



**TORPOINT  
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# NEWSLETTER



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## Academic Year 2014/15 Term Dates

**Summer Term** 13<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> July

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fashion Show- 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

### The WIZARD of OZ

For the first time in many years, TCC teamed up with our local primary schools, Antony and Millbrook, to perform a spectacular and highly polished performance of the musical 'Wizard of Oz'.

The lead roles were taken by TCC students and our TCC Year 7 ensemble multi-rolled as witches, farmhands, scare crows and Oz girls. Antony students played a variety of roles including the Munchkins, the jitterbugs and scarecrows, and Millbrook students took on the roles of the Ozian army and farmhands. We were very lucky to have a wide range of skilled and extremely helpful staff engage on this musical across both primary and secondary to show our students at their very best! The musical was set against stunning scenery, amazing costumes and make up skilfully lit by a tech team, and our singers and actors performances surpassed all expectations. The Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion (Beth Arnold, Liam Dart and Poppy Holland) won the audiences hearts with their stylish and thoroughly convincing performances, and Amy Pearton, Year 7, wowed all with her sophisticated and heart tugging performance as Dorothy. The Wicked Witch was fantastically portrayed by Year 9 Rachel Gordan, scaring many an audience member with her fierce cackle, contrasted by the delightful and graceful ballet dancing Good Witch, played by Meg Devey. The production was truly outstanding, audience feedback was incredible; 'best show yet' and 'can't believe this wasn't the Theatre Royal!' was completely deserved – the students outdid themselves and this is a musical that will not be forgotten in a long time. A massive thank you to all that were involved.



## Year 12 BTEC National Sport Class

Congratulations to the Year 12 BTEC National Sport class who have designed and completed their own specific 8 week training programmes. This has included tough spin classes at the Life Centre to help develop aerobic fitness and muscular endurance. They will now need to evaluate their training and analyse the physiological changes that have happened during their programme.



## Louis Rooney's Football Success

Ex student Louis Rooney has been awarded the prestigious Richard Phillips Trophy for 2014-15 after a superb campaign, which has also resulted in him being offered a professional football contract.

This award and trophy is the gift of the family of an Argyle supporter, the late Richard Phillips, and is awarded each year to the player aged under 19 at the beginning of the season whose ability, sportsmanship, work-rate, dedication and improvement are considered to be the best by the club's youth management.

Louis joined Argyle as a 9 year old, and has recently been part of the Argyle under 18 team that won the Football League Youth Alliance Merit League One. It was a campaign in which Argyle were unbeaten, winning eight and drawing three.

He has also broken on to the international scene, making his debut for the Northern Ireland under-19's against Switzerland in March last year.

18 year old Louis lives in Torpoint and attended Torpoint Community College. Louis played for south-east Cornwall schools representative teams at both primary and secondary levels. He made his debut for the Pilgrim's under 18's in the Football League Youth Alliance as a schoolboy and was also a member of the club's Northern Ireland Milk Cup 2011 squad.

Congratulations from everyone at TCC.



## Year 10 Visit to Marjons

Sixteen Year 10 students were selected to take part in an introduction to Sport and Health at Higher education at Marjons last week. They had the opportunity to work in the Sport and Exercise Science laboratory with Lab manager Ben Anniss.

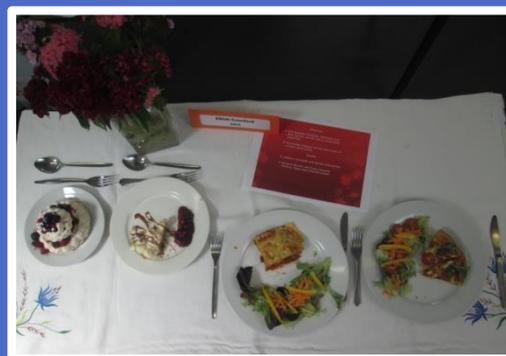
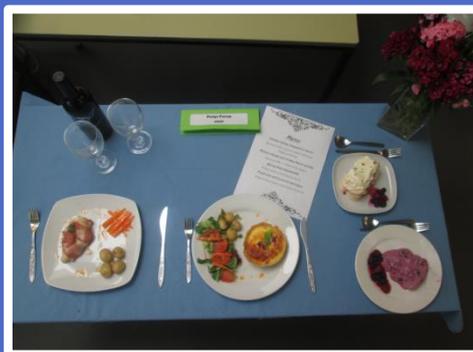
All students got to test their fitness in specific areas of speed, power, maximum strength, reaction time, and four students volunteered for the gruelling VO2 max treadmill test ( Ben West, Will Milliner, Mia Cardew, Lisa Smyth) . They did themselves proud and showed incredible mental toughness alongside showing excellent aerobic capacities.

Hopefully the day has got them thinking about their next steps.

## Year 10 Cooking Success!

Our Year 10 catering students have once again proved they are very proficient cooks having produced stunning dishes in a limited amount of time. The students were required, as part of their GCSE course, to plan, prepare and cook four dishes that best represented dairy products, as well as showcase their culinary skills.

The students chose a range of delicious dishes including; chicken stuffed with cream cheese and served with seasonal julienne vegetables, various flavoured quiches, vanilla panna cotta and pavlovas. We are very proud of the students' achievements and the hard work they put into producing a range of excellent dishes.



## Torpoint Students Success in UK Maths Competition!

Thirty of our top mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge in April this year. The maths challenge is a one hour paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which make them challenging and enjoyable to those taking part. It is a national competition with the best mathematicians from all over the UK taking part. The paper is designed to challenge the most able students and get them to think about the maths skills that they need to use. There were some fantastic results at the College with seven of the students participating receiving awards.

Genna of year 8 achieved a Silver certificate along with best in school and this puts her in the top 20 % of mathematicians in her age range in the UK. An Amazing accomplishment!

Madison of year 7 also achieved a Silver certificate and best in year.

The following students also received awards and certificates:

Year 8 – Sadie - Silver, Luke - Bronze

Year 7 - Lawton, Josh, Jack

Mrs Lake said "There were some fantastic results and I am delighted with how well the students have done".



## A splendid send off for Year 13

TCC staff have recently said goodbye to a fantastic group of Year 13 students and wished them all the best for their future.

It was a superb summer's evening set in the beautiful backdrop of The Orangery at Mount Edgumbe and the students all dressed for the occasion and behaved brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and it was lovely for the staff to celebrate the end of the Year 13 students' education in style with them. They are moving on to do some amazing things and we are now looking forward to results day – August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Year 13 – we have a free disc with a copy of every photo we have taken of you whilst you were in the Sixth Form, as well as all the photos from Mount Edgumbe. It can be collected at the same time as you get your results. Thank you all for your hard work and enthusiasm over the past two, and in some cases three, years. You will be very much missed!



## The Gideons Society Visit to TCC

The Gideons Society visited Year 7 students in their Ethics lessons on 10 and 11 June 2015. The Gideons were asked to explain about the Christian holy bible as well as offering to answer the religious and ethical questions (our students had thoughtfully devised) from their own personal Christian perspective. This led to a debate based around Christian beliefs and teachings. Mrs Fry was extremely impressed with the knowledge our students showed in posing carefully worded questions so politely to our visitors.

Ron Bennet and Tom Atkinson from the society explained that "We are aware that many people in Britain have never seen a Bible and may be uncertain what it is". They also offered the optional voluntary gift of a small red New Testament to each of our students which could potentially be used to support progression in Ethics throughout key stage 3! They said that " Each year we present personal copies of the New Testament and Psalms to children in thousands of British secondary schools and to many university and college students."

After leaving Ron and Tom commented:

"What a brilliant School! I can honestly say we have not experienced such thoughtful questions about the Bible and the Christian Faith in all the years we have been visiting our 5 Secondary Schools and Colleges in South East Cornwall. "

Well done to the Year 7 students!



## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition

Well done to those students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition on 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June. They started at Polperro and then took the South West Coastal path to Looe before returning back to Polperro to camp. On Sunday they walked the opposite way through Lansallos before joining the SW coastal path back to Polperro.

Throughout the weekend the team was assessed on their planning, navigating, camping skills and team work. The students now need to give a presentation of their aim during the expedition and finish the other sections to complete and be presented with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

Luke Miles  
Bill Bennett  
Nathan Squires  
Tom Lancaster  
Riley Brightwell  
Lottie Bawden  
Jordan Pilley

## BTEC PE Golf

Congratulations to the Year 12 BTEC Level 3 students who completed an intensive golf programme at China Fleet last week for their Practical Individual unit. They had the opportunity to be coached in driving, putting and chipping and really improved in a short period of time. They will return to China Fleet in September to try their skills on the course as well as following a swimming and water polo programme.



# TCC FASHION SHOW 2015

THURSDAY  
16th JULY

...IS THIS JUST FANTASY?

7:30 - 9:30 pm  
Showcasing work  
from our talented  
Year 7, 9, 10, GCSE  
and A level students.

With Occasionwear from  
Jane Louise, Liskeard  
and Summer Collection  
from Studio 2, Torpoint.

Tickets are now on sale  
Adult £4.50 Child/Con £3



Craft stalls and refreshments available  
All proceeds go to Derriford Oncology Ward  
and to The Richard Feast Memorial Fund

## Year 10 Sixth Form Open Day 2015

Well done to all of Year 10 who had a brilliant day trying out up to 8 A' Level lessons each in preparation for making decisions about their future next year.

Students got to choose from a variety of subjects and 'try out' for themselves what an A' Level lesson in each subject would be like. A big thank you to all the staff who put on the event and made sure the day went smoothly. As part of our careers programme it is important that students get a chance to experience A' Levels for themselves before making decisions next year.

If any parents / carers would like more information about the Sixth Form and what's on offer as well as entry criteria, please contact Mrs Becky Lear: [lear@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lear@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)



## Bodmin Moor Poetry Festival

On 29-31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 Beth Lancaster, along with Ms. Bertram, attended the Bodmin Moor Poetry Festival at the Sterts Theatre, Liskeard. Beth had been invited to attend by the organisers, David Woolley and Ann Gray to recite her poem – originally recited at the 'Poetry By Heart' county competition which took place in January of this year. She was also invited to read/recite some of her own poems from her extensive repertoire.

The Festival was a truly fantastic event celebrating poetry; packed with information and entertaining speakers. An inspiring day which was filled with both excitement and calm - learning and sharing - and one which we very much look forward to repeating next year.

Ms. Bertram said 'I couldn't be more proud of Beth for her involvement in the evening's Cabaret slot where she entertained the audience with a moving and spell-binding recitation of Denise Riley's 'A Misremembered Lyric'. It wasn't only appreciated by both myself and the hosts, but also by Anthony Wilson – lecturer and poet, who wrote on his Blog:'

"In a faultless rendition of the poem, our speaker expertly guided us through the poem's breathtaking shifts and turns which demand complete attentiveness from the listener/reader. Then, right on cue, it began raining: 'Rain lyrics. Yes, then the rain lyrics fall.' So I now read the poem with the electric memory of its nerveless delivery in my mind: a young woman declaring Riley's lines as though they had just occurred to her below a non-soundproofed roof with the elements closing in. What do we want from a poetry reading? We are all different, but alongside the preparedness to be vulnerable I would also take drama, and an openness to the risk of the given moment. By which I mean acknowledgement of the rain above you, by which I mean pretending as though you had arranged it that way. This reading had that. All of it."

Many congratulations to Beth and thank you to David and Ann for inviting our star student of poetry recitation to attend this fantastic event.



## Spelling Bee

Over this half term, our year 7-10 tutor groups have been taking part in a 'Spelling Bee' competition, based on a list of commonly misspelled subject-specific words. Over subsequent weeks, we whittled down our incredible spellers until we were left with the final 'fantastic four': Amy Pearton, Jenna Taylor, Beth Robinson & Kaitlyn Lancaster, who had to strive to spell some truly difficult words, such as 'irascible' or 'antediluvian'. It was a very close competition, resulting in our 2015 TCC Spelling Bee Champion: Amy Pearton!

A huge well done to all who took part in the competition, as part of the College's drive to constantly improve literacy standards across all key stages.

Next year we will investigate joining the national Spelling Bee competition but overall we had a great time this year.

Mr Pease & Mrs Williams.



## Torpettes perform in London

The Torpettes have made their mark in the big city, by presenting a stunning performance at 'The Actors Church' in Covent Garden, London.

The girls travelled up on Monday 06th July, explored the sights of London and then were treated to watching the spectacular musical 'Wicked', in London's West End. Following this, the girls stayed overnight and then made their way to Covent Garden the next morning. Here they rehearsed a programme with the guidance of a musical director from the Lion King in the West End, who gave the girls some valuable performance feedback. The Torpettes then performed a 30 minute set, to an enchanted audience; there was simply not a dry eye in the house by the end, and the feedback was amazing! The tour operators described the girls as 'truly remarkable' and the musical director said their sound was stunning, and they were a highly professional outfit.

A brilliant and rewarding time was had by all and the girls were exceptionally well behaved, presenting themselves professionally and respectfully to others at all times -they were an absolute credit to the school. The trip would not of been possible without the support of the lovely Miss Barker and Miss Holmes, who assisted the girls throughout.

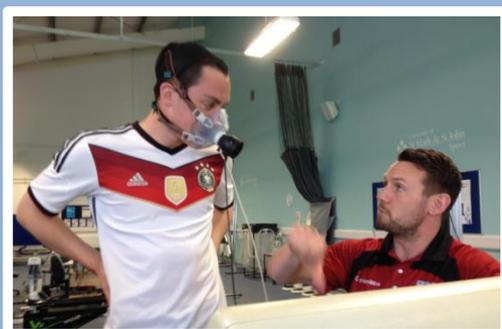


## Year 12 BTEC Sport

The Year 12 Level 3 BTEC Sport students recently used the Sport and Exercise Science laboratory at Marjons to test their current fitness levels and collect data for their Fitness Testing unit.

Jack Nicholls and Connor Andrew bravely volunteered for the dreaded VO2 max treadmill test and wearing a gas mask to collect data, ran for as long as they could with the incline increasing every 2 minutes. The test requires them to run until they physically cannot do anymore and reaching a BORG scale of 20 whilst the rest of the students collect data from the computer regards oxygen consumption and CO2 production.

They were both incredible and their results showed them both to have excellent aerobic capacities and with Connors higher than Paula Radcliff's. This means that should they decide to pursue sports requiring aerobic endurance they have the physiological make- up to do incredibly well.



## Exeter University Trip

A number of year 9 students have recently had the opportunity to experience university life when they visited Exeter University's Penryn Campus.

As well as a tour of the site, students explored the wider life and opportunities available to students. Staff at the university commented that the students' conduct on the day was truly outstanding.

One student commented 'this has really got me excited about university in the future'.

