Principal’s Report

It was great to see so many parents actively involved in the life of the Academy this week. We welcomed nearly 400 parents to the Year 8/9 Options evening on Thursday night. This year departments were open across the Academy and staff were available to discuss GCSE and Technical qualification choices. A special thanks needs to go to the families who have kindly hosted our German guests this week and also, a big thank you to all parents who contributed to our Nepal/Everest Challenge.

This week we have been busy preparing for the 25th anniversary of Golowan, producing a ‘secret’ structure to wow the crowds on Mazey Day. The 2015 team includes the sculptor-extraordinaire, Graham Jobbins, MBA students and the talented staff from our Art and Dance departments. We will be taking part in the 11am and 3pm parades on Saturday and our Dutch guests from our partner school, will be joining us in the parades.

We are also busy preparing for the Applied Minds national conference organised by Mounts Bay staff. It is being held at Tregenna Castle on Thursday 25th June between 9.30am and 3.30pm. The conference this year is entitled ‘Looking for Adventure’ and we are delighted to welcome the famous adventurer Leo Holding, by live link, as he is currently taking part in an expedition. In addition we have keynote presentations from world famous academics and educationalists who are at the leading edge of innovation. If there are any parents who are interested in attending please contact the Applied Minds Administrator, Helen Rodgers at: hrodgers@mountsbay.org.

Year 11 exams are drawing to a close and we will be saying a sad farewell to a wonderful group of students. The Exams Officer reports that ‘this year’s cohort have been the best ever, with fantastic behaviour and fantastic attendance during their GCSE exams.’ The final Leavers’ Assembly takes place on Tuesday 23rd June at 10.30am and suits and gowns are being finalised for the Year 11 Prom on Wednesday 24th June. Let’s hope the sun shines next week.

Best wishes

Sara Davey
Academy Principal
On Thursday 18th June three Royal Marines; Dan, Conner and Finn, came to Mounts Bay Academy to train the students as if they were themselves Marines and gave them tips on what it would be like to be a Marine. We had a chance to watch what the students were doing. They all took part in one of three team building exercises. One of the exercises consisted of students helping each other try to get equipment from an 'explosive area'. Students had to hold a very long piece of rope whilst lowering someone down on a ladder into the ‘explosive area’.

We had a chance to talk to one of the Marines, Finn, who told us a lot about his experiences and life in the Royal Marines. They train for eight months straight and he also told us that every week they train for many hours and only get around 2-3 hours sleep a night.
On Wednesday the Year 9 French class became newsreaders and weather forecast presenters for the day, using the facilities in the Media room. The students wrote news headlines and a weather bulletin. They then recorded a news broadcast and weather forecast in French which you can now view on the Academy website.

The amazing facilities in the studio, including a green screen, teleprompter and high-quality cameras, allowed them to experience speaking French in a professional context. They all loved the experience and cannot wait to use this great resource again. Watch out for the next French broadcast!
This week we have been very pleased to welcome students from our partner school - Rudolf Diesel Gymnasium, Augsburg in Germany. They have been shadowing their English partners in lessons as well as taking part in a tour of Penzance and the Eden Project, led by the English students.

Yesterday both German and English students took over room 13 to cook up a storm. Typical German recipes were dished up including Pretzel and Spätzle and on the Cornish side; Fairings and Hevva cake were amongst the offerings.

Our German guests are with us until next Tuesday when they leave at the crack of dawn. In the meantime, we wish them an enjoyable weekend with their hosts. We have included the recipe for Spätzle if you would like to try it out over the weekend, it’s truly delicious!

**Spaetzle With Cheese**

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Mix together the flour, a pinch of salt, oil and the eggs. Add a bit of water until the mixture is viscous. Add the salt to the water and boil the water. Then form the spaetzle with the spaetzle sieve or with your hands. Add them to the hot saltwater. As soon as the spaetzles are popping up take them out of the water and put in a sieve to drain. Put them on a plate. Mix the spaetzles with the cheese while they are still hot. Finally, cut and roast the onions. Serve the spaetzle with the onions on top.
Following the success of the PE and Music High Performance Institutes, the English HPI was launched early in 2015.

There are two main groups (Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10) and the sessions run on a fortnightly basis. Year 11 have also been involved, with numerous HPIs concentrating on examination skills and technique.

In total, approximately 50 students have been engaged with the initiative and there will be more spaces made available in the new academic year.

So far, Years 7-10 have focused on three main areas: analysing imagery in advertising, sharpening interpretation of poetry and developing effective communication skills. The aim is to improve academic skills but also to prepare students for life beyond MBA.

So, how has it gone? Those best positioned to answer this are, of course, the students. Here’s what they say……

“I have found that the HPI has greatly improved my confidence within regular class discussion. Before doing the HPI I was always hesitant to put my hand up and contribute my thoughts in case I had the wrong idea!” (Paola – Year 10)

“It is also good for boosting confidence because it is a smaller group of people, so speaking your mind isn’t as difficult.” (Lily – Year 8)

“It is fun, interesting and we learn a lot from it. It is definitely useful for developing our skills for GCSEs and other future exams.” (Jamie – Year 8)

“It was also very useful to have an in-depth analysis from an outside perspective and from someone who marks the papers and so knows the exact steps needed to ensure marks.” (Finn – Year 11)

So, it’s been an encouraging start to the journey! It has been a privilege to work with the HPI students so far and I look forward to what’s in store for 2015/16!

Report by Mr Williams
Alisha Ellis of 8 Blue is this week's word millionaire. She has just topped the 3,000,000 mark with 50 quizzes passed successfully. She has enjoyed reading Gone by Michael Grant, which deals with a world where anyone over the age of 15 has just disappeared. If you like dystopian novels then the Gone series is one for you.

Another book Alisha has enjoyed is Frozen In Time by Ali Sparkes, which I also loved. Here is a taster of the novel:

1956
Freddy and Polly have always known their father is a genius, so they've never minded helping him with his experiments, even when that means being put into cryonic suspension-having their hearts frozen until their father wakes them up again. They know it will only be for an hour or two, so there's nothing to worry about...

2009
Ben and Rachel have resigned themselves to a long, boring summer. Then they find the hidden underground vault in the garden-and inside it two frozen figures, a boy and a girl. And as if that isn't spooky enough, when Rachel accidentally presses a button, something unbelievable happens...

Can Polly and Freddy adapt to the twenty-first century? Will their bodies survive having been in suspension for so long? And most important of all, what happened to their father-and why did he leave them frozen in time?

I will ensure we have this novel as well as some more by Ali Sparkes in the library ready for you to read next year. They are ideally suited for readers in Years 7 and 8.

Frozen in Time reminds me of Susan Cooper’s Over Sea and Under Stone, which is a real classic. We’ve got it in the library and if you like adventure, mystery and magic you will love it. Simon, Jane and Barney Drew discover an ancient manuscript in the attic of the big old house on the coast of Cornwall, which they are renting for their family holiday. They recognize it as a map of the local coastline and are drawn into the world of King Arthur and his knights.

Report by Mrs Marsden
Penlee Museum Screening

Last Saturday Penlee Museum had a screening of short films including animations created by Mounts Bay students. The animations were based on Penlee’s recent portrait acquisition, Walter Langley’s ‘Time Moveth-Not’.

Arts Award students attended the screening with friends and family and were then invited to visit the exhibition currently showing in the museum. Ben Murton, one of the students who attended, was lucky enough to have his extended film that he had completed during Project Week screened at the end of the event.

This was a great opportunity for a public shared event that students need for their Arts Awards.

Overdue Library Books Amnesty

It’s that time of year when we want to make sure the library shelves are full of good books ready for a fresh start in September. There will be a box outside of the library for you to drop your books in to, if the library itself is closed. Or if you prefer to just drop them in then feel free to do that. The most important thing is that I get back all those great copies of: Wonder, Divergent, Insurgent, Allegiant, After Eden, Chasing Stars, If I Stay, Mortal Instruments, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Gangsta Granny, Demon Dentist, Hetty Feather, Sapphire Battersea and Emerald Star back in again.

Year 9 and Year 10: I am counting on you to search under the bed, and just think if you bring back those overdue books you can stop diving into empty classrooms every time you see me coming down the corridor. I am easily offended you know.

Year 7 and Year 8: you will be asked to return your books during your reading lesson. No new books will be signed out after June 20th. You have been really great at Accelerated Reader this year and I am so pleased with the fantastic results we are seeing with increased reading ages and there is a real buzz about books evident.

Report by Mrs Marsden
The Music Department is joining forces with Music Technology specialists dBs with the view to becoming a leader in this growing area of music. Technology in music has taken us from innovation to innovation – mechanical to electrical, 78 to 33⅓, mono to stereo, LP to CD, Walkman to iPod. As each new technology is introduced, it is becoming increasingly possible to record and produce music ready for the market.

Fifteen years ago UK garage emerged from the underground with Craig David’s number one debut album Born To Do It selling 225,000 copies in its first week. This album was recorded on a basic home studio with an Apple Mac and Pro Tools. Technology has advanced dramatically since then and now virtually everyone can access music software through an iPad or Smartphone.

So what does the future hold? Currently, the focus seems to be looking in to the realms of the cloud, where collaborative digital audio workstations (DAW), are being developed. Musicians can now record music in locations all around the world, joined together by the cloud.

At Mounts Bay, dBs are going to be working with us in improving the technical facilities in the department, including acoustically treating the rooms and establishing a high quality recording environment. We are also looking forward to a range of workshops given by dBs that will focus on Music Technology in Performance with Ableton Live and recording sessions.

Lastly and perhaps most exciting, dBs are going to sponsor the technology classroom in the Music Department. This will involve the long-term loan of a range of music technology performance equipment and software to be used in our curriculum and to support workshops and visits. This equipment will add an innovative and cutting edge layer to the music curriculum at Mounts Bay, introducing a modern approach to music-making that opens music lessons up to musicians and non-musicians alike. Watch this space.

Report by Mr W Payne
Lois is one of our Gifted and talented Art students who gained an A grade at GCSE in Year 9 and has worked hard to complete her AS Art during Years 10 and 11. Lois has always been drawn to how portraits have been represented in Art and she has researched how a wide variety of artists, designers and illustrators have depicted relationships, feelings and emotions through colour and expressive brush marks.
Lois's developmental work is deeply rooted in Art History, and she explores how to apply her knowledge and understanding in all her practical outcomes. An excellent portfolio of work Lois, well done!
Based on the award-winning novel by Mark Haddon, adapted by Simon Stephens and directed by Marianne Elliott, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a thrilling new stage play from the National Theatre.

Christopher, 15 years old, has an extraordinary brain - exceptional at maths while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he falls under the suspicion of killing Mrs Shear's dog, it takes him on a journey that upturns his world...

'A phenomenal combination of storytelling and spectacle' - The Times. The play is the winner of 7 Olivier Awards and is a must see production!

Please note that there are loud sound effects, high intensity lighting and video effects (including strobe lighting) featured in the production. It is suitable for ages 11+ (it contains some swearing).

If you are interested please collect a consent form from Luke New or Shelley Claxton in the Cube ASAP.

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MBA To Host Outside Performances

This week the newly formed Gold Arts Award leadership team for the Carn to Cove committee have been awarded £1000 to kick start their production programme for 2015-2016.

The money has been awarded to them by Falmouth University through our involvement with Carn to Cove, a project that enables rural areas to access excellent quality professional dance, theatre and music productions in their own local venues. This budget will pay for the promotion and production costs for two public performances and workshops run by Falmouth University Performing Arts students at Mounts Bay.

The group are still to decide which performances to choose, but it will probably be one dance and one music event from Falmouth students and two pieces of theatre from Carn to Cove. Watch out for more details in the new academic year.
High Performance Programme

What is the HPP? Any students that represent their sport to a high level e.g. county, regional and national standard. Students must demonstrate themselves to be actively continuing to improve their performances. Any student can apply to be on the programme, which is reassessed each academic year.

The aim of the programme is to improve sporting performance at Mounts Bay Academy and support students’ performance in both sporting and education environments, increase training opportunities, sporting knowledge and experiences. The support is to enable students to balance their training, competition and school work. This is carried out with Mentor support and various workshop opportunities.

Students are expected to compete for the Academy, attend morning sessions, maintain high academic standards, give their mentor and media team regular updates of competition.

Next year the programme is looking to expand and change the way it currently runs with lots of exciting new ideas. Make sure you apply in September!

HPP student, Harry Hocking, has just been selected for English Schools athletics at Gateshead.

Zumbathon

Year 11 student, Lucy Grant, is organising a fundraising Zumbathon this weekend at the YMCA in Penzance.

If you’re at a loose end, why not pop along and get fit, have fun and raise money for charity at the same time.
We got to the cricket ground and had a warm up with the squad, we did a few fielding warm ups and some catching. After that we had our first game against St Ives School. We won the toss and chose to bowl first. I opened the bowling and bowled their opening batsman out with the second ball. After my over everyone else bowled their team out for 14 runs. Now it was our turn to bat and we quickly got the runs in two overs leaving us with a win!

Our second game was against Cape Cornwall School who were a much better side but with our great bowling we managed to bowl them out for a total of 24 runs. We then came in to bat and opened with Fletcher and myself. We managed to reach the score in a total of 5 overs, hitting some lovely fours.

Our next game was against Hayle School, who were again a good side. We batted first getting a total of 30 runs leaving them a hard score to chase. We were able to bowl them out for a total of 15 runs.

Our final game was against Humphry Davy School, who were an even better side, but we still managed to come out with a win. We bowled first, bowling mostly maiden overs, leaving us with a total of 27 to chase. I opened the batting with Toby Benson, we played tactically getting loads of quick singles to pull them to tight field leaving us then to hit over the top for fours and sixes. This led us to another victory, and we won the tournament!

Squad:
Ben Durrant (C)
Toby Benson
Noah Brunson
Levan Siney
Tom Stephan
Fletcher Stevenson

Statistics:
Wickets taken - 9
Runs made - 82
Wickets lost - 0

Report by Ben Durrant
County Athletics

Last weekend MBA athletes competed in the County Schools Athletics Competition. Archie Vingoe, Immy Wood, Ellie Ringwood, Aeden McNamara, Katie Walker, Grace Brock and Harry Hocking have been selected to represent Cornwall next weekend at the Regional athletics event in Exeter, as a result of their fantastic results today.

Each athlete ran a PB and finished in the top 3 of their event.

**Junior Boys:**
Harry Hocking 1st in Discus and Shot (County Champion)
Aeden McNamara 2nd in Discus
Archie Vingoe 1st in 1500m (County Champion)

**Junior Girls:**
Immy Wood 1st 800m (County Champion)
Grace Brock 1st 1500m (County Champion)

**Inter Girls:**
Ellie Ringwood 1st 800m (County Champion)
Katie Walker 3rd 1500m

Tyler Otto and Renae Caddy both qualified for the final in the 100m and 200m and sprinted very well indeed. Maia Adams competed in the Shot and finished 4th.

Harry Doyle competed in the 300m, Piran Tanner finished 4th in the 1500, Tom Prosser competed in the 100m and Max Armstrong finished 4th in 800m.

A genuinely great day of competition and a fantastic bunch to spend a Saturday with.

The next event is Duchy Minors on Sunday 12th July, worth a watch if you are interested in athletics.

Report by Mrs Crowle
Life:

Out of the darkness, a child is born.
He has no idea where he is, who he is.
What he is. He takes in his surroundings.
Adjusts to the light of the room around him.
This is the first stage of his life.

An infant stumbles around in a large, unknown place.
People are laughing, smiling.
He makes connections, recognises words,
But he doesn't quite understand. All he can do is point,
And try to speak as they watch him crawl along the floor.

The child is learning. Colours, numbers, shapes and words.
Slowly, his understanding of the world and what is around him grows.
Discovering the undiscovered, experiencing new things, all while he
Develops and explores the places around him.

It is an unsettling time for the child. Childhood has turned to adolescence
And the emotional changes that happen have taken their toll.
The joys of life become less apparent.
Everything seems harder, less meaningful.
Responsibilities and duties take over the simple pleasures
That he enjoyed in the early stages of his life.

And now, he has become a man.
He has an education, qualifications and is looking for a job.
This is the next stage of life: Adulthood.
Having to fend for yourself.
Having to work for your money.
And having to be independent.
It comes as a shock, an eye-opener,
and he's not sure whether he can handle the pressures of adult life.
Middle age: The in-between.
The man has adjusted to life as an adult.
But now what? Where can he go? What can he do?
Life has been stripped down to a skeleton,
With all the excitement and joy removed,
Replaced by an endless cycle of boredom.
He has a family to protect.
A wife and 2 children, who all depend on him.
And he has a job to do.
A 9 to 5 public sector office employment,
That barely gives him enough money to put food on the table.
But he puts up with it, because he has no choice.

And, in a blink of his eye, he has reached the closing stages of his life.
Work gives way to retirement. He becomes a grandad.
His own children leave the house. The same as he had done.
But for him, he feels the pressures of life relieving.
He has a pension, a nice house, and enough money to live comfortably.
It's the first time he's felt stable since childhood passed.
But his life has passed by far too quickly, and the end is in sight.

The old man sits in his chair and looks back at his life.
He thinks about the things that he has done,
The people that he has known and loved.
At the time, it seemed hard, struggling through the various stages of existence.
But, looking back on it, he had a good life.
Throughout all the pain, the hardship and the trials, he found a higher purpose,
A new level of meaning that brought light into the darkness.
And with that knowledge, that realisation, he can die a happy man,
Content with how he has lived his life.

By Oscar Clive
9 Yellow
BE ADVENTUROUS

BMX Star

I started to BMX right from the day I could move more than a few metres on my BMX bike. I was 4 yrs old when I first learnt how to go down steps and flat banks and by the age of 5 or 6 I was ready for the big parks. I remember when it was amazing to bunny hop over a drinks bottle, now I’m sending 6ft airs and tyre grab x-up transfers.

I have been practising and practising to get to this stage in BMX but just because I’m here now does not mean that I don’t want to go further. I am now sponsored by FUEL and they said that I need to practise and keep getting better. I really feel this was what I was born to do.

The BMX I currently ride is a Mafia Kush 2.0 with diamondback sealed bearings, two shadow conspiracy tyres, Savage BMX stem and a Saracen complete wheel with a half link chain. I practise every day and I enjoy what I do. Being sponsored by FUEL allows me to get stickers and updates on competitions and also 75% off everything they make. I found out I got sponsorship on Tuesday evening and I haven’t stopped smiling since.

I want to thank FUEL and also my parents for being there when I needed them, when I fell off and they fixed me up and took me to hospital.

Report by Sabian Friggins
Maths Quiz

This Week’s Puzzle:

A triangle has sides of 3cm, 4cm and 5cm – what is its area?

Closing date for Entries: Thursday 12:00

Last week’s solution:

47 Minutes

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.

This Week’s House Totals

Next Week’s House Competition

We have all gone Poldark mad, well Miss Osborne has! Your challenge this week is to create a scene from the first series of Poldark on your iPad.

Living in this part of Cornwall you have the perfect opportunity to film on location and to capture the beautiful Cornish scenery.

For more details click here.
This week’s word is: **surfing**

**Definition:**

1. Stand or lie on a surfboard and ride on a wave towards the shore.
2. Move from site to site on (the Internet).

**Etymology:** late 17th century: apparently from obsolete suff, of unknown origin, perhaps influenced by the spelling of surge.

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**Competition**

Congratulations to Holly Conner who wins an Edge of the World Voucher.

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

[Click Here to enter the competition]