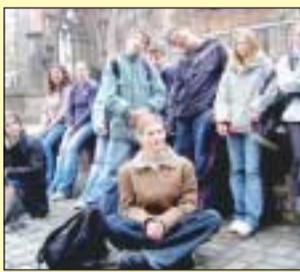


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PORTHPEAN 2004

Porthpean 2004 was one of the most successful Year 7 residentials yet!!

by Miss J. Hunt

All Year 7s were involved in a week's residential with half of the year group going from Monday to Wednesday and the rest going from Wednesday to Friday.

There were a number of changes to the camp this year all of which went extremely well. The first major change was the new tutor team. With each tutor group now containing only fifteen students, this meant that there were more members of staff and they were able to get to know their tutor group very well. The new Year 7 tutors brought new ideas and enthusiasm to the camp!! Also joining the staff team this year were a number of selected Year 11 students from our leadership programme. The camp allowed them to develop their personal leadership skills, as well as helping out the staff with organisation of students, equipment and activities. They also brought some well deserved youth to the team!

We were extremely lucky with the weather and all activities were able to go ahead as planned.

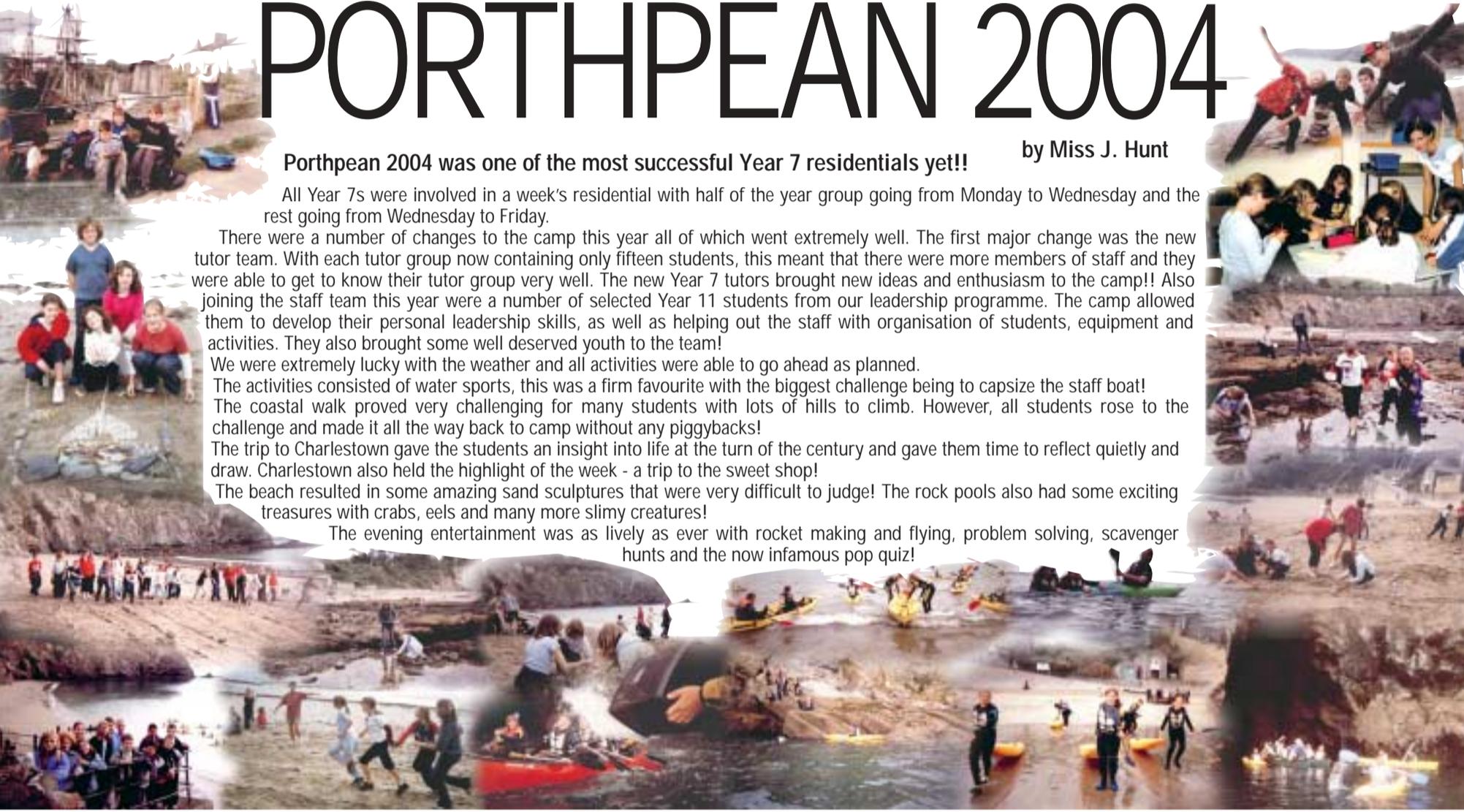
The activities consisted of water sports, this was a firm favourite with the biggest challenge being to capsize the staff boat!

The coastal walk proved very challenging for many students with lots of hills to climb. However, all students rose to the challenge and made it all the way back to camp without any piggybacks!

The trip to Charlestown gave the students an insight into life at the turn of the century and gave them time to reflect quietly and draw. Charlestown also held the highlight of the week - a trip to the sweet shop!

The beach resulted in some amazing sand sculptures that were very difficult to judge! The rock pools also had some exciting treasures with crabs, eels and many more slimy creatures!

The evening entertainment was as lively as ever with rocket making and flying, problem solving, scavenger hunts and the now infamous pop quiz!



ARTS AWARD EVENING

The Arts Awards evening in November was a great success with over 250 people attending. Its aim was to celebrate and reward students from Art, Dance, Music and Drama who had achieved outstanding results and recognition from their teachers. There were approximately twenty students in each area who were awarded certificates and two main winners in each who were awarded prizes.

The evening started off with music and drama in the hall followed by the prize giving ceremony where Mr Kenning handed out the certificates. After that students and their parents were invited to the art block to view more examples of work from each department. It was felt by all to be an enjoyable way to recognise the importance of the creative subjects within the college and to reward students who might not normally get the attention on such a large scale for the excellent work that they produce.



INVESTOR IN CAREERS

The College has again been awarded the prestigious title of 'Investor in Careers'. The Careers Department at the college underwent a vigorous testing and a whole day visit from an assessor back in June. Shaun Newman, Connexions Director of Development, presented the award to Mr Kenning, Headteacher and Mrs Wood, Pathways Co-ordinator. The college will retain the award until 2007 when we will be tested again to ensure the same high standards are being maintained.



CARADON ARTS FESTIVAL

As part of the Caradon Arts Festival artist Jo Tyler ran a willow workshop at the college in October. It was a fun day where everyone got involved and made lanterns and pieces that they can use around the home and in their gardens. Due to the success of the event it is hoped that further workshops will be run at the college.



As a college we are nationally recognised for the work we are doing in personalising learning - individual tutoring, individual curriculum choice and the extension and curriculum opportunities we offer - we will continue to develop the learning for each individual student.

The changes in the college day proposed for next September are designed to enable us to provide an even more flexible and appropriate education for our students. The new day will also help us to develop our role as a healthy school, enabling us to embed healthy lifestyle habits in our young people. The new day will also allow us to maximise the use of our facilities for parents and community.

The quality of education at the college continues to improve. This is being achieved through a real focus on developing quality teaching, raising our students' aspirations, providing a more appropriate education and through excellent individual student support. The future looks very bright for our students in this exciting period of change. Have a good Christmas.

S. Kenning
Headteacher

JOHN DOWELL - Site Manager

A retirement dinner was held in October at St Mellion for John Dowell who has been Site Manager at the college for the past twenty-two years. Present were colleagues and ex-colleagues who had been invited. Speeches were given by Paul Buet, ex-Headteacher and Steve Kenning present Headteacher of the college.

n Pictured are Paul Buet, Ex-Headteacher; Penny Caslin, Ex-Acting Headteacher, Steve Kenning, Headteacher and John Dowell.

Moscow International Space Olympics

by Mrs Humphries

IN OCTOBER. Mr Moore, three Sixth Form students Gregg Tysall, Alice Humphries and Hannah Lake and I spent ten days in Moscow at the International Space Olympics.

When we got to Korolev, the town we lived in for the next ten days, there was a German group already there and an English group from Leicester arrived later that night. That was the beginning of forging some very good friendships.

The next day we went on a tour of Moscow and saw Red Square. Over the next few days we had a trip to the Kremlin and saw Fabergé eggs and costumes that belonged to Peter the Great and Catherine the Great.

At the opening ceremony of the Olympics our students took part in the entertainment, as the Snow Queen, a fairytale character and a snowflake. The next few days the students took part in Maths, Physics and Literature tests and had to make presentations. Our students all did well in the tests and presentations, and Gregg was 3rd overall in the Literature test.

We went to mission control which was on the outskirts of our town. Here our students were in direct telephone contact with the international space station. We touched Yuri Gagarin's space capsule and got into another one that had sent three cosmonauts into space. We saw Star City where they train the cosmonauts and saw the centrifuge which was huge and saw them fishing the cosmonauts out of the pool where they do weightlessness training.

At the end of the time there was a prize giving. Alice won a prize for being the best presenter, Hannah also got a prize for her presentation and Gregg got one for his Literature examination.

The best thing however was the way all nationalities, English, German and Russian got on and supported each other, staff and students.

International Schools Award

The college has gained the International Schools Award from the British Council.

The college has been accredited for three years with the award in recognition of the curriculum based international work in the college. The college has been developing international awareness of students through links with the Eden Project, the Music Project with Barsb ttel and Guipavas and with Ghana through PSHE lessons.

Mr Kenning and Mrs Lumley, International

Cornwall Youth Parliament

by Renø Winter (former member of the European Youth Parliament)



Did you know...

...that a Youth Parliament exists in Cornwall? If that is the case, you might have heard about Lorna Cannon (14), Jonathan Hart (15) and Matthew Waterworth (16) before! These three committed students from our College are standing for the Youth Parliament (YP) East Cornwall. Each candidate gave a speech in the Caradon District Council Chambers in Liskeard in October expressing their opinion about issues they think concern most young people in our region. They are aware of a lack of

transport and leisure facilities and have plenty of ideas for action. They feel concerned about our environment and also noticed the need for confidential help and advice centres like Tic-Tac or On Route and think every school should have these opportunities to prevent bullying. In their impressive speeches the three students convinced me that they were not just complaining, but able to change something!

If you get elected for the Cornwall YP you will gather with all the MYPs from across the UK to discuss the key issues and concerns of the youth. You might get further into the UKYP (do not confuse with UKIP!) and then stand for the European Youth Parliament, to write resolutions with delegates from all over Europe.

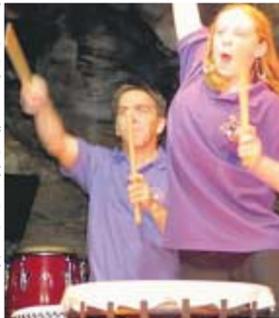
Lorna, Jonathan and Matthew: Cornwall needs your commitment, your dedication, so give a voice to young people!

Taiko Japanese Drumming

The Taiko Japanese Drumming group at the college goes from strength to strength. This term they have performed at several events, from drumming in Carnglaze Caverns to training primary school Music Co-ordinators and teachers in Newquay.

The first performance was at the Celebration of Cornish Youth at Carnglaze Caverns. Jonathan Kirby, one of the founding members of Taiko, in the UK was at Carnglaze and commented that the group worked so hard and put so much energy into what they did that it was really exciting.

The second performance involved a few of our more experienced drummers. They were asked to lead a session at the Headlands Hotel in Newquay, at a conference of Primary School Music Co-ordinators. The session went extremely well, with the students taking a huge role in teaching primary teachers how to drum! Thank you to all the drummers who took part in this.



WIDER KEY SKILLS DAY

IN SEPTEMBER, Year 12 students at the College took part in a Wider Key Skills Day based on the theme of famous childrens' television programmes. Students tackled a range of activities, which tested their ability to solve problems, work with others and to think about how to improve their own learning.

The challenges included 'Mission Impossible', psychological mind games, creating advisory information about mental health issues, launching an egg in a rocket ship and physical problem solving games. All the activities were designed to test mental and physical dexterity and to promote teamwork and group co-operation.

At the end of an entertaining but tiring day, points were equal for first place with the 'Teletubbies' and 'Yoho Ahoys' on 159 each and third was 'The Magic Roundabout' on 151 points.



Fireworks



AN ESTIMATED ten thousand people massed on the college campus to witness the 2004 Firework Extravaganza. Months of planning bore their fruits as the evening went off without a hitch and the spontaneous round of applause from the crowds at the end said it all: without a doubt the best ever display!

Our thanks must go to Ginsters who, as usual, supported the event financially, and to Callington Town Council, who again played such a vital role. It should not be forgotten that, without the presence of the Fire Brigade, the St John Ambulance and the Devon & Cornwall Police, the event would not have been possible.

Sixth Form students were asked to design posters to advertise Callington's Fireworks Display. The students received a 'goodie' bag from Ginsters and part of their prize was a visit to Ginsters. Pictured is James Boudry who was the overall winning student who also received £25 voucher from Ginsters.

Comenius

STAFF AND students recently represented the College whilst attending the latest Comenius School Development Project Planning Meeting in Barsb ttel.

The project involves us with schools in Germany and Holland, where staff and students are looking at matters of mutual interest. Particular emphasis is being placed on teaching and learning, whilst considerable interest has been shown in investigating ways in which young people can be involved with the day-to-day running of each of the schools. Lauren Staveley (11CMS), who attended the project meeting, commented: "On the first day we went to the school with our hosts and got to know the German school routine. With the German school day finishing at 1.00 p.m. we had the afternoon to ourselves, which let us explore Barsb ttel and get to know our host families better. Later on we all met up to spend a social evening together. On Friday we were back at school to meet up with the two Dutch students and discuss our different schooling regimes, rules and changes that could be made to improve. This was very interesting although very different at times! We realised that our school is unique in the way that we have a close working relationship with our feeder primary schools and offer a vast range of

activities for them - most of which are run by the leadership groups. We spoke about Junior Support Team (JST) and how it is used in the college; everyone seemed surprised at such a set up!

Finally, we discussed future meetings via the latest webcam to allow us to participate in video-conferencing. We promised we would compile a video tape of a leadership lesson, both teaching and learning, and send it to them. Everyone was very enthusiastic about this and look forward to hearing from us. Having exchanged e-mail addresses with everyone the meeting was adjourned we then went for a tour of the school - auf Deutsch!!

On the final evening a group of eleven of us went out into Hamburg to the 'Dom' (not the cathedral, but a huge fun-fair). Despite the weather we all had a great night and enjoyed the company of our new friends. Without a doubt we shall be meeting up with them again soon."



ART TRIP TO LONDON



In October at the unearthly hour of 5.00 am the Sixth Form Art students embarked on a long day to London. We had a fantastic time at the Saatchi Gallery where we experienced some of the conceptual 'Brit Art' that has hit the headlines recently. We

then took a brisk walk down the Thames to the Tate Modern where some students were involved in a workshop with one of the educational staff there. It was a great day that gave us plenty to think about on our long journey home.



Space Centre



The term started with a place at the British Association Festival of Science, in Exeter, where the Space Centre team and NASA students had a busy time demonstrating experiments to hundreds of people. The space centre has been very busy with the accelerated learning programme for primary schools. Year 5 and 6 pupils have enjoyed various workshops and have had lots of fun completing various tasks including rocket building!! There have also been several open evenings, which included a staff night and there have also been family workshops.

VISIT TO NASA SPACE CENTRES IN FLORIDA AND TEXAS

by James Craig 13PS

DURING OCTOBER half term, four Sixth Form students travelled to America to enjoy the experience of a lifetime. For the students, the annual scholarship to the NASA centre was the culmination of over a year's hard work and effort, after competing in a selection procedure and raising a considerable amount of money towards their cause. The ten-day trip encompassed both Johnson Space Centre at Houston, Texas, as well as Florida's Kennedy Space Centre. However, not only did the group take in the Visitor Centres at both Kennedy and Johnson, they were also granted a presidential pass allowing unprecedented levels of access, a privilege never normally enjoyed by members of the public. Amongst the highlights afforded by this exclusive access were a tour of current and historic Mission controls, in particular being able to sit in the chair from which the Flight Director would have launched the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions. Other highlights included a tour of the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory, an astronaut training facility, not to mention the fun that was had on the various space travel simulators at the Astronaut Hall of Fame!

The more academic activities were then complimented by a wealth of extra opportunities including a guided tour of Cape Canaveral's Merritt Island Wildlife Reserve, a trip around the prestigious Rice University, and also a behind the scenes look at the conservation policies adopted by Seaworld Florida. Although personally, the most unique and rewarding aspect of the trip was provided by the many opportunities to converse with astronauts and rocket scientists one to one. Prominent amongst these were Canadian astronaut Julie Payette's inspirational presentation on space photography and a talk from safety engineers Kevin Mellet and Tom Raines, both directly responsible for current developments in the shuttle programme.

To conclude, the trip really was a once in a lifetime opportunity for everyone involved and one of the biggest personal gains for us as students was the chance to make friends with a whole new group of people from across Britain. Friendships which will definitely continue beyond the trip.

Study Support



The College has been awarded Established level of the nationally recognised 'Quality in Study Support' (QISS) kitemark programme. The aim of QISS is to support schools, LEAs and other educational organisations in raising student's achievement, motivation and self esteem through providing a framework of services that improve and assess the quality of learning outside the classroom.

The college has a long tradition of

extra-curricular activity ranging from sport to the arts. Recent years however have seen an increased number of activities and an increase in the number of students and staff involved in the activities and this award from QISS is an integral part of the governments drive to promote quality in study support, providing public recognition that government standards are being met within the college.

SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



by Liz Johnson 13SL

I was not expecting on a Friday morning to have such a rewarding experience on my feet. I was lucky enough to experience a moment of reflexivity when the Sixth Form were visited by Geeta D a complementary practitioner. I felt thoroughly relaxed all day and weekend because of two minutes of movements and pulses on certain areas of my feet. It really was a very beneficial treatment, which I overall enjoyed and definitely recommend.



DRIVETIME

by Emma Metherell (10MH) and Charlie Henning (10NH)



In November we were visited by Stopwatch Theatre Company. They performed their production Drivetime as part of Brake Road Safety Week.

They illustrated many different issues including drink/drug driving and peer pressure whilst vaguely covering teenage relationships. The four young actors cleverly used humour when talking about serious issues to capture the students' attention. When the play finished the actors involved the whole audience of Year 10 students in a workshop. They allowed us to alter a scene from the production to improve its general safety standard. All students enjoyed it and it was a valuable learning experience.

ANTI-BULLYING CONFERENCE

By Rebecca Miles (10MH) and Lucy Marks (10PR)

In October we travelled to Truro with Mrs Pace to attend an Anti-Bullying Conference which took place in County Hall. The day started with a talk from Dr Val Besag about bullying between girls. There were also other speakers from the community including ABC workers, a Fireman from the Phoenix Project and Police Officers. Near the end of the event one primary and three secondary schools, including Callington presented ways their schools coped with bullying. We thought this conference was a great success and very inspiring.

VISITORS FROM URAMBO, TANZANIA

In October Mr Kabahya, Headteacher of Urambo Secondary School in Urambo, Tanzania and a Senior Nurse, Mrs M. Nsalamba, from the hospital in Urambo visited the college. Urambo Secondary School has been Callington's link school in Tanzania for the last four years. They also visited other schools and colleges in Cornwall during the week. Mrs Tina Fletcher, link teacher at the college and working in partnership with St Cleer Primary School and Estover Community College, has been collecting equipment/books etc to send to Tanzania.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

THE SECOND German Exchange with Barsb ttel was once again a great success. In September twenty-two students from the local Gesamtschule spent an enjoyable week in English families and in October sixteen students from the college flew to Barsb ttel for the return visit. All year groups with the exception of Year 7 were represented. All students are to be commended for making the effort to communicate in German.

The first day was spent in school, accompanying exchange partners. The group received a warm welcome from Herr Johann, the Headmaster, who gave a tour of the school and answered questions about the German system of education.

On Friday, English and German students visited the Heidepark and spent a 'white knuckle' day on stomach churning rides, including the 'Colossus', the highest wooden roller coaster in the world. The weekend was spent in families, who showed their guests the area.

Monday again was spent in school, and on the last day the group visited Hamburg where they had a boat ride on the river Elbe, went to the Hamburg dungeons and the Nikolaikirche. There was enough time for some shopping in Hamburg's city centre before returning to Barsb ttel to prepare for an early start the next morning.

Some students comments on the trip:

"I would recommend it to anyone. I'm definitely coming back".

"It was an amazing experience".

"I loved being with my German family".

"It was one of the best experiences I ever had. I made some great new friends and will definitely keep in touch".





NETBALL

NETBALL HAS really got off to a flying start this term. The Netball Club has been growing in numbers on a weekly basis with the introduction of the new Year 7s. All year groups are now training with set teams in place and improving with every game that they play. Netball Club not only allows students to improve their ball handling skills but also allows them the opportunity to play in different positions, improve their game play and meet new people!

There have been a number of fixtures as well this term. The Year 7s played in a tournament against a number of schools in Cornwall. Callington entered three teams and were divided into two pools, team one won their pool and team two and three came first and second respectively.

Callington have also entered the East Cornwall Netball



League. The first fixture was a triangular match played away at Launceston, against Launceston and Budehaven. Six teams were entered and every team played extremely well. The Year 10s and the Year 7s played extremely well, winning both of the matches so a big well done to all involved. In the triangular tournament against Liskeard and Launceston once again Callington came away with the majority of wins.



BORN TO WIN

THE SECOND 'Born to Win' competition was hosted at the college in October. All secondary schools in North Cornwall and Caradon took part. Eight boys and eight girls from each of the secondary schools between the ages of 14 to 16 took part in six physical tests. There was an overall boy and girl winner from each test, which included Speed, Co-ordination, Strength, Agility, Power and Endurance.

The overall winning girls team was once again from Callington Community College and the overall winning boys team was from Liskeard School; the boys team from Callington came second. Kylie Booth (11AMW) came second overall. Well done to all students who took part.



EARLY FOOTBALL SUCCESS

by Mr L. Hazeldine
Only two games into the season and things are looking promising for Callington football.

Playing for the first time in the National Cup, the Year 9 boys produced an outstanding performance to beat Brixham 3-2. Playing on the Marsh (Callington Town First team) the lads produced some awesome football to go 3-0 up. Excellent finishing from Sam Sheppard (2) and a wonderful 35-yard drive from Aaron Pethick emphasised the

quality of the play. Callington however began to miss chance after chance and two late goals from Brixham ensured a nail biting finish.

The Year 8 began the season in similar fashion with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Liskeard in the first round of the Coca-Cola Cup. Excellent finishing from Nick Parker and great goal keeping from Zak Walters ensured the team reached the second round. David Henwood and Dan Pethick officiated both games superbly.

SAQ Course

Thirty-six coaches and teachers were put through their paces in October as the college hosted an SAQ course. This is Speed, Agility and Quickness. The course started with the dynamic flex warm up. This is quite simply a better method of stretching before physical activity. The course then progressed into mechanics training the coaches and teachers in developing techniques to teach skills in speed, with hurdles used to develop a variety of concepts. The coaches then used agility ladders and viper belt drills, which really put them to the test !!!! The day ended with an assessment session for all attendees. It is now hoped that some of the coaches and teachers who gained the Preliminary Award in training speed, agility and quickness will utilise their knowledge to develop multi skills clubs for young people across Cornwall.



Callington Rugby Success!

As always this term has proved to be of great success and enjoyment to the rugby players. All year groups have produced excellent numbers at training and produced rugby of a high quality. In particular both the Year 9 and 10 teams are still in their respective County Cups with the 1st XV still in the National Daily Mail Plate which could take them far afield if they gain success. Training this term has been on a Tuesday night for Years 7, 8, and 9 and on a Wednesday for Years 10, 11, 12, & 13.

Spotlight on Charlie Hunt!



Charlie Hunt is a Year 10 student who takes her sport seriously despite having a broken arm! In July of this year Charlie had a nasty fall and suffered a particularly bad break of her left arm. She has been wearing a cast now for a total of fifteen weeks but this has not deterred her from participating in sports and her PE lessons, in total Charlie has not missed one PE lesson! At all times Charlie has attended lessons with full kit, in line with the new PE department policy of bringing kit even when injured, and has been extremely keen to be involved. Having represented the college in the past in Netball, Hockey, Rugby, Rounders, Cricket, and Tennis she was keen not to give up her sport and let her arm get the better of her. Recently Charlie has been making the most of her PE lessons in the Fitness Suite using a variety of equipment, but has also thoroughly enjoyed trampolining lessons! Charlie aspires to become a teacher of Physical Education one day and I truly believe that she has the commitment and determination to fulfil this goal. Charlie is expected to make a full recovery and has acted as a true inspiration for all other students, well done Charlie!

FA CHARTER STANDARD AWARD



The College has been awarded the FA's National Charter Standard School Award. We are one of only six schools in the country to receive this award, following the outstanding work in enabling students and the local community groups to play football in the best possible environment.

Half of the college's 1200 students play football on a regular basis and the college runs a girls and boys football team in every age group from 12 to 18.

College staff also run FA approved coaching and child protection courses and have helped more than thirty local primary schools qualify for the FA's Charter Standard Award.

Michelle Roberts, Assistant Director of Sport and Lee Hazeldine teacher responsible for Football development at the college were presented with the award at England's World Cup qualifying game against Wales at Old Trafford in October.

Maine



In October I was in America in a small town called Hampden in the state of Maine. The purpose of the ten day visit was to teach sport to American children.

This was due to a scholarship I and three other students, from around England, had won out of 400 youngsters earlier in the year at a 'Step into Sport' Camp at Loughborough University. As part of the trip we were given host families to stay with who were chosen to look after us for the duration of the trip.

I stayed with a 16 year old girl who played soccer and her 18 year old brother who plays American football for Hampden Academy. We decided to teach them mainly English games as we thought it was good for them to see some of the more popular games that we play in England.

It was good to see how well they adapted and how much they enjoyed the different games and we all went along to support, before every game all the teams sing the national anthem which was

interesting to see.

I was also lucky enough to be taken by my host family to see an ice hockey match at the University of Maine, which was awesome. As a group we visited Acadia National Park which is on the west coast of Maine. The day included a hike up the Beehive and a very cold swim in the Atlantic Ocean. Overall the trip was an unforgettable experience, I never could have imagined that I would have enjoyed it as much as I did, helped by great weather and great people.

by Ashley Williams 13JEP

Dance

The after college Dance Club has been going from strength to strength. The group have taken part in the Arts Presentation Evening and also put on a performance in December.



New Addition to the PE Department - Miss Couch

After spending the first few weeks of term wandering around like a new Year 7 student I have finally begun to feel very welcome at Callington. For those of you who have not yet met me here is my personal profile:

Name: Miss Kelly Couch
Occupation: Physical Education Graduate Teacher Co-ordinator
Background: Physiotherapy and Sport & Fitness Co-ordinator
Specialist Subjects: Martial Arts, Athletics & Netball
Hobbies: Reading Philosophy and eating cakes
Likes: Liverpool FC, photography and chocolate cakes
Dislikes: Prejudice, disrespectfulness and stale chocolate cakes
Aims: To not only be enlightened but to enlighten others through my experiences here

Sports Centre

In June 2004 the College took over the running of the Sports Centre from Caradon District Council. Since then we have been in charge of all bookings, classes and courses running at the centre. We are working with the PE Department and the SSCO group to offer a wide range of activities for school children in Callington and the surrounding areas.

Callington Sport & Leisure are also



offering a wide range of fitness classes such as Body Jam, Aerobics, Step Aerobics and Circuits to adults. As well as offering these classes we also offer a very competitive Membership for our Fitness Suite. Since June we have increased the annual membership by 30% taking our total members up to over 130. We are always trying to improve our facilities to offer new opportunities and our high standards of care such as our Healthy Living Centre, which offers various massages, and health related treatments.

Active Living Award

The college as part of the School Sport Partnership programme has won a top 'active living' award for introducing a wake-up routine for thousands of pupils at the start of the working day - producing real improvements inside the classroom.



The Partnership's Development Manager Ruth Mitchell received the award in October from Sports Minister, Richard Caborn, at a conference in Nottingham. Ruth devised some aerobic routines and put them on video to help teachers run the activity every day. Now older children who volunteered to lead the sessions are developing their own routines. The daily wake-up routine which was introduced several years ago on a small scale is now happening in eighty primary schools in the partnership's area with over 5,000 children participating.