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Parent Bulletin

Welcome to 'In the Know'

As part of our commitment to keep parents and carers informed of College developments and promote local services available to support our students and their families, we have created a new information leaflet; '**In the Know**'.

This is a direct result of the work that our recently appointed Integrated Services and Partnership Development Manager, Lisa Thomas, is developing with colleagues. Working in partnership with practitioners from Children, Schools and Families and health professionals in the new 'Hambly Centre' office that opened on the College site in October last year, they are strengthening the links that the College already has with local agencies as well as making new ones.

'**In the Know**' aims to keep parents and carers informed about what is going on, and to promote local services that are available to support our students and their families.

As opportunities develop, this bulletin is likely to grow!

The bulletin will also be published on the College website www.callington.cc

We hope you will find '**In the Know**' useful, informative and relevant. We would really welcome your feedback, so please let us know what you think of it.

Lisa's contact details are listed overleaf. Please feel free to call her or email if you have any queries about the information contained in this bulletin.

Kind Regards,

Gary Lobbett - Principal

Pupil Premium – Your child and your school could be missing out.....

Did you know that **just registering** your child for Free School Meals (FSM) has benefits for both you and the school?

Being on the FSM register will give your child access to:-

- ✓ **A free, healthy meal at morning break or lunchtime**
- ✓ **Discounted holiday activities and annual leisure swim pass** (* Being launched soon by local leisure centres including Callington Sport and Leisure and Lux Park Leisure Centre)
- ✓ **Additional support and summer programmes** (* Being launched through a new Government funded initiative for students moving up to secondary school in September 2012)
- ✓ **Other in-school programmes offering additional support to students**

The College also benefits from your child being registered for Free School Meals. The Government is providing funding for schools to support children from lower income families. For every child registered for Free School Meals the college will receive additional funding, known as the Pupil Premium.

How does it work?

Check the conditions **overleaf** to see if you qualify.

Registering for Free School Meals is quick, easy and confidential. If you think you qualify and would like support with your application please contact Lisa Thomas at the College.

Your child may be entitled to a free, healthy meal at lunchtime (a saving of around £400 per year).

Don't worry if you do not want your child to have the school meals, you can continue as normal with your lunchtime arrangements, but in order for you to access other benefits (and for the school to receive a pupil premium) you simply need to be **registered** for Free School Meals.

Registering will not affect any other benefits you may receive, and no one will know that you have registered.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- ✓ Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

Come and talk to us if you are not sure and we will help you to find out.

Supporting Children and Families The Hambly Centre Callington Community College Academy Trust

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New Dance Classes for Children

SpinDrift is the College's resident Dance Company. From Wednesday 18th January to 8th February they will be offering a 4-week programme of two exciting new dance classes at the leisure centre for children of all abilities.

'Wiggle and a Giggle' is for little movers aged 5-8yrs
6yrs. 4.00pm – 4.15pm

£3.30 per session / £12 per 4 week block

'Jump Start' is a junior class for movers aged 9-11yrs.
4.45pm-5.45pm

£4.10 per session / £15.20 per 4 week block

Please contact Sam Dukes for more information at
Sam@spindriftdance.org.uk

The **NEW!** Dance sessions will consist of fun, energetic and creative activities. Dancers will be given the chance to perform and work with professional dance artists. Each term dancers will learn a new piece and will be involved in the choreographic and creative process. These classes are open for young dancers of all abilities who want to learn new dance styles such as Contemporary, Ballet and Bollywood.