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# Head's Letter

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of Liskeard School,

As we only had two weeks of December in school, we didn't issue a December edition of The Reflection. This edition therefore contains some celebratory articles about students' achievements and activities both before and after Christmas. I hope you enjoy it.

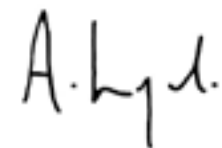
With Covid levels in the community still having an impact, please may I congratulate the students for their continued resilience. Obviously, students' attendance to school remains one of our key priorities. Whilst we must ensure students are not putting others at risk, we must also ensure students are in school as much as possible. Thank you to parents and carers for working with us to achieve as high attendance as possible.

As I've mentioned before, it has been fabulous to have extra-curricular events, clubs and sports fixtures back as part of our daily diet this year. Our 'In the Spotlight...' article this month celebrates some of the fantastic achievements seen recently in PE. Parents, please can I ask that you encourage your child or children to try out one of the clubs on offer if they haven't already.

As you'll be aware, we regularly promote the importance of having courage, resilience and kindness. Last week I asked students in Years 7 to 10 to reflect on this and to share examples of when they have shown any of these characteristics. I'll share the results of the survey in our next edition. We are also having a whole school focus on kindness this week - every member of staff has been given 5 golden tickets to issue to students who have shown true acts of kindness. Students in receipt of a golden ticket will be entered into a prize draw before half-term. The plan is then to do the same for courage and resilience later in the term.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your on-going support and for the many kind words we continue to receive. We really value your partnership. Please can I ask that you read the important update overleaf about our new communication app that will help us keep you updated with important information.

Yours,



Alex Lingard  
Head Teacher



# Important Information and Updates

## Change to school communications

Firstly, thank you to the hundreds of parents/carers who have already signed up to our new app. For those who are unaware, we have introduced School Gateway to LSCC – this is a parental engagement app that will allow you to communicate with, and receive communications from the school easily, anytime from anywhere.

All school related communication, newsletters, attendance tracking etc will go through School Gateway – in the short term, we will continue to use several streams to do this, but we aim to be using School Gateway as the main communications route by March. To stay up to date with what is going on at the school, please download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [www.schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](http://www.schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

Android phone users, download the app here: [www.schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](http://www.schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information for the primary contact (contact 1) LSCC already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can change these details by sending an email to [data@liskeard.net](mailto:data@liskeard.net)

If you have any questions or would like to see more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk>

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

Many thanks for your support,  
Mr Pickles, Operations Manager

## Covid Update

With cases still remaining relatively high, we will continue to ask staff and students to wear face masks in indoor communal areas, unless exempt, until at least the half-term break.

To ensure students are warm in class, whilst we continue to keep windows or doors open, please encourage them to wear a layer under their shirts and a black v-neck jumper under their blazers.

Please continue to test at least twice weekly.

The vaccination team are due in again on **Monday 14th February**. We don't yet know how many nurses will be on site, so are unable to say how many vaccinations they have the capacity to administer. Please also be aware that vaccinations for students aged 12+ are also available at the Methodist church on Mondays between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm and Thursdays between 10.00 am and 3:30 pm.



# In the Spotlight... Sporting Success at Liskeard

School sport is back and we have been very active this year, offering opportunities to large numbers of students to represent the school in a wide variety of sports.

In January alone, we have had over 50 students represent Liskeard at the Cornwall School Games Qualifier, competing in dodgeball and functional fitness; resulting in three 1st places (in the year 7/8 dodgeball, 7/8 & 9/10 functional fitness) and a 2nd place in the 7/8 functional fitness. These teams have now qualified for the next round of the games later in the year.

The boys' and girls' hockey teams have played in the County tournament and showed great resilience in their performance. The U13 boys finishing 5th in the County and the girls finishing 2nd. The girls now get to represent Cornwall in the Regional finals in Millfield later in the term.

We took part in the Panathlon event, which aims to give opportunity to students with additional needs. Most recently, we competed in the boccia tournament and finished in 1st and 2nd place!

At school, the PE department are offering students the chance to experience different sports as part of our extra-curricular offer. Aerial ropes' club has taken flight with the students and we are proud of the students for showing courage in trying something new.

Well done #TeamLiskeard





# Top Merit Earners for December

Year 7	
Allana Roobottom	21
Isabelle Pierce	20
Korey Thorne	17
James Dawes	17
Rosie Hudson	17
Imogen Rowe	17
Fin Wilkinson	16
Nathan Cole	15
Oliver Gerry	13
Isaac Lewis	13
Leland Mote	13

Year 8	
Ruby Kitt	20
Phoebe Thompson	18
Kate Delbridge	17
Rowen Honeywell	16
Reuben Monks	14
Ella Boyden	13
Lewis Kelsey	13
Weronika Poczety	13
George Wade	13
Cody Kent, Lesleigh Killoran	12
Joel Marks-Saberton, Amber Smith	12

Year 9	
Harley Sha Lovelace	24
Tyler Foster	12
Paige Udy	12
Sam Whell	12
Summer Griffin	11
Isabel Clemens	11
Connor Forrest-Holden	10
Jenna De Villiers	9
Evelyn King	9
Silas Sutton	9

Year 10	
Alexia Lewis	15
Erin Lewsey	14
Aimee Roobottom	14
Daniel Crowther	12
Jamie Salter	12
Lewis Sweetzer	11
Mya Atkins	10
Ellie Collins, Ruby C	10
Keeley Blair, Immy Bassett	9
Isaac Clarke, Milly Edwards	9

Year 11			
Natalie Hocking	12	Brandon Vince	8
Jacob Chapman	11	Drew Champion	7
Ryan Hawken	10	Quinn Lawrence	7
Max Champness	8	Ronnie Simmons	7
Sophie Spargo	8	Izzy Tyler	7

# Top Merit Earners for January

Year 7	
Oliver Blowey	32
Leland Mote	31
Oliwier Ostrowski	31
Archie Callaway	30
Poppy Blyth	25
Ellis Karn	25
Oliver Gerry	24
Harrison Nichols	24
Amelia Warwicker	23
Isabelle Pierce	23

Year 8	
Phoebe Thompson	26
Reuben Monks	25
Eddy Champness	24
Dylan Hunt	24
Ella Boyden	19
Kate Delbridge	18
Rowen Honeywell	18
Toby Robinson	18
Lexi Mayo, Rhys Porter-Jones	16
Bailey Sobey, Cerys Townsend	16

Year 9	
Bertie Murray	28
Gregory Welsh	27
Phoebe Copplestone	26
Jenna De Villiers	21
Kess Davies	20
Oliver Heatherley	20
Daniel Berne	19
Harley Sha Lovelace	18
Paige Udy	18
William Usher	18

Year 10	
Alexia Lewis	22
Aimee Roobottom	21
Devon Griffin	19
Michael West	17
Sayer Vague	14
Etianne Cox	14
Mason Turner	14
Isaac Clake	13
Ruth Pankhurst	13
Jamie Salter	13

Year 11			
Natalie Hocking	38	Jorja Rayner	13
Daisy Rawlings	19	Lily-Beth Southcott	12
Luisa Gould	16	Alfie Ward	12
Bell Rollings	15	Chris Jones, Kirsty Bendelow	11
Izzy Smith	14	Namwa Boonrakang, Lyla King	11
		Quinn Lawrence, Lillie-May Wilson	11

# Top Merit Earners of 2021-22 so far...

Year 7	
<b>Allana Roobottom</b>	<b>147</b>
Chinmayi Shanbhag	109
Amelia Warwicker	84
Leland Mote	81
Ollie Ward	77
Polly Harford	76
Isaac Lewis	76
Imogen Rowe	74
Archie Callaway	72
Harrison Nicholls	70

Year 8	
<b>Holly Whitford</b>	<b>89</b>
Phoebe Thompson	88
Reuben Monks	85
Dylan Hunt	78
Rowen Honeywell	76
Amber Smith	69
Kate Delbridge	69
Ella Boyden	68
Evan Cole	66
Shyla Kitto, Eddy Champness	58

Year 9	
<b>Harley Sha Lovelace</b>	<b>95</b>
Jenna De Villiers	87
Sam Whell	84
Tyler Foster	75
Paige Udy	66
Phobe Copplesstone	63
Bertie Murray	62
Gregory welsh	62
Billy Cullingford	61
Oliver Heatherley	61

Year 10	
<b>Aimee Roobottom</b>	<b>99</b>
Alexia Lewis	89
Michael West	64
Ruth Pankhurst	64
Alex Smith	60
Tianna Lee	59
Erin Lewsey	59
Kieran Owen	56
Jack Bottrell	53
Jamie Salter	53

Year 11			
<b>Natalie Hocking</b>	<b>60</b>	Keira De Villiers	50
Quinn Lawrence	57	Amy Salter	50
Bell Rollings	54	Izzy Smith	49
Luisa Gould	51	Daisy Rawlings	48
Isaac Stewart	50	Emily Marshall, Amy Crabb	46

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# Student of the Month December 2021

## Winner

**Austin Tolfrey 6F/K**

**Nominated by Mrs Yoxall**

Austin was nominated for this award by his Product Design teacher, Ms Yoxall, for being an outstanding A Level student in terms of his commitment, his work ethic, his knowledge and his skills. However, this award, although recognising all this, is also for his incredible generosity of spirit. Austin has given up lots of his 'free' time to help younger students and to help teachers in their preparation for their classes. If you were lucky enough to see the Christmas Concert, you will have also been blown away by Austin's amazing composition and performance on the piano. He has truly been a star this term and thoroughly deserves this recognition. Thank you and well done Austin!



## Student of the Month Nominees



**Billie Strurrock - Kewish 7I**

**Nominated by Mr Bond**

Billy has involved herself in EVERYTHING Music since she started at the school. Her performing capabilities are way beyond her years, and she has an enthusiastic aura which is contagious. She is also the most delightful, polite student you could wish to meet. She played a huge part in the Christmas Carol Concert, performing with the Year 7/8 Instrumental Group, KS3 Singers and Staff Choir as a soloist! A true shining example of how a student should be at Liskeard School!



**Tristan Clarke 8A**

**Nominated by Ms Key**

Tristan showed amazing application to his DT workshop project with accuracy and a high level of independence.



**Kess Davis 9E**

**Nominated by Ms Cozens**

Kess has had a tough time of late and is showing great resilience and courage. Kess is a lovely, kind and sensitive pupil who deserves to be recognized for her growing inner strength and maturity.



**Ashton Hamson 9A**

**Nominated by Mrs Williams**

Ashton is a very kind-hearted and thoughtful young man. He makes an effort to participate to the best of his ability, nothing is too much trouble. Recently, Ashton contributed to the Food Hamper collections, selecting and buying the produce with his own money. Another example of how thoughtful Ashton can be.





# Student of the Month Nominees December Cont.



**Alicia Collison 9K**

**Nominated by  
Mr Morgan**

Alicia has always been a conscientious student in computing. She recently showed great courage when she took part in the The CyberFirst Girls' Competition which was run at Plymouth University. It was an event to support girls interested in a career in cyber security. Alicia had the confidence to attend the event on a Saturday on her own. Well done Alicia.



**Isaac Clarke 10R**

**Nominated by  
Mr Downes**

Isaac has an unbelievable attitude in History. He is hard-working, a good communicator, resilient, he tries his best all the time and is a shining light to other pupils.



**Layani Snowden 11L**

**Nominated by Mrs Jeff**

Layani has been working well in Child Development & Care lessons this half-term and her effort is reflected in her recent mock mark. Well done Layani and keep up the great work!



**Natalie Hocking 11R**

**Nominated by  
Mrs Gawman**

Natalie has shown huge resilience over the term and in particular the last few weeks. She has faced changes and challenges with a 'can do' attitude and I can see she has really started to find her feet and grow in confidence and find a way to work through things.



**Aidan Truman 6F/S**

**Nominated by Mrs Jeff**

Although very quiet in lessons, Aidan is very diligent and just loves to work through past papers!



**Oli Dennison 6F/R and Tom Young 6F/E**

**Nominated by Mr Lingard**

For being so generous with their time to help the school. Together they recorded and edited two films, one to be shared with local families and another to be shown across Cornwall. Their professionalism, expertise and manner throughout were fantastic.



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# Student of the Month January 2022



## Winner

**Allana Roobottom 7R**

**Nominated by Ms Stoneham**

Allana was nominated for this month's award for her outstanding work in lessons and in Drama Club. Not only that, Allana has achieved the highest number of merits in the school so far this year and has perfect attendance. Teachers have reported that Allana goes above and beyond in everything she does and supports others at every turn. This level of kindness is exactly what we want to see in all of our students. Well done Allana on this award and for an amazing start to Year 7.



## Student of the Month January Nominees



**Ceris Townsend 8S**

**Nominated by Mr Bond**

Ceris is an ever-present within the Music Department, giving up many of her lunch-times to be part of the ensembles. She represents the Year 9 Rock School (invited guest!) and Year 7/8 Instrumental Group admirably on the Bass Guitar. This is an instrument

that she has taken up recently and really flourished. The department would honestly be lost without her!



**Tristan Clarke 8A**

**Nominated by Ms Key**

Tristan has excelled in the workshop again, producing an accurate model by working the process out, and measurements, independently. He has helped other students and is always keen to learn and develop his skills in woodwork.



**Larissa Vine 9S**

**Nominated by  
Mrs Pheby**

Larissa has shown a real determination to improve her attitude and focus in class. She has shown great resilience in changing from someone who sat quietly to the side, to a student who is prepared to offer her

opinions which are always thoughtful and sensitive. This focus has really shown in her work and her most recent assessment achieved two grades higher than her previous assessment.



**Evie Mordew 9K**

**Nominated by  
Mr Morgan**

Evie has an excellent attitude in Computing and is always willing to take on new challenges. Evie picks up new skills like programming very quickly and is more than willing to support other students when required. Well done Evie.



**Dom Holland 9L**

**Nominated by Miss  
Sandercock**

Dom has really come on in Forest School and particularly enjoys cooking on an open fire.



# English Speaking Board Qualifications

Students across Year 7 worked extremely hard before the Christmas holidays on their English Speaking Board exams. This was something brand new for Liskeard School and Year 7 were the first year group to go through the process. Students were placed in groups and asked to choose a poem and write a story. They were then given lesson time in both English and Drama to memorise their material plus a short introduction to both and create a performance to highlight their eloquence and articulation when speaking. The entire exam lasted almost twenty minutes for each group - speaking from memory for that long is no mean feat! As a year group, they really are to be commended as every single student passed the exam with some even achieving a merit or a merit plus (a very difficult level to achieve).

However, in the spirit of ESB, it is only appropriate to hear the students' voice: "Looking back at ESB we found it enjoyable. We each had to memorise a part of the story and the poem that we chose so that we could perform in front of the examiner. To decide what story and poem we did we practised our argument skills and did a vote to make sure it was fair. We found working in a group really fun as we each pulled our weight and split up the workload. We also enjoyed having a small break from writing because we got to use different techniques and skills. At the start of the exam, we found it quite a nerve-wracking experience as we didn't know who the examiner was going to be. Lucky for us, Trevor (the examiner) was really lovely, kind and helpful and supported us throughout, meaning our nerves quickly went away. Our advice for any future ESB students would be: don't worry about performing, as the examiners



are really supportive and make it very difficult to fail. As long as you work hard, learn your lines and go in with a smile you will be amazing!" - 7E

"We were all really nervous for the 6th of December as this was the day of our ESB exam. However, when we met Trevor (the examiner) all our nerves dissolved. We had to perform our story and poem with very strict timings, we couldn't be over and we couldn't be under. Despite the nerves, we were also excited as we were the first group to go through the exam, this actually helped our nerves as we got it over with first. After we walked out, everyone felt exhilarated and like they had conquered a massive challenge. Miss Hammond was really supportive as were the other members of our group. Although we did find it a bit of a challenge working in a big group because everyone works in different ways and we had never worked in groups of this size before. This was made more difficult because of Covid and various people were often missing, however we pulled together as a group and showed our resilience to overcome these obstacles. Our advice for future students doing the ESB exam would be to never give up, try your best, and believe in yourself as you never know what you can achieve." - 7L

Well done Year 7, you have done your teachers, your school, and yourselves proud!





# 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students cook with team from the Royal Navy

What a wonderful experience for our year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students who had the opportunity of welcoming a team from the Royal Navy to come and cook with them.

Three Royal Navy personnel visited and presented an informative presentation about the roles in the Royal Navy with a focus on the logistics team. They described how they work on different ships and how the food was prepared and served. They had all worked on several different-sized ships and travelled to numerous countries, explaining that they had to adapt their menus according to the food ingredients of the country they were visiting.

Following the presentation, the practical fun began; each team of students were given ingredients and a recipe sheet to make two of the popular dishes served on board. They made seafood paella and flapjack; both dishes had to be made in 50 minutes and served for taste testing. With the guidance



of the three chefs, all students successfully achieved the task. The chefs tasted them, and all produced a well-seasoned successful dish.

Well done everyone!





# Christmas Concert 2021

A musical extravaganza greeted an excited audience in Liskeard School and Community College on the evening of Wednesday 15th December. With many schools cancelling concerts during the festive season, the school followed all Government protocols, and produced an evening fit for a West End Stage. Fifty-five performers (including two harp soloists) graced the stage, performing music from Bach to Britney!

It was a much-needed celebration of Music, as it had been two years since the last live public performance. It was a fitting way to end the year on a high after the challenges faced, and an opportunity to show off the new ensembles that had been created since the beginning of September.

Mr Mark Bond and Miss Jane Warwick, who both lead Music at the school, commented that the success of the evening was a much-needed release for staff, students, and parents alike.

The Music Department at the school have created many new ensembles since September. Previous groups had been



dissolved due to the pandemic, and older students leaving. On display during the concert was the new Soul Band, the Year 7 and 8 instrumental group, a Key 3 singing group, Year 11 Singers, Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music groups and Palm Springs (6th Form group). Many soloists and duets complimented the programme of music, and parents were left astounded by the standard of musicianship displayed throughout.

Two stand-out performances during the evening included a performance by Kate Delbridge (Year 8) who performed her very own composition (piano and vocals), as well as the amazing Staff Choir, singing 'O Holy Night'. The finale of the evening featured students and staff singers joining to sing the very beautiful and moving 'Boy Child'.

Music at Liskeard School continues to flourish despite the pandemic. The appetite for creativity has never been stronger, and students are already looking forward to the Easter Concert 2022! No doubt there will be even more ensembles by then, creating both excellent opportunities and memories to cherish.





# Head of Year Messages

## Year 7

**Return to school** - As school returned from the welcome Christmas break, it was lovely to see so many smiling faces, with many pupils excited for what 2022 has in store. The students were delighted to list their targets and aims for the second half Year 7, and we have noticed a new energy and enthusiasm lessons.

**Promoting Excellence at TeamLiskeard** - A huge congratulations to 7E, who finished January as top merit earners in Year 7, in addition to being the class with the best behaviour record - it was a excellent team effort! Special individual mentions to Faith Harrison (7L), Oliver Blowey (7L), Leland Mote (7L), Oliwier Ostrowski (7R) and Archie Callaway (7R), who all scored highest in the year for merits earned in January. The Year 7 Star of the Month award went to Summer Clemens (7A) whose kindness, hard work and maturity, were particularly noticeable!

**Bikeability** - The Level 2 and 3 Bikeability courses continued during the dryer days, as we continue to promote safer cycling and greater road-awareness around Liskeard - especially vital during these dark winter months. Congratulations to all students who participated on the course and their development as safe road-users.

**'Holocaust Memorial Day' and 'Kindness'** - Over the course of recent weeks, the Year 7s have been exposed to specialist themed weeks for 'Holocaust Memorial Day' and 'Kindness'. Students listened to teacher-led assemblies on the horrors of the Holocaust (1941 - 1945) and discussions on how our generation can use kindness to protect each other in the future. Excellent conversations were had across the year group, with our pupils providing thought-provoking reflections and inspirational ambitions for the future.

**Revision and Exams** - January saw the start of the Year 7 assessment window, with many subjects using this period to assess our Year 7s on key aspects of the Term 1 curriculum. It has also been a great chance for the students to demonstrate the knowledge, concepts, and course awareness that they have entrenched over the past five months. I have been extremely impressed with the work-rate, diligence, and performance of many students, who have been extremely mature in their approach to recent tests. This bodes well as they progress further up the school. We all look forward to seeing what the pupils have managed to achieve in the March data reports.

**'Thank you!'** - Thank you to all our parents and carers for the wonderful support you have given our Year 7 pupils this month. From helping with homework/revision, to collecting students from after school clubs, the assistance you offer at home has been much appreciated. We look forward to meeting you all at the Year 7 Parents' Evening in March.

**Mr. Downes - Head of Year 7**



## Year 8

The whole year 8 tutor team have presented an assembly on the importance of taking care on social media. The presentation started with the world before social media, moved onto BEBO, Mollie-May, Tik-Tok, Body Image, the positives of Social Media and concluded with ideas for support. Our aim is to ensure students understand how to use social media sensibly.

Our next assembly theme is for each tutor group to present on the books they are currently reading. The aim is to encourage students to read fiction and non-fiction more widely and to discuss authors and literature that is interesting and exciting to read.

The second progress check has just been issued and congratulations to Ella Boyden, Eddy Champness, Kate



Delbridge, Rowen Honeywell, Dylan Hunt, Lexi Mayo, Reuben Monks, Amber Smith, Evalyn Smith, Phoebe Thompson, George Wade and Holly Whitford who are the top merit earners since the autumn progress check.

**Mr Gluyas - Head of Year 8**

## Year 9

Happy (belated) New Year! Parents evening was a lovely way to end last term and it was great to hear of so many positive conversations to both celebrate successes as well as support further progress in lessons. There were also positives to celebrate with the issuing of the progress checks and it was again really pleasing to see so many students happy with their feedback and delighted with their scores.

In the meantime, the options process moves forward and the deadline for completed forms is the 18th February, after the Options Evening on Thursday 10th February. Students have had assemblies from Mrs Carlin and Mrs Penberthy, as well as visits from them into tutor sessions and I have been very impressed by their mature approach to the whole process. As always, if there are any queries or questions about options, or anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

**Mr Pollard - Head of Year 9**



## Year 10



The year group have made a great start to a new term. Overall, they continue to display a strong work ethic. For those few who struggle then please be aware that homework club runs after school where support is available. There is a lot of work to get through for all subjects so we would appreciate your support in encouraging students to complete homework when it is set. There will be a Parents' Evening on March 9th so you can ask any questions you need to and establish how well things are going.

Work experience is an important part of Year 10. Time is moving on rapidly and we need to have each student's placement sorted soon. It would appear that many of our Year 10 students have not yet started looking for their work experience placement for July (18th - 22nd). Please encourage them to start the process, as the deadline date of the 4th March is fast approaching. Mrs Carlin is available in her office during break, lunchtime and after school to offer help and support. Students also have a pin number to access the County website which highlights local employers that have taken students before.

Positive messages to pass on:

- This term began with two external exams in Animal Care and Sports' Studies. The students concerned approached the exams with a confident and positive attitude. Mr Knipe said that, 'The entire Year 10 Sports' Studies' Class have been amazing - they sat their exam in January and even gave up a Saturday to come in for revision. Their commitment to the course has been outstanding and we eagerly await the results of the exam! 'This bodes really well for next year and we wish them luck for their results.
- Jack Bottrell, Will D and Becca Stephens have taken on the challenge of directing and choreographing the junior Drama Club pantomime. They have been rehearsing since November and will be putting the



# Head of Year Messages Cont.

show on stage in the summer term. All three have been incredible in their creativity, commitment and motivation of their cast and their professional approach has been incredible. Dates for the show will be released soon and we hope to see you there!

- Mrs Ussher wrote that her 'Year 10 French group is amazing, they have a great attitude, work hard and are very positive and enthusiastic about the subject. They are a pleasure to teach!'
- Our sporting achievements continue to show talent and dedication. The Year 10 teams came first in Functional Fitness and qualify for School Games Finals. Our second team came fourth over all. Very well done to all concerned.
- We have been lucky to have the Royal Navy visit our GCSE food group - they did a ready steady cook making seafood risotto and flapjack. The experience was invaluable and the students engaged with the workshop really well.

**Mrs Snowling - Head of Year 10**

## Year 11

So far the spring term has been quite hectic for Year 11 with Mock results' day, Parents' evening, various shapes and sizes of revision, mentoring and booster sessions have occurred one after another. I would not be surprised if some of the students feel like their heads are spinning! Things will quickly settle into a routine, however. Please encourage your child to take up any of the opportunities being offered to help them achieve their best in May and June.

Looking towards the end of the year, I have been meeting with Yearbook reps to decide on the contents for the 'Class of 2022' Yearbook. This is now complete, and the bigger job of collating all the information and images across 50 pages will start now.

Plans for the Prom and leavers' hoodies are also well under way. The last piece in the puzzle for celebrating the end of the year is a trip. Various options have been discussed within the tutor team: Adrenalin Quarry waterpark + Flambards; Thorpe Parke; Splashdown Paignton + Crealy Exeter. We will consult the students on these ideas and hopefully be able to come to a decision that the majority find appealing.

Although they are something to look forward to, all these events and mementos have a cost implication. None are compulsory but we expect that almost everyone will want to attend/purchase at least one of them. Below is an approximate list of costs, for you to prepare financially for the coming months:

Prom Ticket	£30-35
Hoody	£18+
Yearbook	£20-26
Trip	£40-100

**Mr Glasgow - Head of Year 11**



# Looking Back to our Merit Champions of 2020-21

For a number of reasons, we issued thousands more merits last year than usual. This meant we needed to create some additional rewards that went above our normal top Platinum Award.

Although a couple of months later than promised, students who achieved their Triple Gold Award or Triple Platinum Award were invited to have hot chocolate and lunch with Mr Lingard on the last day of the autumn term.

The hot chocolate, naturally served with cream and marshmallows, went down a treat and were accompanied by pizza and a range of Christmas sweets. The 25 students who achieved their Triple Platinum Awards were also presented with a small trophy in recognition of their amazing efforts and achievements in and out of school.





# Words of the Week 2021 – 2022

For a while now, we have been looking to develop a genuinely coherent approach to building students' range of vocabulary. A wide knowledge of vocabulary improves all areas of communication – listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Our Tutor programme for 2021 – 2022 includes two sessions of 'Words of the Week' each month. Each session presents three words, with definitions and activities to use them in context. Introducing our students to challenging words can help to improve their confidence to use increasingly sophisticated language in their speech and in writing.

The 'Words of the Week' activity identifies words which can be used across all subjects (known as Tier 2 words) as well as more subject specific vocabulary (known as Tier 3 words). Where it is possible, the Cornish translation is also included.

We would like to encourage the wide use of the Words of the Week outside of the classroom. Here are a few ways to get them talking:

- Have conversations about the school day, lessons, clubs, funny moments, reactions, feelings.
- Play word games, for example use the Words of the Week to create a short fictional story.
- Play 'one little word' where one person chooses a special word, (or one of the Words of the Week) gives a definition, explains or describes why it is special.
- Play 'Half a minute' where a topic is chosen, and each player must talk on that topic for 30 seconds without repetition, try to include one or more 'Words of the Week'
- Ask your child/children to talk about books they are reading at school and at home, and to give their opinion using key terminology they would use in lessons.
- Take a few minutes to look out of a window and talk about what is going on and what you can see.
- Ask your child/children to tell you the Words of the Week and how they have used them at school or elsewhere.

Words of the Week for December 2021 and January 2022 were:

**communicate**

**imply**

**demonstrate**

**predict**

**investigate**

**perspective**

# House Competition 2021-22

## PSHE House Competition Winners

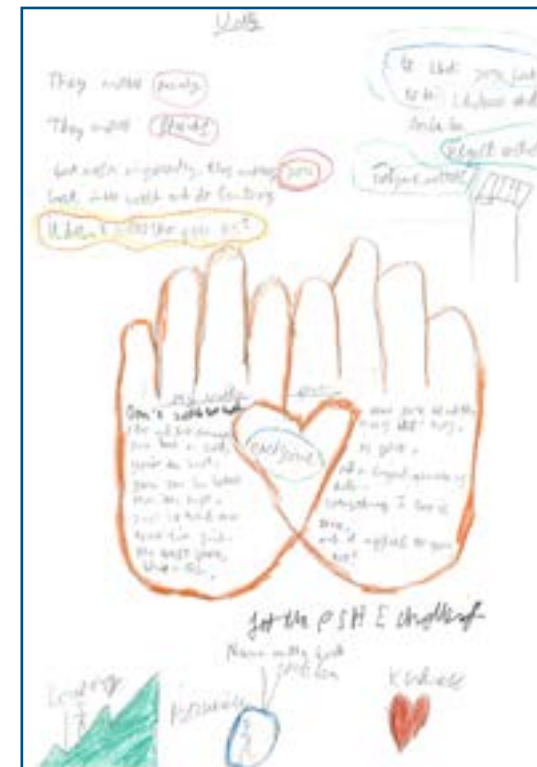
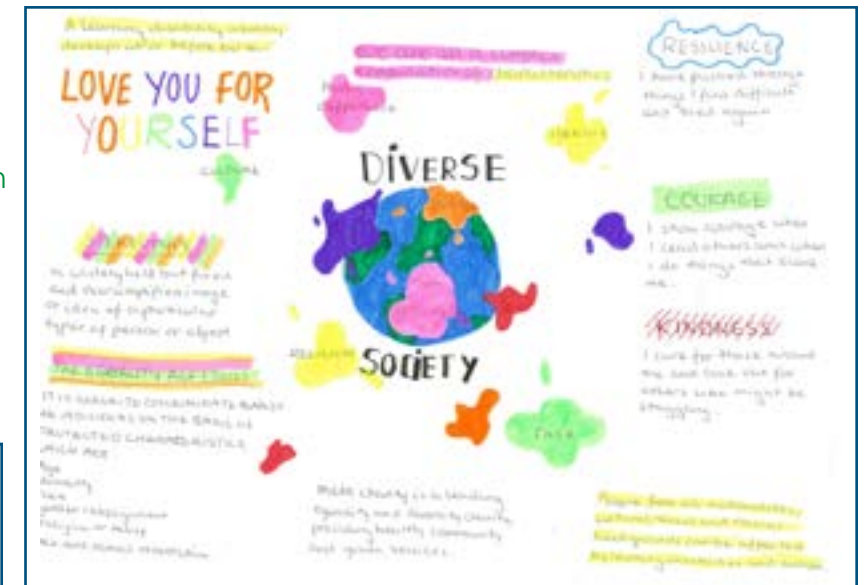
**A clean sweep for Griffin (who are closing in on Pegasus at the top of the overall table - see below)**

Points were awarded for entering the competition and for first, second & third place.

**1st:** Cerys Townsend - 8S - House Griffin

**2nd:** (Name cannot be given) - 7R - House Griffin

**3rd:** Emily Ellicott - 8S - House Griffin



The English House Competition is coming soon

Phoenix	Centaur	Pegasus	Griffin
22,814 points	19,677 points	24,973 points	23,188 points



## Dates for your Diary

SEND Information Evening for year 6 parents/carers	Wednesday 9th February 2022
Y9 GCSE Options' Evening	Thursday 10th February 2022
Y12 & Y13 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 16th February 2022
Half Term	Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022
Non-Pupil Day (SMART Day)	Monday 28th February 2022
Y10 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 9th March 2022
Y7 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 23rd March 2022
Y13 Intervention Evening	Wednesday 30th March 2022

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## Year 9 Options' Evening 2022



**Thursday 10th February**

**5.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

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