



College NEWS

Our regular link with parents, students and friends in the community

OFSTED

'The Learning Institute' our Teacher Training operation in partnership with Ivybridge Community College and South Dartmoor Community College was inspected by OFSTED just before Christmas. OFSTED considered the training operation we provide for trainee teachers as outstanding and aspects of it were very different to any other teacher training organisations. This is very pleasing as it is not only a reflection of the quality of our teachers but also a reflection of the quality of education we provide for our students.

Music Department

This term there will be a number of junior ensembles for young musicians at the college to take part in. Junior Sax Ensemble, Junior Flute group and Clarinet group will all be running, some by rotation during the college day and others at 3.15 p.m.

College Training Band will regroup to meet on Thursdays after college and String Orchestra will meet as normal on Friday afternoons.

The College Concert Wind Band rehearses in curriculum time for one period per week in rotation throughout the year. Details of all rehearsals are posted on the music department website www.callingtonmusic.co.uk and on the notice boards outside music room L3.

Music College Status

The college is delighted to announce that our bid to the Specialist Schools Trust for a second specialism in Music has been successful and funding is now in place until 2008. The official launch day for the Music Specialist Status will be Tuesday 15th March. On the day there will be a number of musical workshops for students at the college and a public Cello Masterclass to be given in the afternoon by Julian Lloyd Webber. In the evening there will be a Spring Concert given by college musicians.

Seasonal Music Making

Callington Community College musicians were, as usual, very busy in the run up to Christmas. First concert was a lunchtime event in St Mary's Church when our musicians joined with young people from Callington Primary School to play and sing Christmas music.

The College String Orchestra, led by Mrs Humphries and directed by Sixth Formers Simon Stevens and Alice Humphries, accompanied the Year 7 Carol Service at St Mary's on Thursday 16th December and the Concert Wind Band and Strings played for the College Carol Service on the evening of the same day. In recognition of our status as an International School all of the readings at the evening service were read in European languages: an interesting innovation for this year's service.

On the following evening the College Concert Wind Band played for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Lezant Church, an event which has become a regular occasion during the last few years.

All circular letters to parents, calendar and information about events will be posted on the college website – www.callingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk

Calendar

Wednesday 19th January – 7.00 p.m. Year 7 Evaluation Evening

Tuesday 25th January – Year 10 Maths GCSE Module examination ;

Friday 28th January – Years 7 - 11 Student Progress Reports to parents

Friday 4th February – Year 13 Reports to parents

Monday 7th February – Friday 11th February – Year 8 Citizenship Week

Monday 7th February – Newsletter No 6 issued;

Monday 7th February – Wednesday 9th February – Year 12 'Breakthrough' training

Wednesday 9th February – 7.00 p.m. Year 9 Choices Evening

Thursday 10th February – Year 12 Young Driver programme;

Friday 11th February – **STUDENT PROGRESS REVIEW DAY**

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February – Half term

Monday 21st February – Production Week (School of Rock)

Wednesday 9th March – 7.00 p.m. Year 6 Information Evening

Thursday 10th March – 7.30 p.m. Higher Education Presentation Evening

Monday 14th March – Newsletter No 7 issued;

Tuesday 15th March – Year 11 Mathematics GCSE module examination

Wednesday 23rd March – Year 12 Reports to parents; End of Spring term

Monday 11th April – Start of Summer term;

Monday 11th – Monday 18th April – GCSE Art examination ;

Wednesday 13th April – 7.00 p.m. PSFA meeting

Monday 18th April – Newsletter No 7 issued;

Buildings

The new Administration block should be completed at the front of the college by the end of February and the conversion of the Lower College Hall into the new community Library should be completed by Easter.

Community Music Event

The college's next scheduled musical event is a College Wind Band and Male Voice Choir Concert at Callington Methodist Church on Saturday 12th March.

Creative Partnerships Work

During the week beginning 22nd November the college had a theatre company in residence from the Barbican Theatre to kick start our Creative Partnerships Project with Tamarside Community College and the Barbican.

The week was very successful. A huge number of students, teaching and non-teaching staff were able to watch the play 'Blighty' and many more were also involved in follow-up workshops.

The whole of Years 7, 8, 9 and all GCSE and A level Drama students watched the play. We also had a number of citizenship students watching and helping with the week. The whole staff were invited to a special staff performance. Our feeder primary schools were also invited to bring pupils to see the play.

In addition we had the set designer working with our Sixth Form Drama students and Jo Tyler, a local artist, working with the Year 8 and 10 students on artistic responses to the work. Rod Dixon and Mark Laville delivered the workshops from the Barbican Theatre.

During the week students created a temple of ideas with Jo Tyler as a response to the work which had been based in the Ceramics Room in the Art department and in the Drama Studio.

In total over 100 people saw the show in the week.

Drum Teacher Returns

Our drum teacher for the last few years has recently moved to London and so sadly we have had to say goodbye to Mr Iain Goodall, who has done so much to develop the kit drumming and percussion work at the college. We wish Iain every success in the future.

This term sees the return of drum kit teacher Mr Alex Smith who previously worked in the Music department at the college until he moved to London with his band. Alex is at present playing in the pit orchestra for the Theatre Royal pantomime so drum kit lessons will commence during the week beginning January 24th.