



Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:

Spring Term- 4th January- 24th March

Summer Term- 11th April- 19th July

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 February 2016 – INSET Day

15–19 February Half Term

23 February Yr12/13 Parents' Evening

Important Reminder

INSET day (College closed to students) – Friday 12th February

Half Term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

All students return to College Monday 22nd February

Ten Tors training – Sunday 7th February 2016

Well done again to all students who took part in the Ten Tors training on Sunday and thank you to all the volunteer helpers. Although it was very wet under foot there was a window in the weather which meant the students were able to be remotely supervised. They experienced what it was like to walk without an adult. Although there were a few errors they managed to complete most of the walk before the weather turned.



The next walk is on Sunday 6th March with the planning meeting taking place on Wednesday 2nd March 6pm – 7.30pm in the library.

Medication in College

Please note that medication, including Paracetamol, should not be carried by students in the College. Paracetamol is a high risk medication that can cause long term damage if taken incorrectly. It should never be shared amongst students.

Any medication should be accompanied by a consent form which has been signed by a parent/carer and taken to the College's Medical Room from where it will be dispensed. The medicine forms can be found on the College website or collected from the College's main reception. Thank you for your support.

Maths Update

Thank you for all your support with the work your child is doing in Maths.

Homework is a vital part of learning and is a key to success in terms of consolidation of all knowledge. We are extremely pleased that the vast majority of students are working very hard both in and outside of lessons.

There are some students who have not yet met all of the homework deadlines and it is vital that they do so, and meet the expectations of Maths teachers, during half term. You can check homework on showmyhomework using your parent password.

Teachers are always happy to offer their time and support with homework tasks if needed - students should attempt their homework and then ask their teacher if they need help; they can also use the lessons on mymaths for each topic. They could also use, amongst others, youtube videos or BBC bitesize. We have such strong views about the positive impact of homework on students' success at GCSEs that we will start looking at sanctions in the new term if students do not complete homework or seek help when needed.

Thank you very much for all the support you can offer with your child completing their homework. It is absolutely key to achieving the highest qualifications and paramount to the student being an independent learner.

Maths staff.

Reading Reading Reading!

At TCC library we love reading and we love offering our students opportunities to select challenging and interesting texts from a wide range of genres. We monitor all of our books closely and endeavour to maintain high standards in the quality of literature that we issue to students, but we are very much aware that some authors who are very popular with our students do tackle some important, but at times adult, themes and issues.

If you have any concerns about the book your child is reading, please do let us know and we will change the book for them.

Dropping off and picking up in the TCC bus bay

A polite reminder: please can you avoid dropping off or picking up students in the bus bay near the YMCA Sports Centre between 8.30 – 8.45 am and 3.15 – 3.40pm. Cars must not be parked in the bus bay itself as it blocks access for the school transport. Thank you for your support.

Headlines from 2015

73% achieved A*-C in GCSE Maths
77% achieved A*-C in GCSE English

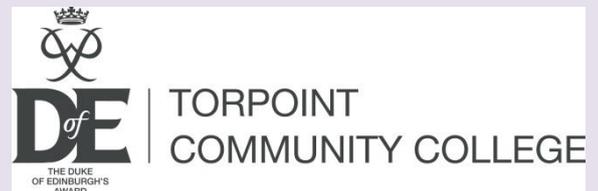
59% of students achieved 5 A*-C in English & Maths
95.8% attendance - over 1% above national average

Music Department News!

Students at TCC were overwhelmed when presented with a cheque for £500 for a community music project from local councillor, Mr Brian Hobbs. The Year 11 GCSE music students had recently performed a concert of their exam work which Mr Hobbs attended. Inspired by the quality of the performances from the students, Mr Hobbs kindly volunteered to help the department with costs for the endless equipment needs by applying for a fund. Three months later, the students were successful in their bid, and presented with the sum of £500. Mrs Luing, Curriculum Lead for Music, said "We are incredibly grateful to Mr Hobbs for his support of the students work and his idea to help us with this fund". Thank you Mr Hobbs from all at TCC!



Duke of Edinburgh News



I hope you are all still working hard on your Award and continuing to upload evidence onto your eDofE. The expedition season is almost upon us and training will commence after the February half term. Other important dates to put in your planners:

Training Day Saturday 12th March 2016 – all participants **must** attend this training day at the College; failure to do so may result in not being able to take part in the expedition! (letters have been sent home and further details will follow)

Bronze Practice Expedition – 16th and 17th April 2016 (letters have been sent home)

Bronze Qualifying Expedition – 18th and 19th June 2016 (letters have been sent home)

Gold one day training day at Totnes – 6th April 2016 (letters have been sent home for 3 students involved)

Gold Qualifying Expedition – 22nd to 25th August 2016 (letters have been sent home for 3 students involved)

New Gold Participants – Students aged 16 and over can enrol at Gold level. Those students wishing to enrol at this level should see Mrs Trotter before the Easter break.

Mrs Trotter

Year 11 Prom Fundraising

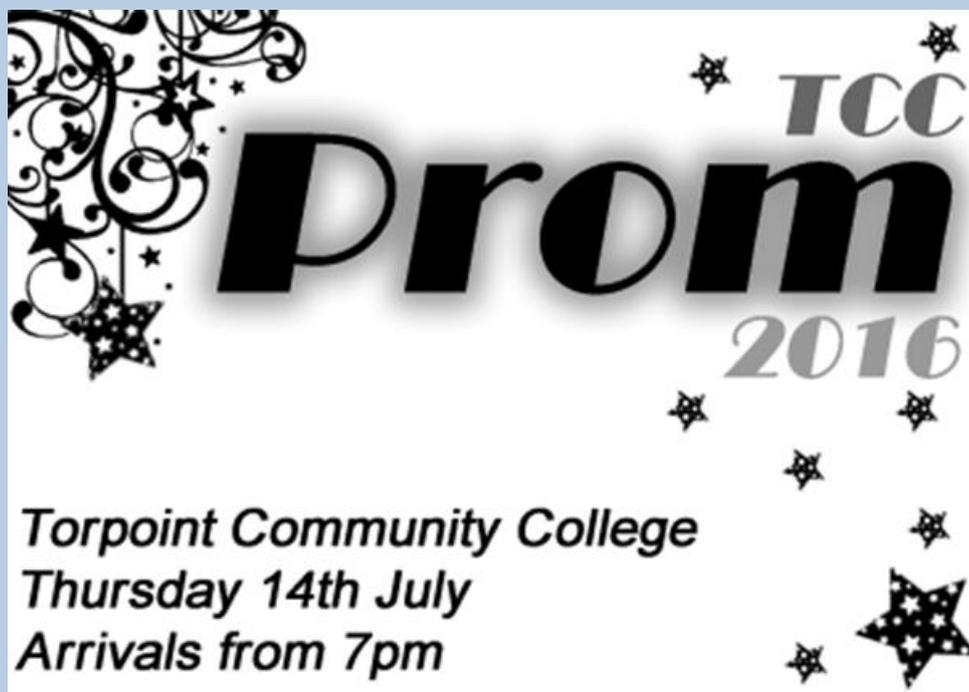
Year 11 has kicked off their fund raising for this year's Prom by selling sweet bundles for Valentine's Day to students and staff. The bundles, with heart shaped messages, were delivered by Year 11s in time for the 'big day' and end of term.

Over £70 was raised - well done Year 11!



Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom tickets are now available to buy via Parent Pay at £25 each. Tickets can be collected from the library once payment is received.



Deadline to buy tickets is Friday 27th May.

Olympic athlete visits TCC

Torpoint Community College students have recently been visited by former Team GB Water Polo captain Craig Figes, in his new role of Athlete Mentor for Sky Sports Living for Sport.

Sky Sports Living for Sport is a free UK secondary schools initiative, delivered in partnership with the charity Youth Sport Trust, which uses sport stars and sport skills to boost confidence, change behaviours, increase attainment and improve life skills.

Pupils involved in Sky Sports Living for Sport will also be able to share the activities they have completed, the skills they have learnt and their accomplishments on and off the playing field.

During the visit Craig shared his experiences with the group and used his story of triumph over adversity to motivate the pupils to be the best they can be.



Craig commented, 'As a Sky Sports athlete mentor I have the best job in the world working to enthuse and encourage young people through the power of sport and show them that with a little hard work they can achieve anything. I had a great visit to Torpoint Community College and worked with an outstanding group. They were fantastic throughout the entire day, worked brilliantly on all the tasks and challenges that I set them and really were one of the best groups I've worked with this year. They seemed to have great fun and I hope they proved to themselves that if they keep practicing the '6 keys to success' they already have all the skills required to achieve their dreams'.

Curriculum Leader of Learning for PE, Mr Evans, said "this is the third year we have participated in this scheme and it has once again been a fantastic experience for the staff and students at TCC to meet and work with such a hardworking, enthusiastic and inspirational sportsman in person."

All students involved said what a fantastic experience it had been.

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.