

# FALMOUTH MAT NEWSLETTER

The latest news from Falmouth MAT

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## CEO WELCOME

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our MAT newsletter. We will be sending these out each half-term term to give an update on the work and activities across the MAT as we grow into our partnership.

In the first half of this term we have been able to have the new finance team in place across the MAT. This is one part of the plan to ensure we are more effective and efficient with our resources across the three schools. The team is headed up by Anna Mouatt who has joined us from the Finance Team at Cornwall Council. Anna is a Chartered Accountant and is local to Falmouth. Deborah Pullen will continue to oversee all of the non-teaching services that we share across the partnership and these are expanding each term. At present we now 'share' our services across finance, estates, IT, publicity, HR, personnel and library provision. At the same time we have also put in place a teaching and learning team and a student services team across the partnership.

We said from the very start that this partnership was about Falmouth and ensuring we are able to provide the very best services for our community and we are continuing to head in the right direction. It is great to report that all of the work above is being undertaken by our local staff within our schools and overseen by our local Governors.

I did report in the previous newsletter that the KS2 results had just been released at the time of writing. During the summer, the Year 11 and 13 outcomes were also released and we have now had the chance to look at the outcomes achieved by all three schools at the end of the first year of the partnership. I am pleased to report the outcomes are really strong across the partnership, with record outcomes in some key areas. This is an excellent achievement after just one year!

If any families have any questions about the work of the MAT please don't hesitate to contact your Head in the school. Both myself and the Chair of the MAT Board of Directors are available on any MAT issue, without appointment, on the first Monday morning of the month during term time. Please just pop into Falmouth School on the morning and let Reception know if you wish to see us. Please also have a look at the MAT website ([www.falmouthmat.org.uk](http://www.falmouthmat.org.uk)) if you want to see any of the details about how the MAT is organised and running.

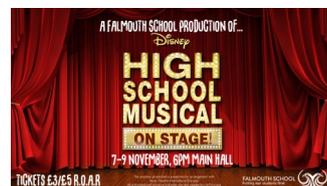
Best wishes,  
Brett Miners

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## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Students and staff across Falmouth MAT are rehearsing hard for the forthcoming production of High School Musical. Extracts from the show have been taken to the primary schools this week – King Charles on Wednesday and St Francis on Friday. Tickets for the main production at Falmouth School (November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) went on sale on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and can be purchased directly from reception at Falmouth School for £5 (£3 for concessions).



## FALMOUTH SPORTS HUB

After many years in the planning stage the new Sports Hub was opened by Sarah Newton MP on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The facility is widely recognised by all professional bodies involved in the project as being the best of its type in the South West.

The Sports Hub is made up of a sports pavilion with changing facilities, gym, fitness suites and viewing balcony and also runs a public members gym, 'Evlove', from its upstairs floor. The Gym is open from 6am until 10pm Monday to Friday 7am-6pm Saturdays and 7am-4pm on Sundays. Classes will run throughout the week with information on membership and classes available from [www.falmouthsportshub.co.uk](http://www.falmouthsportshub.co.uk)

The balcony overlooks the a full size 3G FIFA 1 star football pitch built from latest materials. The pitch is available for hire by individuals and clubs from 5pm till 9pm on weekdays, 9am-5pm on Saturdays and from 9am-4pm Sundays.

The building and the pitch has been a massive hit with Falmouth School Students in their lesson times and Falmouth School will be working with the MAT primary schools to offer opportunities for all pupils in the MAT to come up and experience these excellent facilities on a regular basis.



## GOLD SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD FOR ST FRANCIS AND KING CHARLES SCHOOL

St Francis and King Charles have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark Award for their commitment towards PE and Sports in their schools.

To be awarded gold is no easy task and the schools were recognised for:

- Sport and fitness having a high profile within the school where opportunities are wide-ranging and available to all pupils
- A large number of pupils competing at local, county and even national level in a range of sports
- Strong links to other community sports providers
- A clear strategic vision for sport and PE in school

Both King Charles and St Francis have worked hard on their sports provision over the last year and have great plans to do even more in the coming year. Thanks go to the pupils for their hard work, the staff for providing our pupils with these opportunities and the support that our parents give.



## SCIENCE AT FALMOUTH SCHOOL

Excited students from St Francis and King Charles visited Falmouth School's science department to get hands on experience of soap making. The Bunsen Burners came out and after a briefing on safe laboratory practices students were soon melting down their soap blanks and decorating with an array of glitter and scents. The event was a great success with each student taking away a multitude of practical science skills, and their own hand made soap! Once again Falmouth School students were welcoming and graciously volunteered time to help the younger students complete the task and enjoy the day.



Further opportunity to experience the science labs was also available at the Falmouth School Open Evening on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. It was a hugely successful Open Evening and one of the busiest in recent memory.

## 2018/19 IMPORTANT DATES

King Charles School is holding an Open Morning on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. On the same day St Francis School is holding an Open Afternoon.

Please contact the schools for more information.

Don't forget the deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and the deadline for primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.