



The Cornwall Independent School

Friday 11th September 2026

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Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see everyone and welcome all students old and new back to school. We hope our new pupils will quickly settle into our routines and we are here to help and answer any questions to support this process. We are delighted to welcome two new staff members Mr A Pilkington who will be teaching secondary humanities and is the Year 8 Form Tutor. Also joining our team is Mrs R Munday our new teaching assistant in EYFS/KS1. There has been a wonderful energy around the school, with a very positive and productive start to the new school year from all pupils.

Clubs

Our after-school clubs have now started, offering pupils a wide range of opportunities to develop new skills and pursue their interests. There is a variety of clubs available and we are pleased to offer these free of charge for this term to ensure everyone has the opportunity to take part. The exception to this will be the Junior Duke scheme and Seahorses.

PE Lessons

Please can all pupils in Year 3 and above remember to bring their shin pads for PE lessons which take place at Hayle football club. Pupils should also be changing their socks and trainers for every PE lesson.

Memorial Parade

Thank you to the Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils who represented the school when they attended the Rick Rescorla Memorial Parade today. It is 25 years since the 9/11 attacks in New York and Rick Rescorla lost his life while helping people to safety. Our pupils were very respectful and showed great empathy and awareness of others.

Junior Duke

We are delighted to be running the Junior Duke Award scheme again this year, as detailed in the letter already sent. This scheme is through an external organisation and we need to order the packs. With this in mind, please remember the deadline for returning the consent form for Friday 18th September. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils to learn some new skills through a variety of activities and earn some fun prizes along the way.

School Council

Pupils have been exploring Democracy in action by voting for their school council representatives. All representatives will meet next Wednesday for the first meeting of term.

Fire Drill

We held our first fire drill of term yesterday to ensure all pupils know what to do in the event of an emergency. We were very pleased with the way that pupils conducted themselves.

Uniform

With lots of new uniform bought recently, please can we ensure all items are labelled with pupil's names. This is particularly helpful when items are left around school as we can quickly return them to pupils. Please ensure that coats, which should be waterproof, in navy or black are brought into school every day.

House Captains

All students have been allocated to houses and I am pleased to announce this year's House Captains are as follows:

Godrevy

Alfie Lockyer (House Captain)

Delilah Kelly (Deputy House Captain)

Pendeen

Gareth Paffett (House Captain)

Grace Scott (Deputy House Captain)

Trevose

Taylor Cartwright (House Captain)

Zachary Summers (Deputy House Captain)

Carn Brea

Our first Carn Brea session took place today with Years 1-4 and all boys in Years 5-8 swimming and the girls in Year 5-8 using the running track. Please can we remind you that goggles are an excellent piece of equipment to aid swimming. After half term we will rotate the older boys and girls so everyone has the opportunity to explore a variety of sporting activities. We allow all students to wear PE kit to school on a Friday as everyone has a PE lesson and it is much easier for changing at Carn Brea.

Immunisations

Nasal Flu and HPV jabs will take place on Friday 9th October. More information will be sent out very soon on how to complete the consent forms or opt out of these immunisations.

Open Day

We will be holding an open day for potential new students on Saturday 17th October. We will be sending out more information soon and we would appreciate pupils from Year 4 up joining us to participate in activities and act as tour guides.

Science Fieldwork

Year 11 will be walking down to the Millpond on Monday morning to conduct their science fieldwork.

Jeans for Genes

New week we are taking part in Jeans for Genes week and raising funds to support thousands of families across the UK who are living with genetic conditions. Fundraising helps to fund nurses, provide equipment and support those who need it most. We will be wearing our jeans on Monday 14th September and donating £2 to support this cause. Own clothes can be worn with your jeans.

Autumn Walk

Our KS2 pupils will be going for an Autumn walk around the local area next week. This will provide inspiration for writing and artwork and allow them to develop a greater awareness of the local environment.



Special Awards

Star of the week

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Liyu

For writing some amazing sentences describing The Gruffalo.

Year 3 & 4 – Alfie

For an amazing effort and a super start back to school!

Year 5 & 6 – Grace

For working incredibly hard in all subjects and making a great start to Year 6.

Secondary Celebrations

English – Amber and Joshua (Year 9)

For their suspenseful descriptions of a Gothic House.

Maths – Marney (Year 7)

For great focus, excellent presentation and really engaging with our sequences topic.

KS 3 Science – Eleanor (Year 7)

For a wonderful lab safety poster.

KS4 Science – Clementine (Year 11)

For good effort with holiday revision

History - Billy (Year 10)

For enthusiasm in researching and answering questions on Queen Elizabeth.

Geography – Gracie (Year 10)

For arranging her notes so beautifully on weathering and mass movement.

Computer Science – Clementine (Year 11)

For impressively fast bug spotting and identification in our coding lesson.

PE – Jaxon (Year 10)

For great netball and dodgeball skills.

DT – Amber (Year 9)

For joining in classroom discussion and answering lots of questions.

French – Belle (Year 9)

For very good participation in speaking.

Geology – Ella (Year 11)

For showing resilience and determination.

PSHE -Reuben (Year 8)

For joining in well and being really helpful.

Forms and Health Care Plans

Please can any remaining consent forms and any Individual Health Care Plans be returned as soon as possible so that all offsite PE lessons can commence.

School Lunches

Our school lunches are now supplied by Bodriggy Academy however the menu from last term is still being followed until the end of October when we will send you a new menu. If you would like a copy of the lunch menu please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Rowe or Mrs Stevens who have copies in the office.

Parking

Please can we remind you that parking in Paradise Park is not allowed. Mr Reynolds is very generous in allowing us to use his car parks for special occasions, but this should not happen on a daily basis. We would also ask that for the safety of our pupils and members of the public parents do not stop on the pavement, in the gate ways to school, Paradise Park or Glanmour House. Please also be considerate of local residents and avoid parking across driveways etc. Thank you for your support in maintaining the safety of everyone in the local area.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend and hope that we will enjoy some autumn sunshine.

Best Wishes

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