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Principal's Report

The arrival of midsummer and the Golowan Festival has coincided with the busiest week of the Academy year. There are almost too many events and successes to mention in the newsletter this week. Most importantly, we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students who have been an absolute credit to the Academy and a pleasure to teach over the last five years. We invited the Year 11 students to a special Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday and were treated to some wonderful music, films, speeches and 'celebrity' prizes. There was a lovely atmosphere at the garden party where soft drinks and cakes were provided including a special French crêperie run by Miss Bennett. This was followed later in the day by a formal meal at The Godolphin Arms for all of our hardworking prefects. It was an opportunity to thank students for the excellent service they had given in this leadership role over the last year.



The Year 11 Ball was held in brilliant sunshine at Tregenna Castle on Wednesday evening. The students looked immaculate and extremely grown-up in their ball gowns and suits. A number of students arrived using unusual modes of transport including a tractor, a 1915 Ford motor car and a motorised golf trolley. A Radio 4 journalist from Woman's Hour came to interview and photograph the event for a forthcoming programme. The evening was a great success and a wonderful occasion which I am sure they will remember for a long time.

Tregenna Castle was also the location for our national Applied Minds Alliance conference on Thursday which received critical acclaim from participants, corporate sponsors and school governors from across Cornwall. The conference speakers engaged the audience with compelling talks on Adventure Learning, IT futures and other innovative educational ideas. The Alliance partners from primary, secondary and special schools set up excellent display stands demonstrating areas of excellence that they are happy to share as best practice. A particular thanks needs to go to students from the following schools: Redruth School for delivering a workshop on REAL Projects, Ludgvan School for their active contribution in discussions and workshops and finally Digital Leaders from Mounts Bay Academy for helping with the drone demonstration led by Microcomms.

Finally, the week has ended with an amazing Sports Awards evening. Thanks to our outstanding PE department who ran the celebration event with supreme professionalism. Their hard work and dedication has enabled the Academy to take numerous sporting teams to compete in the Cornwall School Games events this week.

Don't forget to come and support students and staff in the Golowan processions tomorrow at 11am and 3pm. Have a happy Mazey weekend.

Best wishes



Sara Davey
Academy Principal

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Year 11 Leavers' Day



Tuesday was Year 11's last day at MBA. They celebrated with a special assembly, cakes and doughnuts in the orchard and the traditional shirt signing.

The students watched a film of their time at Mounts Bay and special awards were handed out.



The students still have the annual trip to Thorpe Park on Monday to look forward to.

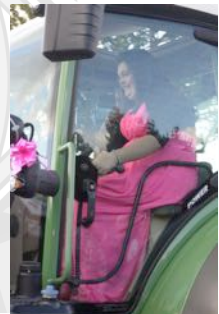
Year 11 Ball



On Wednesday evening Year 11 enjoyed an amazing evening at the Tregenna Castle Hotel, St Ives for their Leavers' Ball. The weather was perfect for the event and the students looked magnificent in their ballgowns and smart suits. Students arrived in all kinds of vehicles including tractors, stretch Limos, mobility scooters and campervans to name but a few!

It was a fantastic evening full of great food, moving speeches, selfie opportunities, laughter and dancing - definitely an evening to remember!

Thanks to Mrs Williams for organising the evening and indeed the whole Year group, Mr Cross for taking photographs, Mrs Harvey for table decorations, Mrs Rylett, Mr Phil Peters and Mrs Jones for driving buses, Mr Raggett for ensuring everyone went at the end of the evening and Mr Strong for his speech and general mentoring of the Year group.



French Exchange



This week many people have been busy with the 15 French students from Concarneau visiting Mounts Bay. Their first day was on Monday, when we all met in reception and were paired with French students. This was a great opportunity to learn all about their French culture and to pick up on many new French phrases. They came as part of the Twinning committee to help set up an exchange programme with our school. The students came to their partners' classes and joined in with the activities, they came to lessons such as Maths, English and P.E. Throughout the week many people joined in, including people who are learning other languages, everyone seemed to get involved. They stayed in school for three days in total, Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

On Wednesday they went to Flambards. This was just one of the places in Cornwall which they visited, during the afternoons they travelled to all the tourist attractions including St Michael's Mount and St Ives.

As well as lessons they also participated in the preparation behind Golowan. This included painting the sculptures which will be used during the parade, which they too will be taking part in on Saturday.

On Thursday, after school, in the orchard we held a goodbye event. We had strawberries and cream, lemonade and scones. Afterwards all students played a game of football/rugby, which again everyone seemed to get involved in. The students gave gifts to their partners, which were cultural to Concarneau and France. The gifts were items such as fudge, crêpes, biscuits etc. It was a great opportunity to show them what Mounts Bay and Cornwall is all about.

Overall it was a great experience. I personally have picked up on some new words and cleaned up some of my pronunciation. I hope that another event like this will occur in the near future, perhaps even the opportunity to go over there.

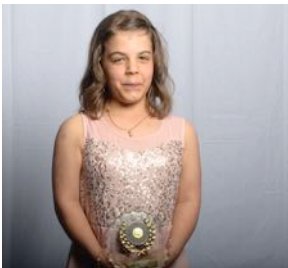
Sports Award Evening



On 25th June Mounts Bay Academy hosted a packed Awards Ceremony recognising and celebrating the sporting achievements of individual students, Academy teams, community organisations and coaches. The winners were presented with their awards by special Guests of Honour Deborah Fleming, England rugby star and former MBA student, Wayne Quinn, former West Ham, Newcastle and Sheffield United footballer and Ian Davies, Head Coach of the Cornish Pirates.

There were well over 200 nominations in the 26 categories and Head of PE, Mr Veal, said "It was a fantastic evening featuring some very deserving winners, although some of the categories were very close indeed. Well done to everyone who was nominated and I hope all winners and nominees keep up their sporting excellence and achievement in the future."

The Year 11 Boys Hockey Team won the Team of the Year Award



Abigail Birch won Sportsperson of the Year





Digital Leaders at Applied Minds Conference

On Thursday 25th June Mounts Bay Academy's Digital Leaders were invited to the Applied Minds Conference at the Tregenna Castle Hotel, St Ives. We attended the event along with lots of teachers from all over the UK and from Mounts Bays partner schools abroad.



We learnt how to use the Parrot Mini Drones and how to control them using coding. We also got an insight into all the new and exciting teaching ideas that are coming our way. While at the conference we kept all our followers on Twitter up to date with everything we found out.



We would like to thank everyone for the Applied Minds conference and can't wait for another Teachmeet.

Report by Maisy-Sky Lumbers



Mazey Day Music Performance

Come along and support MBA musicians, who will be performing in our regular 1pm slot beside the Humphry Davy statue in town on Saturday. We have students representing each year group, including Emily Rees and Arianna Caddy (from Year 7), Alice Thacker, Emma Eddy, Kiah Richards, Holly Locke and Brody Barden (from Year 8), Demelza Jones, Renae Caddy, Nina Micciche, Bonnie Graham, Erin Beacall, Molly Hocking and Jamima Blackbourn (from Year 9), Macie George, Alice Pritchard, Jacob Powley and Nat Dwelly (from Year 10) and sadly for the last time Lola Lindsay-Landini, Rosie Wenn and Shauna Payne (from Year 11).



There is a lot of talent around the music department at present, so expect some quality performances. Best of luck to the performers - look forward to seeing you all there.

Brodie Barden and Amber Symons (Year 8) rehearsing for Golowan.

Report by Mr W Payne



Shifting Horizons



The Shifting Horizons 180 programme has just come to an end at MBA. The programme took place at Godolphin National Trust woods, which now grow over an old mining site. We were a small group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students. We went out of school half a day a week for about 10 weeks and also had some one-to-one mentoring. The programme helps students develop skills such as confidence, trust and teamwork through different outdoor activities such as building fires from natural sources; you can learn to cook outdoors and it also teaches you how to build shelters from small amounts of resources - this isn't easy!

In my opinion it helps you to be able to ask for help, which is something that I used to struggle with myself. The programme helped me to engage in a team and to become more confident in myself and it is also one of the best experiences I've ever had. Codie Stafford, Year 11, who was on the programme with me commented, "It's never too early to start preparing for your exams, don't leave it until year 10!" She added, "MBA was the best school I have ever been to because it gave me chances."



At the end of the programme we have received a John Muir Discovery Award which is based around four topics: discovering a wild place; exploring a wild place; conserving a wild place; and sharing our experiences. I would say that if you get a chance to do the programme definitely take it up.



Report by Ethan Ford



DofE



Last weekend 45 DofE participants from Mounts Bay Academy completed their assessed expedition. They worked and travelled in teams and undertook a walk from school to Botallack and back. The weather was kind to us and everyone completed it without mishap! The assessors were very pleased with everyone's efforts and the skills they demonstrated. For most of these students this expedition marks the end of their Bronze Award. Many will progress on to do Silver in Year 11.

On 4th July we have another group of 35 going out – look out Penwith!



London Art Exhibition

The National Art and Design Saturday Club is a course that shows people different Art and Design Media and techniques. It happens every Saturday, we have been going for the past 12 weeks to Cornwall College to do four disciplines of Art with Hazel, Sarah and Lisa.

This has been part of a free course which happens across the country. This includes text styles, photography, portraits etc. During the course we did a masterclass in pottery at the Leach Pottery, where we learnt about some of the history like how the kilns have changed to deal with the amount of tableware they were making for St Ives. After we finished the tour they showed us how to make tea bowls.



The following week we started to make a sculpture that will hang from the ceiling and under that is going to be a felt mat that we made.

At the end of the course our works were exhibited in the Somerset House Galley in London. The exhibition, which featured work by every club member was visited by 3,000 people. We all went to London to see it and while we were there we also went to the Tate Modern. The work will also get shown at Cornwall College on their exhibition days. For more information go to the Cornwall College website.

"I learnt a lot of stuff in the course like how to draw with light and how to make a felt mat for the exhibition."

- Emma Moss

"This course has really boosted my confidence with other styles of art than just drawing and painting. I really enjoyed it!"

- Ben Morcumb.



Next week is MBA's annual Arts Festival. It runs from Tuesday to Friday at lunchtime in the Cube. The event features music, drama and dance performances and exhibitions from the CARTS Faculty.

Make sure you come along and enjoy all the action.

CreatEd Exhibition

Mrs Dale, Mr Cross and a number of MBA students attended the 15th annual CreatEd Exhibition and Awards evening hosted by Falmouth University on Thursday evening.



Esme Dale with her work

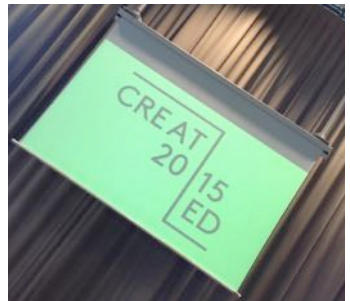


Ben Morcumb with his work

There was a range of fantastic work on display by MBA's Gifted and Talented artists, photographers and creative writers. It was exhibited alongside work from schools and colleges across Cornwall. Our students represented us extremely well and we are now looking forward to making the next selection of outstanding work to represent MBA for 2016.

Well done to all students who exhibited their work: Lois Evans, Zac Andrewartha-Dodd, Juliette Allanson, Esme Dale, Ben Morcumb, Becky Sincok, Tanisha McCreadie, Lara Bettens, Josh May, Izzy Goodhead, Horace Halling, Ollie Williams, Runa Holt, Lowenna Eddy, Ananda Lee, Pema Bradley-Peer, Izzy Upton, Jess Henshall and Jess Thompson.

Report by Mrs Dale





Regional Athletics

At the weekend students from MBA took part in the South West Schools Athletic Championships at Exeter Arena.

Archie Vingoe came first in the 1500m. His time was 4.22.3, just outside of the qualifying time for English Schools, but he will hopefully qualify.

Grace Brock came fifth in the 1500m in a time of 4.54.78, just 0.9 of a second off 4th place. The first three athletes had qualifying times for English Schools.



Imogen Wood came tenth in the 800m with a time of 2.27.62.

Harry Hocking won the Discus and has already achieved an English Schools qualifying standard for 10th/11th July.

All students performed excellently competing against the best in the South West.

Surf Star

Congratulations to Bonnie Whitelock, Year 7, who won the U12 Girls Rip Curl Grom Search event in Croyde at the weekend.

The best surfers in Britain competed and Bonnie won her division.



Cornwall School Games Beach Sports

On Wednesday MBA students competed in a range of beach sports and watersports events that took place in a number of locations across the county.



At Perranporth Beach volleyball players, surfers and surf-lifesavers had a fantastic day of competition.

The surf-lifesaving team performed amazingly well in all events, and came back with a number of gold, silver and bronze medals.



The surf team met very stiff opposition, as most of the best British surfers are Cornish. Despite this they all surfed really well and enjoyed the day.



All volleyball teams managed to win matches, and while not ending up in medal positions all four teams played incredibly well and the students' skills improved hugely over the day.

Cornwall School Games Water Sports



Eight Year 10 kayakers went to compete in the Cornwall School Games kayaking event at Mylor on Wednesday. They were competing as Year 10 Boys and Year 10 Girls. The competition with other schools was very close and we came away with two medals - Tom Berry got a Bronze, Tom Prosser got Silver. Well done!



Report by Mr Fish



The rowers were also in action.



Mounts Bay were represented by Kenan Hewish and Louis Williams sailing in a Pico. Both had a fantastic day and enjoyed sailing amongst a large fleet.

Report by Mr Davies

The 2015 Cornwall Schools Regatta was held at Mylor on Wednesday 23rd June. This year saw the largest numbers of competitors from over 25 Schools sending 140 sailors to compete in 95 dinghies made up of six different boat classes. The weather was perfect enabling all competitors to take part with wall to wall sunshine and a 6 to 10 Knots southerly breeze. Abilities in the water ranged from novice sailors to seasoned national squad crews with some exciting close quarter sailing across the course. There were three races of 40 minutes over the day with two in the morning and one in the afternoon.





Maths Quiz

This Week's Puzzle:

Alison's cinema has 200 seats. One day, Alison notices that her cinema is full, and she has taken exactly £200.



The prices were as follows:

Adults	£3.50
Pensioners	£1.00
Children	£0.85

She knows that not everyone in the audience was a pensioner!

How many of each group are in the audience?

Closing date for Entries: Thursday 12:00

Last week's solution:

It is a right angle triangle so: Area = $(3 \times 4) / 2 = 6\text{cm}^2$

Could you write next week's puzzle?

If you would like to set the numeracy puzzle for a future week [click here](#). You will win house points.

House Competition

Green: 26 Points
Orange: 20 Points
Purple: 18 Points
Blue: 18 Points
Yellow: 16 Points
Red: 11 Points

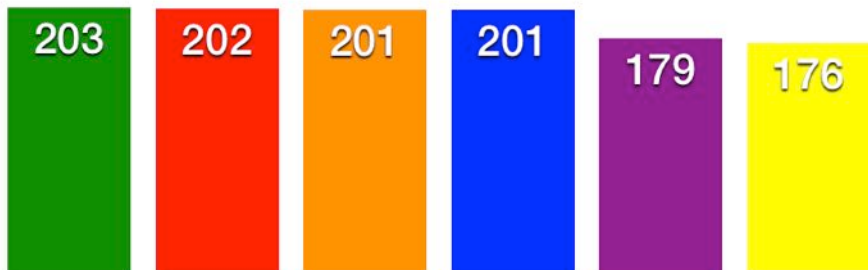
[Click here to submit your answer](#)



Win an iTunes voucher

For each correct answer throughout this semester we will put your name in the hat for a chance to win an iTunes voucher – the more correct answers, the more chance of winning.

This Week's House Point Totals





Word of the Week

This week's word is: **Golowan**

Definition:

Golowan, the feast of St John, the Midsummer celebrations in Cornwall, England, UK; widespread prior to the late 19th century and most popular in Penzance and Newlyn. The celebrations are conducted from 23 June (St John's Eve) to 28 June (St Peter's Eve) each year, St Peter's Eve being the more popular in Cornish fishing communities. The celebrations are centred on the lighting of bonfires and fireworks and the performance of associated rituals.



Competition

Congratulations to Ellyn Calveley who wins an Edge of the World Voucher.



Ellyn receives her prize

To enter, simply write an original sentence correctly using the word **Golowan**. Send in your sentence using the link below.

[Click Here to enter the competition](#)

Claiming for Free School Meals

The Free School Meals Team are aiming to go paperless in the near future. They would like all new claimants to apply for Free School Meals online using the Cornwall Council website.

Applying on-line is a not only simpler but a quicker route for parents to apply. Paper applications can take up to 10 working days to process, whereas on-line applications will be processed within 3 working days (normally the same day if submitted before 12 noon).

Please apply by using the following link: www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Mazey Day Parades

Tomorrow is Mazey Day. Yet again Graham Jobbins, with the help of MBA students, has created a fantastic sculpture for the processions. Students have also been working on their own individual withy creations to carry during the parades.

Mounts Bay Academy will be in both the 11am and 3pm parades, so do come along and join in. All students and staff are welcome, just turn up in front of St John's Hall half an hour before the parade.

Red and black is the colour scheme this year. There will be red T-shirts to borrow if you are struggling to dig something out of your wardrobe.

We look forward to seeing you there. It promises to be a great day.

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