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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Workshop: Community Arts Project 'UNITED BY THE SEA'

I am writing to inform you about a wonderful project that involves every student at Looe Community Academy. The Looe Community Academy Art Department has been working closely with Creative Looe Community Interest Company and together an ambitious and exciting project has started to come into fruition. The project has numerous elements but one part of it involves creative workshops taking place in school, led by their Art teacher.

Students will be off timetable for a two-hour block to make a clay fish, each unique and special. They will learn sculpture skills of embossing and 'bas relief'. The students will be encouraged to experiment with pattern and shape. The students will be asked to attend the session with their form group. Each child will have their piece photographed and their work will be shared in school and on social media.

Once the fish have been fired and glazed the plan is for them to be put on permanent display in the town. The idea behind this display is to demonstrate how as a community we work better together, each person unique but with value, like a school of fish. It will help the students feel a sense of placement and belonging, and help the community celebrate the young people of the town and cherish its fishing heritage.

The fish will be put on display during the Creative Looe Arts and Community Festival 'UNITED BY THE SEA', which is planned for Saturday 21 March 2026. The Creative Looe Festival is an exciting new public art and community festival celebrating Looe's heritage and creative spirit. The hope is that the fish will be celebrated for many years to come by residents and visitors to the town.

As mentioned, the students will be attending the session within their tutor group. We know the students will engage brilliantly in this exciting opportunity (normal behaviour system will be used). The project is quite costly, but we are very grateful that this has been covered by the Creative Looe CIC through the sales of a t-shirt, designed by Miss Welch, and donations from local businesses. So, we really need all the students to get involved and make this a great success! We know they will!

Tuesday 4 November – Year 8	Wednesday 5 November – Year 8
8KEV P1 and P2	8POL P1 and P2
8PEN P3 and P4	8TRE P3 and P4

If you have any questions about the day please contact Miss Welch, welch@looeca.net. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Boyes - Headteacher