



Looe Community Academy Report for Looe Town Council Monday 1 April 2019

1. Building on a long history of successive 'Good' Ofsted ratings, the staff and students of Looe Community Academy demonstrated once more that the school has maintained its academic pedigree when their Ofsted inspection in January confirmed that the Academy continues to provide a good quality of education. The inspection report went on to specifically highlight the Academy's strong safeguarding culture and to say how students feel safe at their school, enjoying positive relationships across the year groups. The Academy's Headteacher, Scott Yalden, was absolutely delighted with the outcome, saying "Our results have been consistently strong, with our latest value-added score of +0.26 being 6th highest in Cornwall, and, had we been a Plymouth school, we would have been 2nd highest.
2. Following recent interviews Mrs Jackman has been appointed as our permanent Deputy Headteacher.
3. Science students recently attended the 'Operating Theatre Live' event at Liskeard School and Community College. Operating Theatre Live! gave students the opportunity to develop an understanding of patient care, infection control and anaesthetics. They then went on to develop their understanding of the principles of human anatomy including a live and hands on dissection of Head and Neck, Thorax and Abdomen. During the procedure, students learned in detail about the structure and function of many parts of the human body as well as attribute to various disease states comparing diseased and healthy tissues. This first-hand experience presented an unparalleled opportunity to experience key areas of the curriculum beyond the classroom.
4. As part of the History GCSE Modern World course, students went to Exeter to see two theatre performances of 'Hitler on Trial' and 'The Doctors Show'. This was supported by a session on 'exam busting', which aimed to unpack the requirements of different styles of questions. The aims of the session are to help students develop their understanding of the use of evidence, to promote their understanding of causation, to develop their ability to analyse historical arguments and to help them to revise factual information.
5. Some maths students in Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The Mathematical Challenges aim to stimulate mathematical problem solving
6. The production of Alice and the Looking Glass was a fantastic way to end last term and was a spectacular success.
7. We celebrated World Book Day with a Mufti Day for Key Stage 3 students. Staff and students were able to dress up as a character from a book if they wished. We know that if students read for at least twenty minutes four times a week they can improve their GCSEs by two grades.
8. One again we supported Comic Relief's Red Nose Day with a mufti day and raised £302.32 for the charity.

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