

Launceston College

A Multi Academy Trust

Five Days as Principal of Launceston College

Dear Parents

As we begin the Easter break I felt it important to share some of the moments that make it very special to be a part of Launceston College. I have worked in eight different schools and none compare; the five days before I began writing this letter are just an example.

Last Friday morning we said goodbye after five days to eighteen students, and their accompanying teachers, from six different European countries as part of our Erasmus project; it was a delight seeing the students from Launceston interact with their European peers. On the same day our Year 9 students were returning from trips to Belgium, Spain and France, and from Penzance, Exmoor and The Eden Project; all had been challenged, many were tired and some of the stories were very special indeed.

On Saturday and Sunday, around twenty of our students were out trekking over Dartmoor as part of the 1633 challenge with Exeter School and Bideford College. I managed to meet a few beneath Great Mis Tor; the students had walked miles over hideous terrain, they had carried their tents and food, and they were about to camp out the night before waking and continuing their walking challenge.

On Monday I began the first of 31 interviews for our new House Captains for Causley, Hepworth, Rescorla and Trevithick; any students in Year 10 could apply and all knew it involved a presentation and interview in the Principal's Office. It has been humbling seeing each young adult communicate their vision for their House - and to know of the hours of support they have been given from home, by friends and from their tutors. The standard of interview has been outstanding; it is clear many will be having an important part in shaping the world ahead of them. The captains will be appointed in our final assembly.

On Tuesday, after weeks of practice and rehearsal, and after a full run through in the College on Monday, sixty two of our students took part in the Royal Shakespeare Company directed Julius Caesar performance at the Hall for Cornwall in Truro. The students were an inspiration - and role models for the many exemplary primary students also taking part.

The week has continued with our Robotics team having a mention on Radio 2, Simon Hobbs from Year 12 winning a place in the South West Golf Championships, three Year 10 students winning best dessert in the Plymouth Raiders Young Chef competition.....and so it goes on.

There are many times when it feels a remarkable place.

These successes are down to hard work and to students who put their hand up and just give it a go! I encourage all students to do this.

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Launceston College Principal

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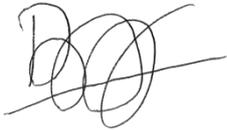
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These successes are also down to good foundations and a clear understanding of what the expectations are; it is important that we all get the basic things right, showing respect for each other and for the accepted rules of the College. When we return after Easter can we ensure we are meeting these expectations including excellent smart uniform, polished shoes, punctuality, high standards for homework, no coats or mobile phones visible in the building and so on. These agreed foundations help the College run smoothly – and they help us achieve the calm and purposeful atmosphere that allows all to succeed.

There are many more stories of school success on the College website under latest news – and over the Easter weekend you might wish to follow the ten brave individuals who are tackling the 125 miles Devizes to Westminster Kayak Marathon. Type “GPS tracker Devizes to Westminster” into a search engine to follow them.

The College is a very special place, and I am pleased your child is a part of this; I wish you a wonderful break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bryan Maywood', with a stylized, cursive script.

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