

## Newsletter

## Autumn 2024



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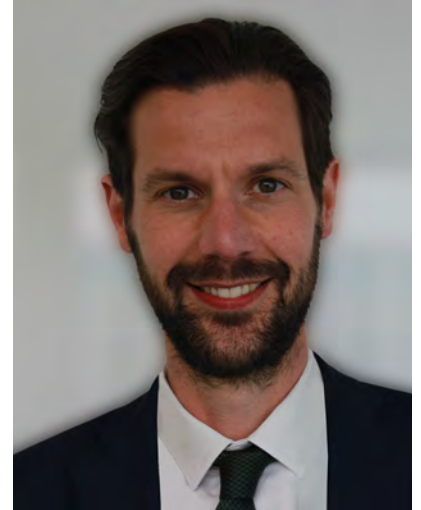
# Headteacher's Welcome



Dear parents, carers and families,

I am so delighted with the amazing positivity and success of our students and there have been so many excellent achievements by students across the school so far this year.

Due to the exceptional dedication of students and the support of the adults in our school community, Year 11 students achieved some truly excellent GCSE results and in many cases achieved record outcomes – the best achieved in the school's recent history. I am so pleased that the majority of our Yr 11 leavers now achieve better than national average outcomes, and students with SEND are achieving better than ever.



We continue to focus on supporting students as they develop their knowledge, skills and understanding not only of the academic curriculum but also in their personal development and in the development of character – based on our core values of courage, kindness and resilience.

As you will see, school life offers a wide range of other opportunities for students to get involved, support each other and have their voices heard. We now have over 300 students actively involved in student leadership projects and we are growing student leadership opportunities quickly. Do encourage your child to get involved!

We couldn't do any of this without all of the families and friends of our students, so a huge thank you for everything you do to support.

I do hope that you enjoy this tiny snapshot of our term and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to visit the school or meet with me.

I wish you all the best for a restful Christmas,

Dan Wendon  
Headteacher



# Dates for your Diary

Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 20 December (Early close at 12.30pm)
First day of Spring Term	Monday 6 January
Y9 Options Evening	Thursday 16 January
Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day	Friday 17 January
SEN Information Evening	Thursday 23 January
Y11 Progress Evening	Thursday 23 January
Parent Information Evening	Tuesday 28 January
February Half Term	17 - 21 February
INSET Day	Monday 24 February (School closed to students)
Y8 Progress Evening	Thursday 27 February
Y12 & 13 Progress Evening	Thursday 6 March



# Student of the Month

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### September Winner - Ziva Corrigan, 7A

Ziva has been nominated for student of the month by Mr Morgan in the Computing Department because of her amazing contribution to the Year 6 Open Evening. Ziva welcomed parents and children in a positive and confident manner, before introducing everyone to a range of Microbit programming activities that she had independently prepared. Her leadership qualities and bubbly personality was evident from the start and she made everyone feel at ease, even if they had little or no programming experience. Thank you for your contribution to this wonderful evening Ziva.



### October Winner - Grace, 11NDS

Grace has been nominated by Mrs Williams for her excellent work as one of the MFL language ambassadors. Grace attends all Open Evenings, always offering and never waiting to be asked. Grace also helped out with an MFL Film Club last Summer, to help support year 7 students and our trainee teacher. In addition, Grace is completing the Silver DofE Award and has quietly but surely achieved her skills task. Grace has even asked if she could lead a Languages Club for current year 7 students! Grace is always cheerful, smiling and motivated to do her best for herself and others. Thank you for your ongoing help and support, Grace.



### November Winner - Olivia Sanchez-Gonzalez, 10I

Mrs Soady and Mrs Truscott have both nominated Olivia Sanchez Gonzalez for all the help, support and friendship she has given to new students. She has gone above and beyond, giving up her own social times to spend time with them, and help them to settle into a new county, culture and community. You are an absolute star Olivia, and have shown exceptional kindness and friendship.



### December Winner - Student in 8A

This student recently responded to a student voice survey where she asked for additional provision at social times. Following a further discussion to explore her ideas, she suggested the school creates a quiet social area for students at lunch. Mr Downes has now actioned this, with 6th Formers overseeing the space and providing Peer on Peer support as required. Thank you for this excellent suggestion, you have made a real difference to the school.

# All-Female Team Triumphs at the IET Faraday® Challenge Day

30 of our creative and innovative Year 8 students participated in the IET Faraday® Challenge Day, an exciting event that brought out the best in their STEM skills. Working in teams, the students tackled a real-world STEM challenge with invaluable support from the Education Business Partnership (EBP) team from Cornwall Council, along with two inspiring STEM ambassadors: Alexandra Nicolaescu from Alstom and Mircea MICLE from Network Rail.

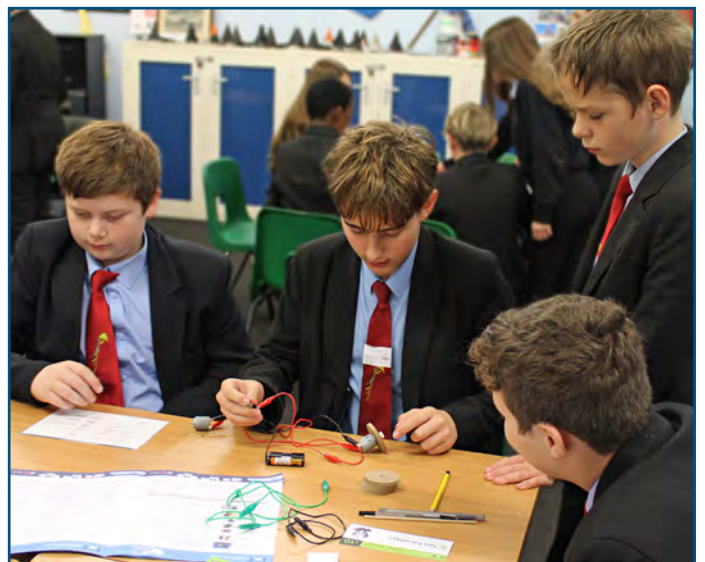
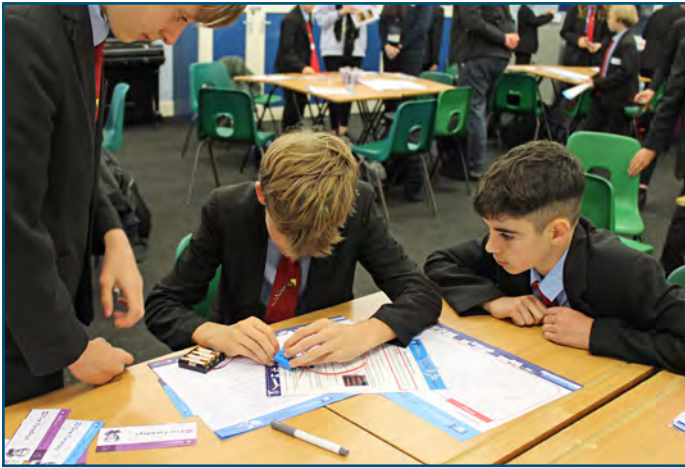
The competition was intense, with teams being judged on various criteria, including their planning, device development, budgeting, teamwork, and final presentations. The dedication and ingenuity displayed by all teams was fantastic.

In a thrilling conclusion, the competition was won by an all-female team, showcasing the power and potential of young women in STEM fields. The winning team, Talia, Elowen, Lorelai, Charlotte, and Lucie, demonstrated exceptional skill and creativity throughout the day.

As a result, the winning team will be in contention for a spot in the finals held in June, where the top five scores nationally will compete. We are incredibly proud of our winning team and wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the next stage of the competition.









# MP Anna Gelderd Visits School for UK Parliament Week

As part of #UKParliamentWeek, we had the privilege of welcoming the new MP for South East Cornwall, Anna Gelderd, to our school!

During her visit, Ms. Gelderd joined a session with our Student Council members, sharing insights about her role, what a typical day as an MP looks like, and the journey to becoming one.

Students asked some incredible questions, covering topics like the skills needed to be an MP, the highlights of the job, and even tackling tough policy issues – questions worthy of the media spotlight!

Afterwards, Ms. Gelderd expressed how impressed she was by the enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of our students. She praised them for being so well-informed and shared her excitement about working with us over the next four and a half years.

Another unforgettable experience for our Student Council – and we hope this inspires them to dream big and take on new challenges in the future!





# Sixth Form Students Gain Business Insights with Trewithen Dairy CEO

Liskeard Sixth Form Business students recently enjoyed an informative and interactive session with Paul Berne, the CEO of Trewithen Dairy. As part of their studies on business growth, students had the unique opportunity to hear first-hand about Trewithen Dairy's recent acquisition by German dairy company Ehrmann. Paul provided valuable insights into the strategic reasons behind the takeover and discussed the numerous benefits this merger promises for both businesses and the local community.

Paul highlighted how the takeover supports the growth and expansion of Trewithen Dairy's brand, bringing increased visibility and job opportunities to the area. He also addressed how this partnership could promote greater investment in the local economy, making it a positive development for everyone involved.

Paul treated students to samples from Trewithen's latest product ranges—a treat that was both informative and delicious, sparking some enthusiastic feedback! The session was filled with engaging discussions and questions, allowing students to connect the theoretical knowledge from their classroom to a real-world business scenario.

We are immensely grateful to Paul and Trewithen Dairy for their time and willingness to share this experience, which gave our students a glimpse into the intricacies of business growth and international partnerships. This visit was a hugely inspiring moment for the next generation of business leaders at Liskeard Sixth Form.





# Y7 Residential to Porthpean 2024

As the annual Year 7 Porthpean Residential came to an end, it left behind a treasure trove of memories, laughter, and achievements. Over the course of the week, our students embraced every moment of adventure, from thrilling high ropes challenges to serene water sports and scenic hikes along the Cornish coast.

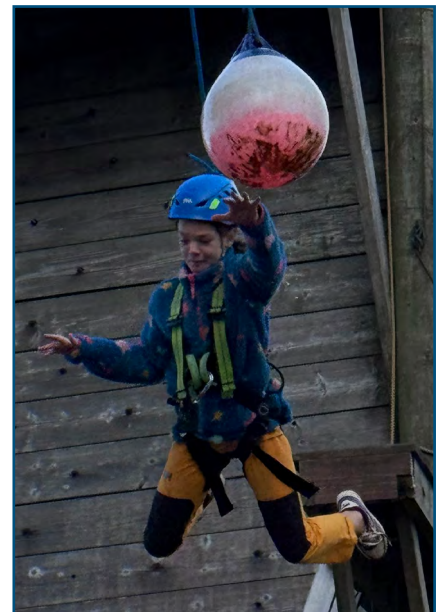
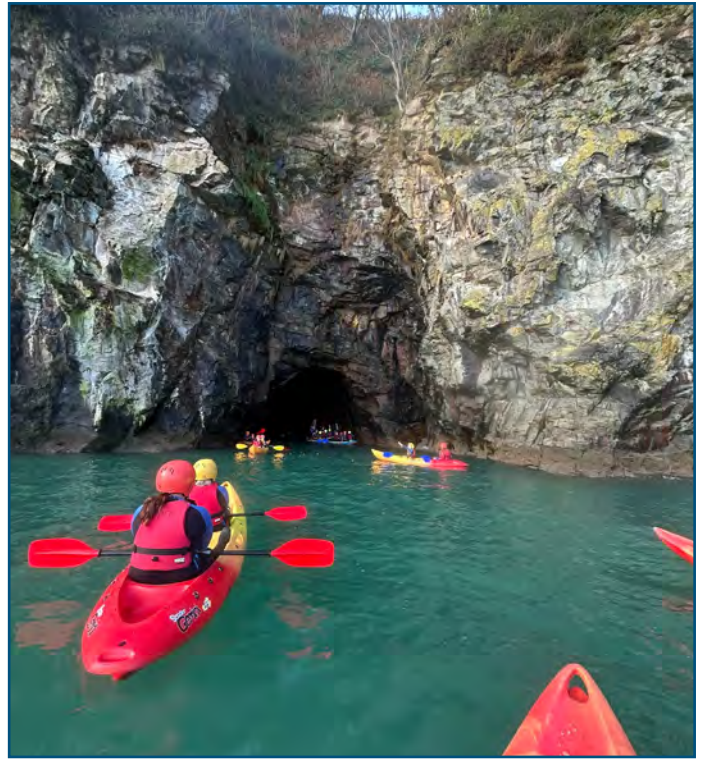
The week was packed with exciting activities that saw students showcasing incredible courage and teamwork on the high ropes and taking on the breathtaking Blackhead Point walk. Despite the challenging terrain, they pushed through with determination, enjoying stunning views along the way.

From rock climbing to water sports, every day was filled with new challenges and opportunities to learn and grow. The sunny weather provided the perfect backdrop for students to immerse themselves fully in the outdoor adventures.

The residential was more than just an opportunity to try new activities; it was a time for students to forge friendships, build resilience, and work together as a team. The smiles and cheers captured in the photos shared throughout the week say it all—this was an experience to remember.









# Celebrating Excellence in Computing: BEBRAS Gold Achievers

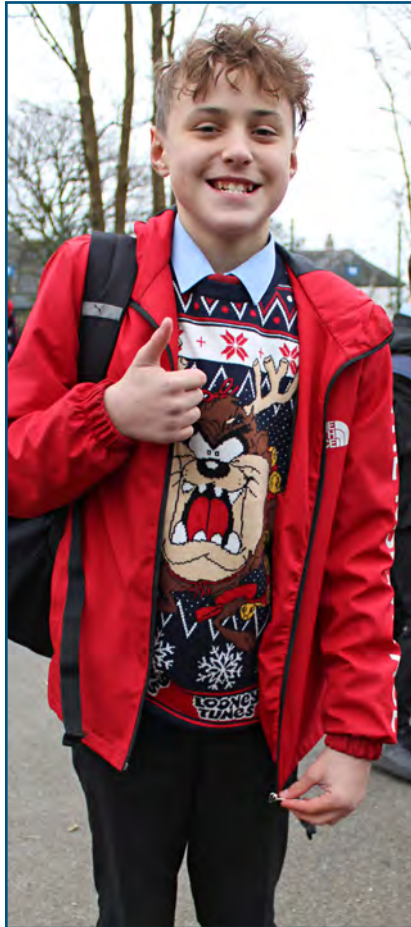
In November, students took part in the BEBRAS Computing Challenge. Every student in key stage 3 was ranked in order of points scored and received a certificate to recognise their achievement. The students pictured below scored in the top 10% Nationally and were awarded a Gold certificate. We are very proud of every student that took part.





# Christmas Jumper Day

It was fantastic to see so many students and staff getting into the Christmas spirit and raising money for charity on Christmas Jumper Day!





# Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert is truly a highlight of the school year! We welcomed a very wide variety of performers from our different musical groups and courses to create another memorable night of singing, playing and celebration. Make sure to join us again next year!









# School of Rock Performance

Our amazing student performers are bringing the smash hit musical School of Rock to life at Liskeard School! This high energy rock musical is a great way to showcase the performing talents of students from across the school and to bring the term to a close with a bang! Keep an eye on our website and social media for details of future performances.







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