



Looe Community Academy Report for Looe Town Council Monday 26 November 2018

1. Following interviews held on 13 and 14 of November to appoint a Headteacher, Mr Scott Yalden was the successful candidate. Mrs Iles the Chair of the Local Governing Body said to parents and carers 'I know that Mr Yalden is delighted to be able to continue the journey that he has begun, strengthening the academy for the future'.
2. Year 11 have been undertaking GCSE Mock exams during the past two weeks in preparation for their summer exams.
3. We both attended the Remembrance Sunday Service on 11 November in Looe together with Mr Yalden and Mrs Iles. Mr Portman from the Royal British Legion joined us for a special Remembrance assembly in school during the week.
4. Students participated in a Mock Trial Competition at Plymouth Crown Court on Saturday 10 November. This competition helps young people understand how the judicial system works. The teams are predominantly made up of Sixth Formers and college students with an interest in law. Not having a Sixth Form, Looe entered a younger team from Years 10 and 11. The students take on the roles of Barristers, Witnesses, Jurors, Court Clerk and Usher, entering both a prosecution and defence team that go to trial against other schools with two cases, specially written by legal experts. Case One was Grievous Bodily Harm via an acid attack, and Case Two was two counts of the Proceeds of Crime Act, namely money laundering. Both the defence and prosecution teams from Looe performed magnificently; they offered excellent opening and closing statements and their examinations-in-chief and cross-examinations were highly effective. Although the team did not win this heat, they did receive praise from the judges for the high standard of our performance, and their strong performance against older opponents was noted.
5. On 5 November we welcomed pupils from local primary schools for a STEM workshop in the Science department. This was a big success and the pupils enjoyed their time here.
6. We have had lots of sporting events over the past few weeks. To name a couple, during the Year 7 County rugby tournament, the players experienced a competitive rugby match for the first time and played some amazing games. They showed great teamwork, bravery and enthusiasm. They finished third overall which is the best result for a Year 7 team in over 8 years. Unfortunately our Year 9 boys lost their ESFA Round 2 football cup match away against Five Acres High School in West Gloucestershire. The boys were terribly unlucky to lose, playing some magnificent football and although not through to the next round, showed great determination, teamwork and resilience.
7. Year 11 students have recently visited Truro College to see what it is like and what it has to offer.
8. Finally, once again we supported Children in Need by holding a Mufti day, raising £390.

**Joseph Arthur and Esther Huckstep
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