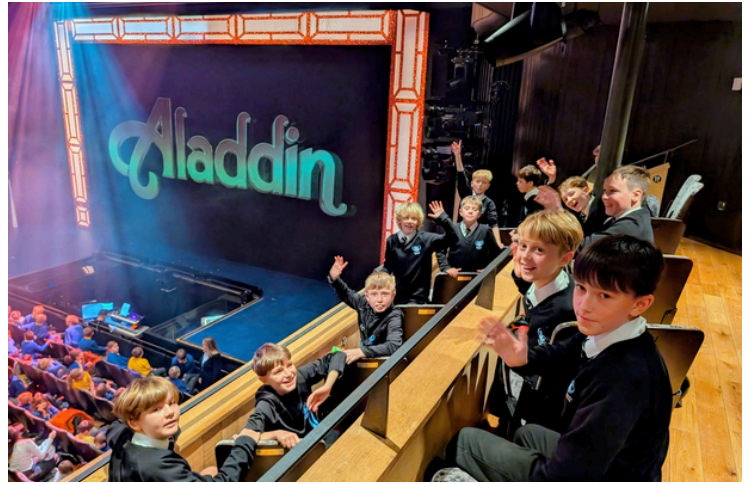
Students enjoyed collecting the tree and decorating it together, creating a real sense of togetherness. The finished tree has become a festive focal point and has helped to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere during recent school events, spreading Christmas cheer among students, staff and visitors alike.



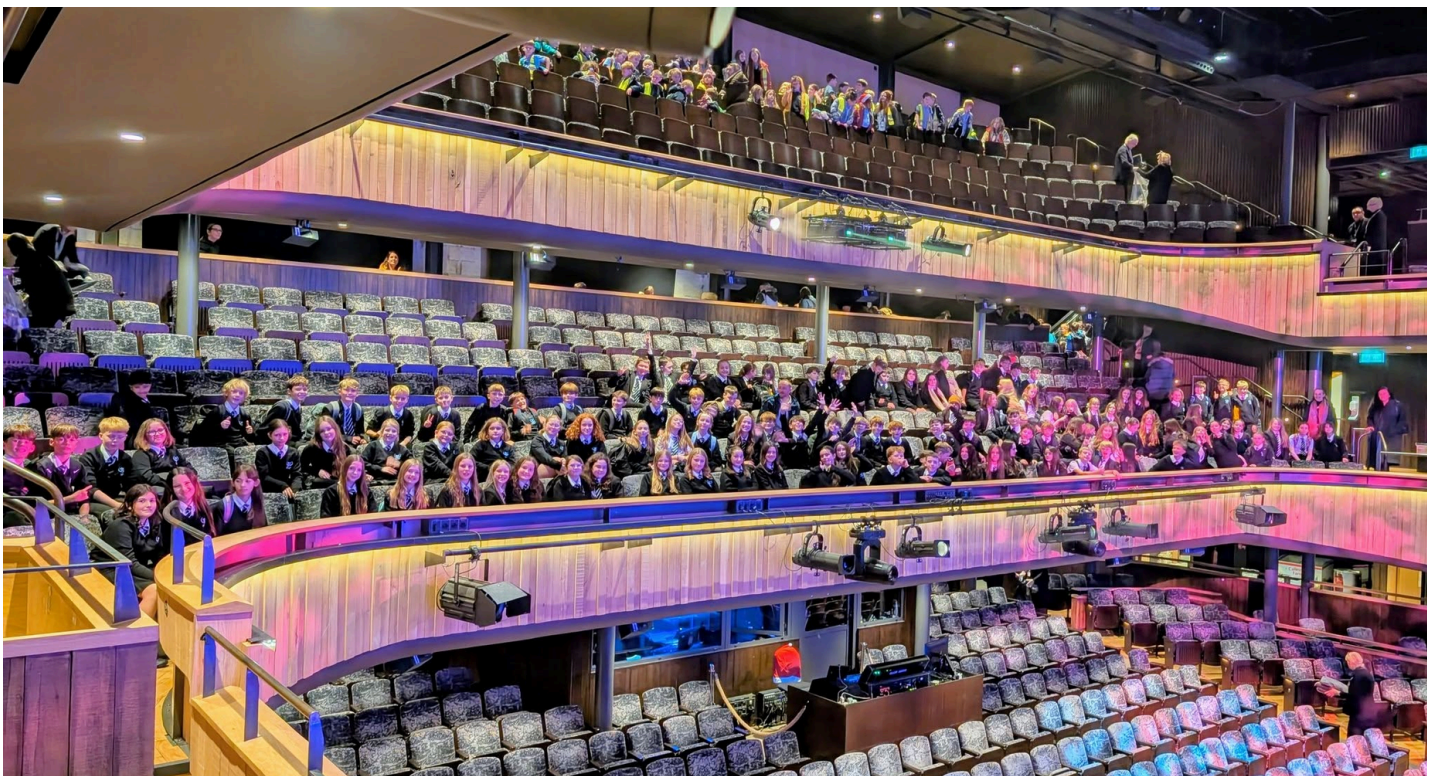
Learning Beyond the Classroom

This term, students at Falmouth School have taken their learning far beyond the classroom through a wide range of exciting trips and experiences. Visits have included Sselectronics, where students gained insight into local industry, and a hands-on printmaking workshop at Falmouth University that brought creativity and technique to life.

Our cultural experiences have been just as rich, from a Moroccan surf trip that combined challenge, resilience and teamwork, to a cultural dining experience at Casa Tapas, helping students explore food, language and traditions in an authentic setting. History was brought vividly to life with a visit to Bodmin Jail, while others enjoyed the magic of live theatre with a trip to see Aladdin.



These experiences, and many more throughout the term, play a vital role in broadening horizons, building cultural capital and bringing learning to life. We are proud of how our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity.



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	Brackets and Inequalities	Reasoning with Number	Angles and Bearings
English	Stories	Gothic Writing	Macbeth	A Christmas Carol
Science	Ecosystems	Earth	Bonding	Energy
Geography	Coasts	Rainforests	Globalisation	Rivers
History	Medieval Life	Empire	World War II	Elizabeth I
DT	Various Projects	Various Projects	Various Projects	Coursework
Music	Lean on Me	Origin of Blues	Year 9 Concert	Set Works
Art	3D Abstract	Architecture	Surrealism	Unit 1
Drama	Mime and Silent Movies	Blood Brothers	West Side Story	Introduction to GCSE
PSHE	Relationships	Relationships	Relationships	Relationships



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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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