



**TORPOINT  
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# NEWSLETTER



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Welcome back to everyone at the College after the Christmas and New Year break.

The year started with Year 10 and 11 mock exams taking place across the gym and hall and results for these are given out later this week. Good Luck to these students. Well done to the Sixth Form students who gained their exam results recently and who are busy planning for their next success.

Welcome also to the new staff who joined us in January: Mr Williams (English), Mr Maestri (Maths), Mr Stott (Computing and ICT) and.....we hope they enjoy working at the College.

I was honoured to be part of the judging team for the TCC round of a national competition "Poetry By Heart. This annual competition asks students to recite two poems from memory. Congratulations to Beth Lancaster, Year 12, who was the winner. The judges quickly recognized however that all the entrants were excellent and the standard was very high. Well done to everyone who took part.

I am also looking forward to the celebrations at TCC of the Chinese 'Little New Year' (Xiao Nian) held Thursday 12th February. More information in the next newsletter.

Best wishes

Mrs Hazeldine

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**20<sup>th</sup> January - Year 9 Options Evening**  
**27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 Parents Evening**  
**13<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's MUFTI Day**

#### Academic Year 2014/15 Term Dates

**Autumn Term** 4<sup>th</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> December  
(Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October)

**Spring Term** 5<sup>th</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> March  
(Half term 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February)

**Summer Term** 13<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> July  
(Half term 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May)

### Fundraising – Over £300!

In the run up to Christmas TCC staff and students took part in some fundraising fun.

Christmas jumper day was a week later than the official event, to coincide with our last day of term, and over £300 was raised. This money was split between Save the Children and the Richard Feast Memorial Fund.

Well done everyone!

### Would you like to receive the College's newsletter by e-mail?

If so, please send your e-mail address to [tccmarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:tccmarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk) with a subject heading 'Newsletter'. We would also welcome your feedback on the format / content of this newsletter and ways in which we could improve it.

## Netball Success

Year 10 student Mia Cardew has a bright future in netball. She already plays for the Plymouth Pilgrims Division One adult team (has been 'player of the match' 4 times out of a possible 10), has been training with the Pilgrims top team, the regional squad and has received coaching in Exeter from the Australia Diamonds former head coach, Norma Plummer (who turned them in to World Cup Winners). We are very proud of Mia and look forward to hearing more about her stellar rise to netball success. Great job Mia!



Mia is pictured with Stacey Francis and Rosie Allison from the England Netball Squad.

## 'Isn't it Great'

A well done to the Yr 13 Drama and Theatre Studies students, who performed their devised piece, 'Isn't it Great' that explored the sensitive issue of domestic violence. They performed to an audience on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The students worked hard, attending evening rehearsals to perfect their performance and to raise awareness of the issue in a mature and intelligent way.

Miss Holmes



## YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING – 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

A reminder to all parents and carers of year 9 students that there is an Options Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Please also note options forms are to be completed and handed back by 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD NEWS

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 there will be a training day for participants.

The first part of the training from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm will be First Aid training and HMS Raleigh have very kindly offered to deliver this for us and it will take part in the training wing at HMS Raleigh (we are extremely lucky they have agreed to do this – you will be given the very best training!).

The second part of the day will include a visit from Cotswold Outdoors, who will be helping to show you how best to pack your rucksack for expeditions and will advise on the best kit and food to take with you.

Time permitting, we also plan to show you how to pitch a tent and how to cook outdoors.

I would love to have had everyone taking part, but I can only offer this to the first 25 participants who return their consent forms to me (these were sent home w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January). However, it is essential that the students taking part in their Bronze practice and qualifying expeditions in March (you know who you are!) take part in this training so you need to return your consent forms ASAP.

Further details on the day will be included with the consent forms.

Other news:

Expedition training has now begun in earnest and it is essential that those taking part in expeditions this year turn up for the training sessions every Wednesday in room 18 (I am keeping a record of who attends) – failure to attend will result in you not being able to take part in the expedition!

Lynn Trotter



## KS3 Art club

A reminder that there is a KS3 art club on Tuesday lunchtimes with Miss Fierek in Room 40

## Poetry By Heart

On Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> TCC held its very first Poetry By Heart competition. Three students - Beth, Hannah and Alex, recited their selected poems from the published Poetry By Heart Anthology, in front of five esteemed judges - Mrs. Hazeldine, Miss. Lockett, Mrs. Wallis and Mr. Pease. This prestigious line-up also welcomed a special guest judge to the college, Mr. David Woolley - a published poet - and who with fellow poet Ann Gray runs the Bodmin Moor Poetry Festival and other literary events across Cornwall. He also set up and runs Westwords Poetry - publishing imprint in Cornwall for the past 25 years.

It was a wonderful event which saw our students recite by heart two poems - one pre-1914 and one post 1914 poem in spectacular style! They were a credit to our college and it was a pleasure to be a part of such a fantastic competition. The scoring was exceptionally close but the overall winner was Beth and the Runner-up was Hannah. Beth will now be entered in the County stage of the competition, taking place at Truro Community Library on January 29<sup>th</sup>, and Hannah will act as her understudy. These students will now need to memorise an additional poem from the World War 1 section of the Anthology in time for the county contest.

Mrs Rachel Bertram, English teacher and event organiser, said 'All staff and guests present couldn't have been more proud of how our students rose to this challenge, entertaining and 'wowing' us with their confidence and commitment. We all hope that this will be the start of many more years being part of this UK wide event and we wish Beth all the very best of luck in the upcoming county heat'.



### GCSE ART

Well done to our Year 11 art students who have their mock exam art pieces displayed in our 'Kensa Gallery'. The exhibition is amazing!



## MEDICATION WITHIN THE COLLEGE

Following recent incidents of students becoming ill whilst in College and not having their prescribed medication with them, may we take this opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Please inform the College as soon as possible if your child requires medication and ensure this has been passed to the College Medical Room at the earliest opportunity.
- Any medication your child needs will require a permission form to be completed. This also extends to medication the student carries themselves, such as an inhaler. These forms are available from Main Reception, College Medical Room or **via the College Website**.
- Medication should be in the original packaging with clear expiry dates and prescribed dose.
- Please ensure any medication is within date. If the medication has expired we will be unable to administer it. If not collected this medication will be destroyed.
- All medication with the exception of inhalers is to be kept in the College Medical Room unless previously agreed with the College medical staff.
- If your child uses an inhaler please ensure they bring this with them each day.

Thank you for your support.