Friday 13th November

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

BODMIN COLLEGE



Miss White

Headteacher

Dear Families,

This week has been a wonderful reminder of what makes Bodmin College such a special community, with our young people demonstrating ambition, integrity and respect in so many different ways.

Remembrance has been particularly poignant this week. I was enormously proud of the many students who represented our school and their organisations at the town's Remembrance Parade and wreath-laying ceremony. Equally moving was seeing so many young people proudly wearing their cadet and uniformed organisation uniforms to school on Wednesday, as we came together for our own reflection and two-minute silence. Their maturity, dignity and respect were a credit to themselves, their families and our community.



Bodmin Town Memorial

We celebrated the incredible achievements of our young people at our Outdoor Learning Awards Presentation, recognising those who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards, Jubilee Challenge and Ten Tors. These experiences develop resilience, teamwork, courage and confidence, creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime. We are incredibly proud of every participant.



Outdoor Learning Awards

As Year 11 prepare for their PPEs next week, we wish them every success and encourage them to approach this important milestone with confidence and ambition.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

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Justice In Motion, Theatre Performance

A powerful performance. An important conversation.

Last week, Year 7 and Year 8 students at Bodmin College experienced CODE, a powerful, age-appropriate theatre production exploring the realities of knife crime, county lines exploitation and the tactics used by criminal networks to target young people.

Delivered by specialist theatre company Justice in Motion, the production was carefully designed for secondary-aged students and presented complex safeguarding topics in a responsible and engaging way.

Using a unique blend of physical theatre and storytelling, the performance challenged students to recognise the signs of exploitation and understand how to seek help when needed.



Justice In Motion in action on the stage.



Will, Year 8, Shines on Stage (see next page)

With support from staff throughout the day, the performance complemented learning already taking place through our PSHE curriculum and helped encourage important conversations about staying safe.

A huge thank you to Justice in Motion, Groundswell and Safer Stronger Communities for working together to bring this impactful production to our students. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mayor Mike Barbery and his team, as well as Lucy Allison from Safer Bodmin for their attendance.

Together, you have helped spark important conversations that could make a real difference to the lives of young people.

WILL IN YEAR 8 SHINES ON STAGE

The Justice in Motion visit also created an unexpected but very welcome opportunity for Will in Year 8 who was chosen to take on an improvised role in the show's final scene.

Despite being asked to join the production on the morning of the performance, Will stepped confidently into the spotlight! He impressed the performers and his classmates in the audience with his enthusiasm and creativity.

Will is no stranger to the stage. In Year 7 he played a lead role in Joseph, the school production, and also attends an external drama club, where he has performed as Captain Hook.

Reflecting on the experience, Will said:
"It was great to see how actors work and warm up. It was great fun to be part of it and meeting everyone. The show has been educational and entertaining."

Well done to Will for embracing this unexpected opportunity. We look forward to seeing where his passion for performance takes him in the future!



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BCX seed harvesting

Treviskar meadows, St Eval, have been hosting workshops with our BCX students, harvesting their wildflower seeds.

These workshops have been made possible through National Grid Electricity Distribution's 'Community Matters Fund'. The project enhances biodiversity through planting trees, hedgerows and wildflowers.

It was wonderful to be part of such a worthwhile project, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our local environment. Thank you to everyone involved for making it possible!



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Celebrating Achievement at the Outdoor Learning Awards

Students, families and staff gathered in the Studio Theatre at Bodmin College on Thursday to celebrate an evening of outstanding achievement and commitment at the College's annual Outdoor Learning Awards Presentation Evening.

The special event brought together the Bodmin College community to recognise the incredible accomplishments of students who have embraced challenge and developed essential life skills through the College's Outdoor Learning programme.



Adventurers Celebrate Success



The Gareth Morris Award Presentation

REMEMBERING GARETH MORRIS

This year's ceremony also included the inaugural presentation of the Gareth Morris Outdoor Learning Award. Established in memory of Gareth Morris, a much-loved member of staff who dedicated 20 years of voluntary service to the Ten Tors programme, the award recognises students who embody the values and spirit that Gareth championed throughout his time at Bodmin College.

Congratulations to all students recognised during the evening.



The school community fell silent on Wednesday 11th November at 11:00am to honour and remember the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

A special thank you to those students who represented their uniformed youth organisations in full colour on the day.

We will remember them.
Lest We Forget.







Record-Breaking Readers!

As part of The National Year of Reading, our students joined thousands of readers worldwide earlier this year in the National Literacy Trust's Take 10 to Read event. We received the news this week that Bodmin College has successfully contributed to a new world record for the most people reading online in 12 hours.

More than 153,000 participants from 92 countries took part, celebrating the joy and power of reading together. We are proud that our students contributed to this incredible global achievement.

New Caterlink Autumn and Winter Term Menu Launch

We're pleased to share that our catering provider, Caterlink, has introduced a new three-week rotational menu for students.

The refreshed, seasonal menu offers a variety of nutritious and tasty options throughout the term, helping to provide greater choice at lunchtime.

Parents and carers can view the full menu, including daily meal options, using the link below. We encourage families to take a look and discuss the choices available with their child.

Learn More





CELT Loire Trip

Over half-term, our students joined pupils from across CELT for an incredible trip to the beautiful Loire Valley in France, packed with culture, history, new experiences and plenty of opportunities to practise their French!

On Day 1 our learners visited to the world-famous Cadre Noir before enjoying lunch at the stunning Château de Saumur. They then headed to Château-Gontier to take part in a town trail, exploring the local area and putting their French language skills to the test.

Back at their gîte, students took part in a French lesson before rolling up their sleeves for an evening cookery workshop.

The delicious creation on the menu? Tarte au Camembert!









Day two brought another unforgettable experience as students spent the day at Puy du Fou! They enjoyed spectacular shows, incredible stunts and breathtaking storytelling as French history was brought to life all around them – all in French!

On Day 3 students enjoyed a morning learning the art of baking traditional French bread at the Moulin de Sarée before exploring fascinating local caves and their impressive cave sculptures. Back at the gîte, there was time for a French lesson and a well-deserved cup of tea before packing up and getting ready for the journey home.

The trip was an amazing way to meet learners from all across the trust while making unforgettable memories in France, learning about the culture, language and history.

CELT Malaga Trip

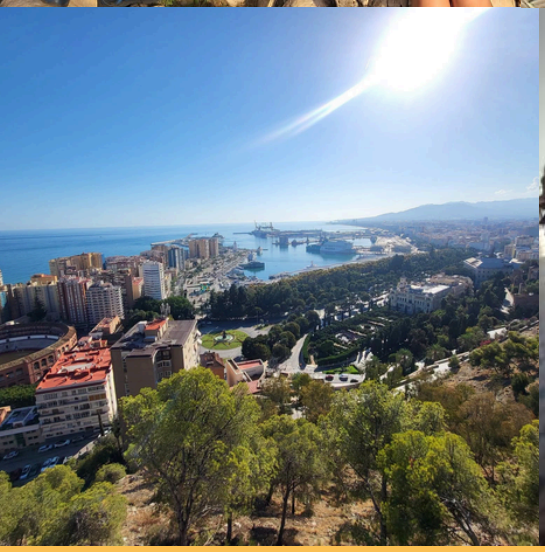
Our students had an amazing trip to sunny Malaga with other schools across the Trust.

On Day 1 they strolled through old town and took Spanish lessons.

On Day 2 students had more spanish lessons followed by a walk to the local market where they could practice ordering food in Spanish! In the afternoon, they travelled to Benalmádena, where they took a cable car ride to the top of a mountain. The views across the coastline were stunning! Our learners even hiked to an even higher viewpoint, making sure to stop for some mandatory group photos before making their way back down.











Day 3 started with a return to language lessons, but with a twist... an outdoor classroom! This involved interviewing members of the public, asking about historical landmarks. This gave them the perfect opportunity to become confident in their speaking skills. They then took part in some amazing cooking classes making a delicious paella before heading off to an olive vinyard to see the products being made!

On the final day, students enjoyed soaking up the last of the Spanish sunshine on the Andalucian Terrace before saying their final goodbyes to the hotel and setting off for the airport.

There was a real mixture of emotions in the group – excitement about heading home, a little sadness that the adventure was over, and plenty of tired faces after such a busy and memorable few days!

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Coming up at Bodmin College

08	**Tuesday 8th December**	Year 7 Pantomime Trip
09	**Wednesday 9th December**	Key Stage 4 Christmas Dinner
10	**Thursday 10th December**	Key Stage 3 Christmas Dinner
18	**Friday 18th December**	Reindeer Roundup Fun Run

FEATURED EVENTS

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DANCE PLATFORM SHOWCASE

Wednesday 18th November

Our talented students will take to the stage for the Bodmin College Dance Showcase, sharing their creativity, passion and hard work in what promises to be a fantastic evening.

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LIGHTS UP LANTERN PARADE

Friday 27th November

A magical procession through the town featuring custom-made, glowing lanterns crafted by local students, children and the community.

Public Community Event



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Meet our Community Champions

JEREMY FIELD

This newsletter, we're introducing Jeremy, one of our valued Community Champions at Bodmin College. Having previously spent 13 years working at the school as a Teaching Assistant in Greenfield, Jeremy has recently returned as an invigilator and enjoys staying connected to school life.

Jeremy was inspired to become a Community Champion after reflecting on what mattered most following a cancer diagnosis three years ago. He describes working in a school environment as one of the most rewarding parts of his career and wanted to continue making a positive difference to young people and staff.

Jeremy has attended Community Champion meetings, supported assemblies, presented certificates, and enjoyed taking part in college events including Sports Day and the Santa Fun Run.

When asked what he would say to others considering becoming a Community Champion, Jeremy's message was simple: if you'd like to make a difference and gain an insight into life in schools today, it's a rewarding experience that could have a positive impact on the lives of both students and staff.

Become a Community Champion

MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs C. Price

Key Info

JOB ROLE: Head of History and PSHE for Bodmin College
CELT Trust Lead for PSHE

SUBJECT: History and LIFE/PSHE

ROOM: BL08

My Favourite Things

FILM: Disney's Robin Hood

FOOD: Italian

COLOUR: Yellow

BOOK: Too many to name!

All About Me

I am a mum of a 7 year old, so my hobbies are mainly taking him to his clubs and playdates. I have two gorgeous cats who I regularly mention to students, and I love listening to History Podcasts. I am very proud to be Cornish, and have a keen interest in local history, myths and legends.

Why I became a teacher

I am genuinely obsessed with History and really enjoy explaining what I love about it to young people. Queen Elizabeth 1 and World War One are the topics I enjoying the most.

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