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# CEO Report by Sara Davey

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been an 'exhibition week'! The exhibition of work for Years Seven/ Eight and the GCSE art show were both very well attended on Thursday evening by parents. They were able to see some excellent performances on stage and high quality art and citizenship work on display. A big thanks must go to all the students and staff involved for putting on two great shows.

This week there is news to share about some really exciting forthcoming events, trips and learning experiences.

Firstly, Fowey River Academy has been successful in getting project funds from the British Council for a new partnership with schools across Europe. There will be the opportunity for middle school students, in Years Nine and Ten, to apply for free places on exchange visits to Germany, Italy, France and Spain over the next three years. The first exchange trip will be to Augsburg in Germany next week. A big thank you to Miss Hick for her successful bid for additional funding as it helps us in our aspiration to have a "World Class Education for Global Learners".

Secondly, the Young Americans will be coming back to Fowey in February for some inspirational performing arts activities; details will follow shortly.



Lastly, we have Project Week for the whole school starting on Monday. It includes a range of trips, events, visits and new learning experiences to fire the imagination and capture the belief that learning takes place outside the classroom. Please make sure that wet weather gear is packed if there are trips out of school for your child, as we are experiencing a run of relentless wet and windy weather. Most importantly too, the week is an opportunity for Year 11 to gain first hand experience of GCSE preparation, with English and Maths mock examinations taking place from Monday to Thursday.

The Academy is developing detailed plans to meet the Ofsted Action Points that were highlighted in the September Inspection. In the forthcoming winter semester there will be a renewed focus on ensuring that reading is a top priority in all subjects, but especially English, so that all students can access the content of the GCSE courses in the Upper School with success. There will continue to be a focus on consistent behaviour and attendance expectations and the detailed protocols for this are available on the website. In addition, there are plans to enhance, still further, our support for students with special needs, which will include useful apps and features on the iPads for personalised provision.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for their continued support as I continue in the role of Acting Head in Mr Dale's absence. My thanks to Mr Harvey and Mr Eddy who are also providing additional support to the staff and students so that we move the Academy forward without delay.

Best wishes  
Sara Davey

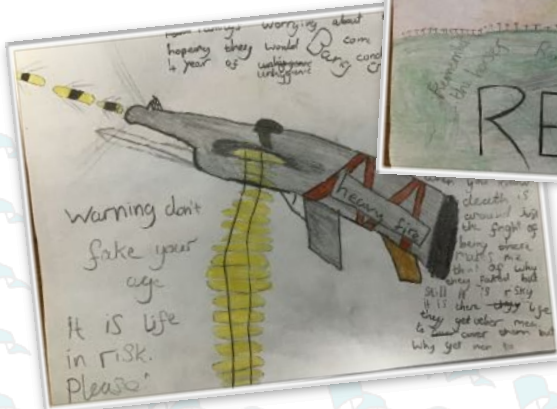
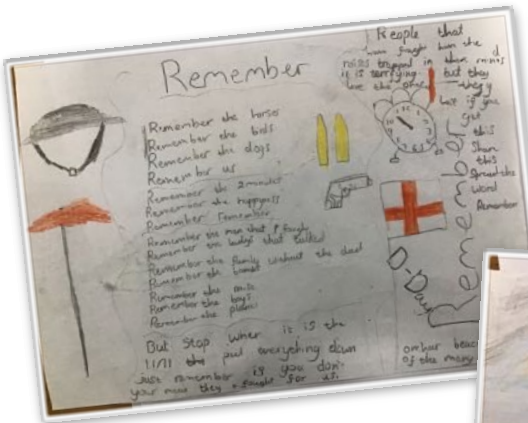
We will remember...

Students and staff were all involved in moving and emotional Remembrance Day services across Cornwall last Sunday.

At school on Monday the bell rang at 11am and the whole school came to a standstill to remember those that sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Yr 7 Leo Williams created these amazing images and words as his interpretation of the importance of Armistice Day for a REAL project, helping pupils understand the importance of remembering.

Leo wanted to help young people understand the sacrifice people made and still make today.



## Community Plans

The past few years have been challenging times for FRA and with a new Trust behind us we are finally able to look outwardly and build back up the links with our community. That's why we have appointed a Community Enterprise Director. Although it will take time for some of our plans to get off the ground, we are ambitious about what we can do to improve our community connections and the lives of our students. We have plans to address the following...

- Swimming Pool
- Outside sheltered areas for students
- Bike trail
- Enhancing the Sports Hub offer
- An outdoor education centre
- Partnerships with local arts organisations



...to name but a few...but we need help to make these happen, so if you think you can contribute to the success of any of these initiatives, please get in touch with Mr Rolls [jrolls@fracademy.org](mailto:jrolls@fracademy.org)



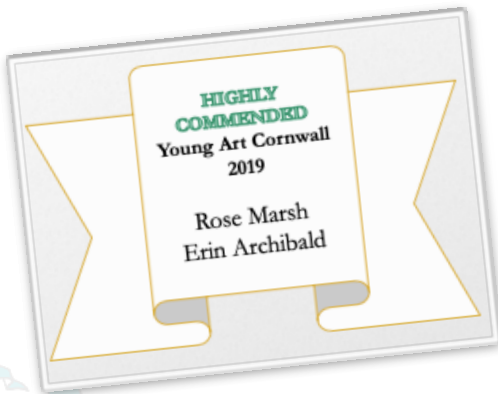
## Fowey Grammar School Society

FRA students are very lucky to benefit from charitable funding that is earmarked for students to help those with ambitions for further or higher education. Each year the society hands out thousands of pounds of awards to ex-students to support their studies...the application process can be found on the FRA website and a full background on the charity is also available.

<https://fracademy.org/fowey-grammar-school-foundation/>

## Yr 7 REAL

In Yr7 REAL our students have been practising resilience in order to achieve excellence. Tommy said 'I am so happy about my improvements on my second drawing and the cross hatching on the sky and the sea and the different colours on the trees and the boat. I really like it.'  
Well done Tommy.



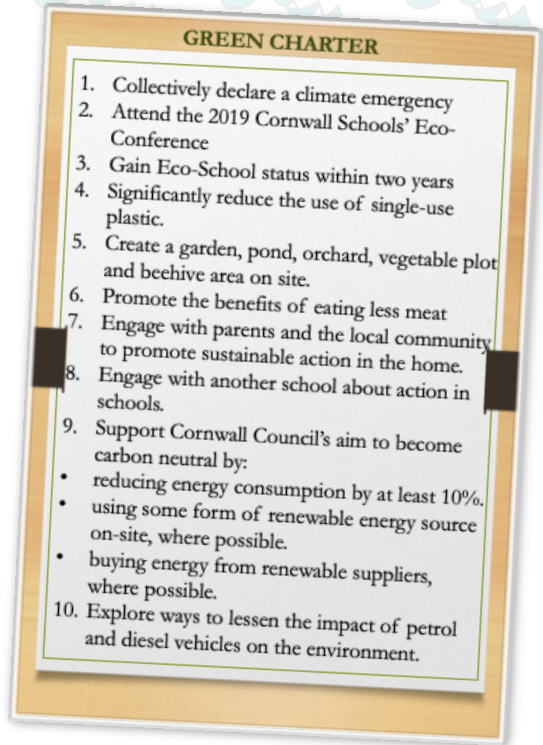
Thank you very much for supporting Young Art Cornwall 2019, and fundraising for Cancer Research UK. They had over 300 hundred fantastic entries, which kept the judges very busy! We are delighted to announce that the following children's artworks have been selected as **Highly Commended**.



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### Going Green...

FRA signed up to a countywide schools Green Charter a few weeks ago, since then the Sustainability Council have been hard at work trying to raise awareness. This week they presented to the Senior Leadership Team a thoughtful and well researched proposal that was practical and moved the school forward to become greener and plastic free. They were then invited to attend an important meeting with the school caterers next month to discuss plastics and recycling. Small steps but hopefully they will make a big difference. Stay tuned for updates!



## Year 10 English Literature Mock Exam Revision Sessions

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
MONDAY LUNCHTIME	E3	JEKYLL AND HYDE
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME	E4	ROMEO AND JULIET
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME	E2	JEKYLL AND HYDE
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL	E4	ROMEO AND JULIET
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME	E1	ROMEO AND JULIET



**EXAM REVISION**



## Year 7 Rugby...

The Year 7 rugby team went off to Liskeard this week to play their first competitive matches in an East Cornwall

Tournament. Superbly led by skipper Lewis, the team played brilliantly. Kicking off the day with a victory against Bodmin, the boys then had close games against Sir James Smith, Penryn, and Bude. After a well earned lunch, FRA was put into a further pool of 4 teams. Although battered, the boys pulled together and claimed victories against Roseland, Looe and drew against Liskeard.



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**Man of the Tournament** went to skipper Lewis who led from the front all day and marshalled his troops well.

**Moment of the Day** went to Fin who scored an amazing solo try that left players on the floor trying to tackle him

**Tackler of the Day** went to Mitchell who scythed down several players in a row in a crucial game against Bude.

**Most Improved Player** went to Ciaran for his constant improvement throughout the day and strong ball carrying.





## FRA Students in Sailing Success...

At the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club end of season prize giving FRA pupils Elliott Toms and Jos de Grey-Warter walked away with a serious amount of silverware. Elliott won the dinghy fast

handicap for both the morning and afternoon of the Spring Bank Holiday races, as well as the 1st Saturday and Wednesday series, taking 2nd overall for the season. Jos won the dinghy slow handicap Spring, 2nd and coming 1st overall for the season. Well done lads...



Autumn series, coming 1st overall for the season. Well done lads...



## Indoor rowing club...

Our Indoor Rowers are really starting to build some good strength and technique is getting better each week...this week we played 'sink the boat'...teams of 4 guessed how far they would row in 4 minutes, we then covered up the monitor...the team closest won...the team furthest away 'sank'! Team Barney the Dinosaur Troop won...amazingly judging their row exactly! Estimating 750m...they rowed exactly 750m...astonishing!



FRA Talent Show  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Who is the next big thing?

After a series of tough auditions, the line up for the Fowey River Academy Talent Show has been decided - and have we got some amazing acts lined up for you!

The show will feature an exciting mix of musical acts, dance, acrobatics and even a very special non-human performer. The featured acts are now rehearsing and perfecting their acts with their allocated mentors, ready for our evening performance on Wednesday 11th December.

It will be a show not to be missed so please snap yourself up a ticket.

TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1504033469750292/>



## Hall for Cornwall Drama Showcase

Year 10 GCSE Drama students are currently working in partnership with Hall for Cornwall and Kresen Kernow on developing a short performance as part of a combined drama showcase in January.

The students are working on an adaptation of The Cornish Ordinalia, a celebrated medieval Cornish mystery play which was initially performed in the 1400s in the Cornish language in Plen an Gwarrys or outdoor playing places in Cornwall.

Our students will be having additional support on their production from Hall for Cornwall and also from Kneehigh Theatre associate director, Simon Harvey. The Cornish Archives Centre, Kresen Kernow, is providing support with text and historical details. In addition, our Drama teacher, Ms Mottart is very excited about this project as Medieval Cornish theatre was her university dissertation topic so is thrilled to be working on an extract of this play.

The final performance will be staged at AMATA at Falmouth University on January 15th. More information will follow nearer the time, should you wish to come and support our performers.

## FRA Announces Exciting Arts Partnership



We're delighted that Fowey River Academy has become an associate school with the Royal Shakespeare Company. We will be working with the RSC in a number of different projects over the next couple of years. Our drama students will be developing a performance

of *As You Like It*, which will be showcased in the summer term at Falmouth University. In addition, some of our talented drama students will be given opportunity to work as part of a talent collective and take work up to Stratford to perform in the RSC performance spaces.

The RSC will also come in to school to work with both staff and students in gaining insight to any Shakespeare texts - something which will be invaluable to our exam students in boosting understanding of their GCSE texts.

Further items will be appearing in future newsletters as our partnership with the RSC develops.

and more....

## FRA Welcome Altitude Dance



Fowey River Academy welcomed Altitude Dance Company to the academy this week to work with our keen dancers, all of whom range from Years 7 to 11. Altitude specialise in contemporary dance and began their workshop by showing our students some of their repertoire. Our

dancers then learnt a small section of that rep, which they then adapted and developed into short sequences of their own. Each small group showcased their work at the end of the session and Altitude provided some really astute yet positive feedback on each dance piece.



The company were impressed by our dancers attitude and commitment, along with the creativity of their ideas. Altitude are based at St Austell College and offer vocational training for post 16 students so this workshop was particularly helpful for our older students. We will be hosting further dance workshops in the next month, again highlighting the range of dance opportunities we have available in our local area.



### AFC St Blazey Youth

Welcome to AFC St Blazey Youth, a newly formed Youth Football Club, based within the grounds of St Blazey Cricket Club and also training at Fowey River Academy.

We currently have Mini Kickers (Ages 4+) U7, U8, U9, U10, U11 & U14 teams, who all train weekly and represent the Club in league matches around the County.

If you are interested in bringing your child along, please get in touch with Darren Kirwan on 07794 951681 or E-mail us: [darrenkirwan1980@gmail.com](mailto:darrenkirwan1980@gmail.com)

ALL of our coaches & volunteers are DBS checked, with Coaches having been qualified to the FA Accredited, L1 Standard.



[www.afcstblazeyyouth.com](http://www.afcstblazeyyouth.com)

# Fowey Sports Hub Classes

## Monday

11:00 - 12:00 Over 50s Circuits

16:00 - 17:00 Yoga

19:00 - 19:45 Studio Cycling

## Tuesday

14:15 - 15:00 Pre-School Parents  
Fitness

19:00 - 20:00 Circuits

## Wednesday

08:00 - 09:00 Yoga

09:00 - 10:00 Over 50s Gym

17:00 - 18:00 Qigong

17:00 - 19:00 Karate Kids

18:15 - 18:45 Begin to Spin

19:00 - 19:45 H.I.I.T.

19:00 - 20:00 Netball

20:00 - 20:45 Boot Camp

## Friday

16:00 - 19:00 Kids Drama

17:00 - 17:45 Stretch & Mobility

## Saturday

08:15 - 09:00 Push & Lift

10:00 - 12:00 Kids Dance

10:30 - 11:30 Junior Gym

## Sunday

09:00 - 10:00 Advanced Studio Cycling

11:30 - 12:30 Core Stability

**FRA Project  
Week  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**FRA Talent  
Show  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:  
6:30pm**

**Wednesday 27  
th November –  
Year 10 English  
Literature Mock  
Exam**

**School Games  
Tournaments :**  
Tuesday 26th  
November (9,10) both  
leaving at 15.30 to go to  
Poltair

**Yr 10 Secondary Drama showcase  
AMATA Falmouth University  
Wednesday 15th January**



**Wednesday Nov 27th**  
This term's theatre trip

Please look out for next  
term's trip, which will be  
announced soon.



# We Are



The Leading Edge Academy Partnership

