



Looe Community Academy Report for Looe Town Council Monday 20 February 2017

1. In January we welcomed representatives from the Rotary Club of Liskeard and Looe, who provided 'mock interviews' for students in Year 11. These interviews gave students practice to prepare them for real life interviews at colleges and places of work in the future.
2. Last month, we started to use a new software system called MyConcern. This is a safe and secure software for recording and managing all safeguarding concerns in school. All teachers have been trained in how to use the programme.
3. Seven schools are currently investigating ways in which they can work more closely together across the South East Cornwall region as part of a Multi Academy Trust. Students have held meetings in which we discussed the benefits, and problems we may face in the future. There was also a meeting held, where the governors, staff, parents and students were provided with more information about how SMART will work and what this means for students and their education opportunities for the future. The Governors met on 10 February and decided that Looe would join with 5 other schools in Wave 1 of the SMART Multi Academy Trust on 1 April.
4. The Student Leadership Team held their first meetings last week, in which they are currently planning our new Student Voice newsletter.
5. We held a special event as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day on 26 January. The event was put together by Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Council, Falmouth University, University of Exeter and Truro Cathedral.
6. We are very pleased that we have now taken delivery of our Integrated Health Centre building which was delivered to site during February half term. We aim to open the facility in March.
7. As part of our whole-school drive to raise standards of literacy, we are currently carrying out a review and refurbishment of our library. We have also invested in 'Accelerated Reader' a digital platform that will help us encourage, manage and monitor children's independent reading through a system of levelled non-fiction books and computer based comprehension quizzes. In preparation for this launch students will be undertaking the STAR reading assessment to identify the level of book they should be reading in order to increase their vocabulary and improve their literacy skills.
8. Two teams consisting of six year 10's, travelled to the South Devon University Technology College to take part in the South West Regional Final of the annual Land Rover 4x4 in Schools' Technology Challenge. This is where students have to design and build their own remote control car and drive it over a model terrain, be interviewed on their manufacturing processes and provide a presentation to a panel of judges. Between them the teams won a trophy for the Best Engineered car, a trophy for Innovative Thinking and third place overall which puts them into the National Final at Silverstone on 28 March.

9. We held another very successful school production again this year which was 'The Toad of Toad Hall'. The show was again to a high standard and reflected the hard work and dedication of all involved. As usual, this was a community achievement, with helpers from within and outside of Academy. Performances were held on two nights and a matinee for our local primary schools and were well attended and supported.

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