



Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:

Autumn Term – 3rd September- 18th December

Spring Term- 4th January- 24th March

Summer Term- 11th April- 19th July

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 January 2016 – Options Evening

26 January 2016 – Year 9 Parents Evening

12 February 2016 – INSET Day



TCC Sixth Form host a GCSE Celebration Breakfast

Congratulations to all Year 12 Sixth Form students and ex-students who enjoyed a fantastic cooked breakfast to celebrate their superb GCSE results; they also collected their exam certificates.

Kezzy Rees, who gained virtually all As / A*s and is now studying A' Level Art & Design, English Language, Geography and Media, said 'It was lovely to see all old friends and catch up with everyone.'

The students were treated to a full English breakfast, served by staff members, as a way of saying thank you for the hard work and dedication students had put into their GCSEs. The atmosphere was lively and celebratory and a good time was had by all.



Badminton Tournament

TCC students Lisa, Becky, Luke and Sam took part in the Plymouth and District Churches Badminton League Christmas handicapped Tournament held at the YMCA Kitto Centre on Sunday 29th November.

Sam and Lisa got through to the semi-final for the plate event.

All students have regularly attended the junior Badminton Club after College and now attend the Torpoint Badminton Club at the YMCA Sports Hall on Wednesday evenings.

They all played very well, especially as they were the youngest participants in the tournament - well done!



Headlines from 2015

73% achieved A*-C in GCSE Maths

77% achieved A*-C in GCSE English

59% of students achieved 5 A*-C in English & Maths

95.8% attendance - over 1% above national average

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Sixth Form recently held a spectacular coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sixth Form student, Neve Cooper, organised the event which was well attended by staff, students and governors. Following Neve's lead, Macmillan will be the College charity for the year. Proceeds from the next whole College muffin will go to Macmillan as will the next large whole College activity, the Richard Feast Memorial Mile. This is an event taking place in April 2016 where the whole school, including all staff, take part in a one mile race on the College grounds. The race was set up as a way for students to support Mr Feast, a much loved teacher who sadly lost his battle with cancer over a year ago. All proceeds from the Memorial Mile will also go to Macmillan

Over £180 was raised in this event and donations are still coming in. Well done to all staff and students at TCC.



Science Award

TCC has recently awarded a special Science Prize to Lucy Haggerty. Lucy was the first ever recipient of the 'Richard Feast Award for Outstanding Contribution to Science'. The prize was set up in memory of Mr Feast. Mr Feast was famous for saying that if you cut him in half it would say 'Scientist' all the way through. It was decided that the prize would be awarded annually to the student in the College whose love and passion for science matched his. The Science Department chose Lucy as the first recipient because since Year 7 she has been a dedicated scientist.



Lucy has just returned from interviews at Oxford University where she hopes to study Chemistry, although she is also interested in Medicinal Chemistry at a number of other prestigious institutions. She will be following in the footsteps of her sister Emily, who is an Imperial graduate currently working for Cancer Research. Lucy is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this Award. She is a highly dedicated student with a passion for Science and a natural curiosity and interest. The prize was awarded by the Chair of Governors, Mr Colin Parton, who commented that in all the history of Nobel Prizes awarded for Chemistry there have been only 4 who are female. We are all looking forward to Lucy making this 5!

Congratulations Lucy - Mr Feast would have approved.



Clothes Show Trip 2015

On the 4th December students and staff embarked on the annual Textiles trip to see the Clothes Show 2015 at the Birmingham NEC. Students were able to find inspiration in the stunning garments that filled the catwalk. There were top trends and beautiful contemporary outfits that our students are sure to draw ideas from. Some of the students found their current projects were reflected in the garments in the show, so we're ahead of the trends in Torpoint Community College! We spotted a version of Emily Parsonage's current work and who can forget Ben Wakefield's lobster headpiece - years ahead of its time!

There were many stalls which were educational and informative ranging from the Textiles Museum's 'Liberty in Fashion' exhibition and also some exhibitions from the top art colleges and universities from around the country which showed our students the roots into a Fashion and Textile career.

We arrived home tired, but inspired from this very enjoyable trip.

Thank you to students and staff who made the trip a success.

Miss Bell



All Dof E Participants

Confirmation of the dates for the 2016 Bronze and Gold expeditions:

Bronze Practice Expedition 9th and 10th April

Bronze Qualifying Expedition - 18th and 19th June

Gold one day training, following on from the practice for Tom, Ben and David – 6th April

Gold Qualifying Expedition for Tom, Ben and David – 15th to 19th August – location can be decided, please see me ASAP for further details.

New Gold Participants (students who came to see me recently - I require your enrolment forms in the New Year!):

Gold Practice Expedition 6th to 8th April (Dartmoor)

Gold Qualifying Expedition – as above for Tom, Ben and David

There will be training sessions at the College for you starting in the New Year and I shall let you know when these will commence.

Please ensure you carry on logging into your eDofE account and upload your evidence. If you have any problems with this, do please come and see me, you know my door is always open!

Have a great Christmas everyone and keep up the good work!

Mrs Trotter



TASK 2 CATERING PRACTICAL EXAMS

The College's Year 11 Catering students have once again excelled in their GCSE Practical exams, worth 40% of their final GCSE grade. This year's task was to plan, prepare, cook and serve a two course meal for two covers, that best represented a country of their choice, as well as demonstrating a range of different cooking methods and high level skills. This year was no exception and yet again students produced some stunning dishes.



All students worked extremely hard and produced some gorgeous food. There were a few students' work that really stood out. In particular Sam Evans who chose to create a French menu. He served Salmon En Croute, dauphinoise potatoes served with julienne carrots and al dente French beans, followed by a Pate Sucre tartlet with Crème Patisserie, fresh berries and apricot glaze. Another exceptional menu was created by Tom Martin who served a divine chocolate soufflé which had an excellent rise and a gooey middle (exactly as it should and incidentally very difficult to achieve!!).

The students have really worked well and produced many complex dishes in a limited time. Well done!

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

Torpoint Community College brought some festive joy to members of the local community as it hosted its annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch on Tuesday. Staff and students served a traditional Christmas dinner to senior citizens from the local area, including those in care homes, followed by a feast of musical delights. The Headteacher, Mrs Hazeldine, said 'It was a real privilege to welcome senior citizens from our local community into the College for Christmas lunch again. The students who hosted and supported the event were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with our guests. A good time was had by all.'





Swimming Success!

Congratulations to Year 10 student Annalise Burgess who has been offered a place on the England Para Swimming Spotlight Programme after a successful weekend at the Para Swimming Nationals in Manchester.

This will mean a strict training regime for Annalise including gym time, competitions, separate England training sessions and camps, as well as continuing her training with Plymouth Leander.

A fantastic achievement Annalise - well done!



Sports Hall Defibrillator

The College would like to say a big thank you to the Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club for their very kind donation to purchase a defibrillator.

The defibrillator has been placed in the main reception area of the YMCA Sports Centre, a facility the College uses on a daily basis, so it is also accessible to other organisations co-located with the College, and the local community, should there be a need to use it.

President Lion Steve Morris presented the donation to the Headteacher, Mrs Hazeldine, and YMCA Sports Centre Manager, Mr Curtis, in the YMCA Sports Centre on 17 December.

We are very grateful for the continued support that is given to us by the Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club.



Headteacher's Message

As the term draws to a close, thank you for all the support you have shown over the last few months. As a result of the strong collaboration with parents, the College continues to go from strength to strength. The new uniform, introduced in September 2015, continues to be worn proudly by students. Members of the local community regularly comment how smart our students look; at the Senior Citizens luncheon held at the College this week many of the guests also commented how much they liked the uniform. Governors are very heartened by the success of this uniform and will be monitoring and reviewing it throughout this year. There will be no changes or additions to the current uniform throughout this Academic Year. Students may wear an additional layer under their shirt, which is not to be visible, if needed.

Should you wish your views to be considered as part of the Governor's monitoring please send these to Mrs Trotter, Clerk to the Governors, at the College (trotter.l@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk).

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs Hazeldine