



**TORPOINT
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NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been another action packed fortnight at TCC since the last newsletter: staff and students have participated in and lead amazing activities.

The Year 9 Options Evening and the Year 9 Parents' Evening were both well attended and supported by parents (85% of parents). They were positive events: detailed and informative.

The College has achieved the first level of The Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), a brilliant achievement, and reflects our clear commitment to the principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. It puts the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of this College's planning, policies, practice and ethos. We not only teach about children's rights but also we model rights and respect in all its relationships: between students and adults, between adults and between students. This provides a clear link for pupils between building up their rights-respecting school, understanding their rights and the need for children's rights to be realised everywhere. Research confirms that "Children and young people in rights-respecting schools develop a stronger sense of the need to act for global justice."

Well done to all the students and staff who have worked together to achieve this for the College.

Mrs Hazeldine

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13th February- Muffin Day

2nd March – Careers Week

3rd March – Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening

Academic Year 2014/15 Term Dates

Spring Term 5th January – 27th March
(Half term 16th-20th February)

Summer Term 13th April – 17th July
(Half term 25th-29th May)

Plymouth Raiders

The PE Department's Mr Loughran organised an excellent session for students with the Plymouth Raiders last Friday. This was a great opportunity for all students, and in particular for those aspiring young basketball players of the future!



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 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.

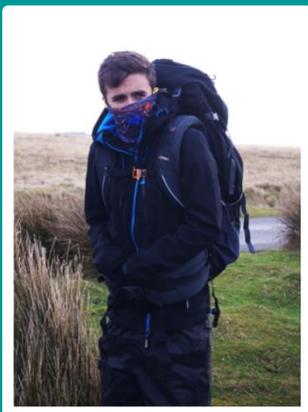
Football Success

Year 11 student Daniel Rooney has recently been offered, and has accepted, a 2 year apprenticeship with Plymouth Argyle.

Fantastic news! Well done Daniel.

Ten Tors training

On Sunday 11th January students completed the first training walk of 2015. They navigated their way to tors around the military ring road near Okehampton army camp. The weather was overcast when the walkers set out but by midmorning the temperature dropped due to a bitterly cold wind. Well done to all the students and volunteers who battled the cold wind to complete the walk.



Science Revision

All students in Year 10 and 11 are being encouraged to take part in the 10 hour SAM learning challenge in order to maximise and improve results at GCSE. Samlearning.co.uk. All year 10 and 11 students have been provided with a sticker detailing their login details.

The Science revision timetable below is open to all year 10 and 11 students and they can visit whichever teacher they like for help with revision, past paper exam questions or if they are struggling with any science concepts.

Lunch (1:30-2:00)

MONDAY	Year 10 (Miss Carr Room 45) Year 11 Triple (Miss Preece Room 15)
TUESDAY	Year 10 (Mr Akers Room 23) Year 10 (Mr O'Driscoll Room 21) Year 10 (Mr Cameron Room 43) Year 11 Triple (Miss Preece Room 15)
WEDNESDAY	Year 10 (Miss Lewis Room 41) Year 11 Triple (Miss Preece Room 15) Year 11 B2 (Miss McCarthy Room 66)
THURSDAY	Year 10 (Miss Carr Room 45) Year 10 (Mr O'Driscoll Room 21) Year 11 Triple (Miss Preece Room 15)
FRIDAY	Year 11 (Miss Lewis Room 41)

DAISY LANCASTER PNRBE will be dancing on the Torpoint ferry (date to be confirmed) as part of a Company B performance. This is part of a UK project focusing on celebrating local area / culture. Further information to follow!



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD NEWS

Following the notice about the DofE and Ten Tors First Aid Training/Kit Packing Day on Saturday 7th February, the first 25 students were successful in getting their consent forms returned to me by the deadline (26th January) and will be taking part in the training – names will be given to staff in due course and letters sent home. I did receive 26 consent forms, so we have one student as first reserve.

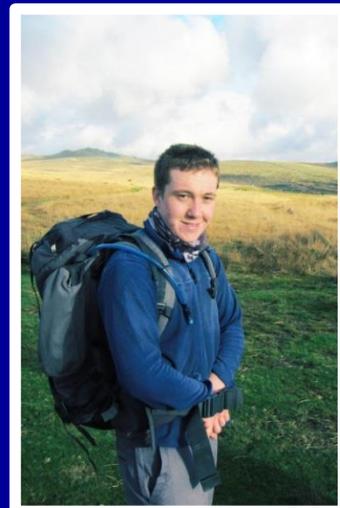
As per the letter sent home, students need to be at HMS Raleigh Main Gate at 9.50 am and should be collected at 3.00 pm at the Torpoint Sports Centre Car Park (not the College car park as originally stated), unless prior permission has been given for students to walk home by themselves.

Many thanks

Mrs Trotter

Joining up!

Jordan Rust, a past TCC student, is getting ready to join the Royal Navy at the beginning of February. Jordan took part in the Ten Tors challenge 5 times and has continued to support the College by helping students train for the event. Everyone wishes him good luck and best wishes in his chosen path.



Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 9 girls now training with Marjons Netball Team. Both teams are doing really well in the Plymouth and District Netball League.

The girls include Finley Mae Stainsfield, Amy Evans, Rachel Gordon, Molly Mather, Iona Fergusson, Poppy Holland, Rhianna Morgan, Meg Brockbank Naylor and Sammie Hibbert.

Well done to Meg B, Molly M and Iona who were selected to play for Marjons at Cheltenham over the weekend.



Mr Feast

This being the first column that we have been entrusted with we thought it would be a good idea to dedicate it to telling everyone how amazing Mr Feast was - as if you all didn't know already! We want to immortalise him and his memory as it is for us; funny and petrifying and dominated by his huge ears.

From the day we all met him for the first time in our year 7 tutors back in 2008, Sir was a big character and one we all knew would stay with us for most of our years. Immediately he scared us, as he was very tall (well he seemed it to the bunch of year 7 students that we were at the time!) and had a voice so loud it could give you nightmares. But it was also clear from day one that Sir was one of the most compassionate teachers we've had and that he genuinely cared about us. His illness has left the school and everyone in his life with a void that may never be filled. We all have special memories of him that we hold dear to us, and that we can as a collective remember. He was one of the most caring and supportive teachers this school and community could have ever hoped for and will always be the most loved teacher. The day we were told about his diagnosis was a dark one for the Sixth Form, but to do him justice and show our support we subsequently got to fundraising money for the Oncology Department and Cancer Research UK. We know how strongly he felt about the amazing work they do to help patients and their families through these tough times.

In January 2014 we did our 'Silly Surf' which was the first event to kick start the fundraising, followed by several Sixth Formers and staff running the Plymouth Half Marathon, wearing their lab coats of course! Staff and Sixth Form ladies also did the Race For Life wearing Fight it with Feasty shirts and of course we have had a Wear a Hat Day and a whole host of Muffti events. The Fashion Show and the Sixth Form Ball all made donations to the fund as well. At the moment we are working towards the next Muffti Day, which has a wear red for valentine theme for the main school and a 'Silly Surf' theme for Sixth Form. We have donation boxes in the Sixth Form and the canteen and soon plans will be shared with everyone for the permanent Mr Feast memorial. Later in the year we will all be taking part in the Mr Feast Memorial Mile 2015; more details soon!

All of this has helped us to mark his life and his contribution to the school and show him how much he meant to us. Although, he isn't here today, we hope that everyone will always remember him, even if you never knew him personally or were taught by him. We will continue to 'Fight it with Feasty' for a long time.

BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

Last week Year 13 Biology students took part in the first round of the Biology Olympiad; this is an international competition. The British Biology Olympiad challenges students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. In offering a wider syllabus than A' Level, it allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes. It is hoped that competing in the Olympiad will encourage students already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A' Level. In addition to encouraging and rewarding pupils in their studies the BBO provides a means of selecting a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad. Well done to the following students who were involved:

India Crawford, Isla Ferguson, Laura Harvie, Cameron McBain, Florence McCarthy, Christopher Newcombe, Ellir Scanlon, Arthur Tatum and Katy Wilkes.

Sleeping Beauty

Ellyn Watts PNRBE is dancing in the Torpoint pantomime, Sleeping Beauty. The performances (Torpoint players) take part from the 30th January to 5th February.

Good luck Ellyn!

