



Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:

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

Great Fundraising Efforts

The College ended 2015 with some fantastic fundraising achievements, for which a huge thanks goes to both staff and students for their amazing efforts.

There were a number of events organised to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, including a coffee morning in the Sixth Form and a 'Wear Green' mufti day, and a total of £680 was raised for the charity.



A Children in Need concert also took place that filled the main hall with students and £375 was raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Thank you again to all those who supported the fundraising activities and it is hoped we can do at least as well in 2016.



Message from TCC Marketing

Do you have any good news stories you would like to share with the College? We would love to hear from you so we can share them, if appropriate, with the wider College community. Please e-mail the details to TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk.

2016 Cornwall Teacher Awards

Are you, or do you know an inspirational and outstanding teacher, headteacher or teaching assistant, school support staff or volunteer who you would like to nominate for the Cornwall Teacher Awards 2016?

The Cornwall Teaching Awards are a celebration to recognise inspirational and outstanding teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants, school support staff and volunteers who make a difference to children and young people in Cornwall

It is very easy to nominate someone by clicking on the form on <http://cornwallteacherawards.co.uk/>

College Safety

Year 7 students will shortly be given assemblies about the importance the College places on their safety; all other year groups had this information last year. Students have experienced the alarm that signals an evacuation procedure at College since we repeat this drill twice each term. Our students always respond positively to the procedure and our practice evacuations are always orderly and controlled. Not wanting to excite or frighten anyone – simply being prepared – we will ask Year 7 students to listen to the bell that will sound should the College ever need students to remain in classrooms. In some schools this is known as the 'lockdown' procedure. Many schools have similar procedures so that in the emergency event that a school needs to activate this bell, students are at least familiar.



TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is still working hard on their Award and continuing to upload evidence onto their eDofE. The expedition season is almost upon us and training will commence at the end of January – further details will be published in due course and given to tutors.

We have had a change of date for the Bronze Practice Expedition - this will now take place on 16th and 17th April 2016.

Also – a reminder for the dates of the other expeditions:

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 - 19th August

New Gold Participants – Gold Practice Expedition 6th - 8th April (Dartmoor) – this is only provisional and will depend whether enrolment forms have been completed and on your previous expedition experience. If this goes ahead, then you can join Tom, Ben and David above for the qualifier in August.

As always, if you have any questions, my door is always open.

Mrs Trotter

VACANCY for a RELIEF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



Torpoint Relief

- training and uniform are provided
- duty hours as and when required
- £6.70 per hour



Contact: David Powell, (SCP Coordinator), for further details

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or apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk

DofE Important Date!

All Bronze and Gold participants must attend a meeting with Dynamic Adventures on **Wednesday 27th January** at 1.30pm in the library to discuss their expeditions.

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

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to students and a Happy New Year 2016 to everyone. This term is already bursting with activity; the calendar here has numerous exciting events already planned for students. As well as the 'extra-curricular' events, staff are focused on making sure that students have a diet of high quality teaching and learning.

The last term has seen some of the biggest changes in secondary education in over 30 years. In September, we started teaching the first of the new GCSE courses in English and Maths to Year 10 students. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 started working on the new content aiming to prepare them for the new GCSEs and the whole College was involved in piloting a new assessment system, replacing national curriculum levels, that is based on the new 9 to 1 grading system.

The introduction of the new GCSE courses is staggered, but by the time our current Year 9 reach GCSE, all of the exams will be in the new format.

The exams will undoubtedly prove a challenge to both students and schools. There is some merit in these changes; we do need our students to be able to compete internationally for university places and jobs, but I am far from the only Headteacher in the country who worries about how all students will access the new courses. Feedback from English and Maths teachers of the new courses indicate that students have responded well to the new system and our teachers are well prepared.

We are talking to many parents who are worried about the new GCSEs and the increased level of challenge in general; my advice would be this:

Remember that the whole country is going through these changes, so your child will be compared by the exam system with other children also taking the new exams.

Staff have been working hard to prepare and ensure that students and parents are fully informed of all changes and have all the relevant information. Please contact the College should you have any concerns about how the curriculum changes will affect your son or daughter.

My best wishes for the year ahead.

Mrs Hazeldine



'Samba All Stars @TCC have received a generous donation from The CHAT group in Torpoint to purchase a new group uniform for future performances. The group are overwhelmed with the donation, and cannot wait to appear in their new outfits as a team!

Thank you CHAT.