

## **CEO Newsletter September 2018**

Welcome back, Everyone, to a new academic year. September has slipped already so here is a brief update for the month!

Both our secondary schools have once again achieved GCSE attainment scores well above the National average. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff whose partnership made this possible in a year that saw huge changes to the curriculum and assessment of most subjects. At Post 16 over 95% have gone on to their first choice university place, an increasing number of students chose to join the Armed Forces and around 10% have taken up in a range of settings, including Engineering at Grosvenor Pumps and Aeronautical Engineering with Serco.

The open days at both the Secondary schools were really well attended with the halls packed to capacity twice. The feedback from parents was highly positive. It is a joy when someone stops you in passing to tell you how much he or she enjoyed the event. Indeed, many parents were saying how their child could not wait to get to start year 7. It was great seeing the Year 6s join in with the wide range of activities on offer. Our primaries have evidently prepared them well and given them a thirst for more.

The Post 16 centre at Helston has been given a makeover to provide more study areas at the request of the students. Visitors are always welcome so, if you would like to see what goes on there, please do give Jane or Natalie a call. The Post 16 team were really pleased to welcome a good number of Mullion School's Year 11 pupils. They are settling well and have been back to visit Mullion to talk to the new Year 11 about their experiences so far.

This month we held a training event for those new to governance or those wanting an update on their roles in the Trust structure. The training was well received. We will repeat the session later in the year for any governors wishing to have a refresher. There will be a range of governor training events throughout the year. The next, on 9<sup>th</sup> October, focuses on Safeguarding. This is open to all governors. Please book a place via Karen Teague.

This term each school will be hosting a 'Forum' event which provides opportunity for parents, children, the community, staff and past pupils of the Trust to join together to give feedback on what the school is doing and to raise general matters with the school that are important to them. Do go along and support your school. Everything raised will be fed back to the Local Governors and the Trustees so that everyone has a better understanding of the needs of the schools.

Looking back to last term, I wanted to share that Trannack School are very proud once again of their swimming achievements. In their annual 'Distance Swim' this year, pupils swam for up to an hour in the 25m pool at Helston Leisure Centre, with 21 pupils swimming over 1km and 4 pupils swimming over 2km! The stamina and technique needed for this is very impressive. PE premium has helped to fund swimming lessons over and above core provision, resulting in these distances. As well as this, the older more confident swimmers take part in preliminary safety skills and personal survival in the Summer Term. At the end of the year, 23 pupils in Yr 5/6 (1 pupil in Yr 3) achieved preliminary and level 1, with 13 additional pupils also achieving level 2. It's good to know that swimming across our schools continues to be a strength, especially given that we live by the sea.



A lot of building works were completed over the summer, with some highly visible work as well as much more that was done behind the scenes – roof work, kitchen works, boilers etc. Here are some photos of Landewednack School's new trim trail and new classroom free flow provision to give you a flavour of some of the work.



Kind regards

**Donna**

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