



**Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:**

Spring Term - 4 January- 24 March  
Summer Term - 11 April- 19 July



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Easter Holidays – 25 March – 8 April  
All students return to College – Monday 11 April  
Richard Feast Memorial Mile – 29 April

**Safeguarding Ambassadors win Head Start Award at Digital Technologies Conference**

TCC Safeguarding Ambassadors have recently attended a large conference at the Eden Project where they were awarded first prize for the e-safety video they produced. The conference brought together services, schools and colleges from around the Southwest to discuss digital technologies and their impact upon young people. The video formed a key part of the day and all who saw it were complimentary of both the students and the College for their proactive approach to e-safety.



The video is available if you search [iamsafe@tcc](mailto:iamsafe@tcc) and is well worth a view. Students will be making more e-safety videos soon so watch this space.

**Torpettes News**

'The Torpettes showed their sublime vocal skills in Launceston on Wednesday, at a vocal showcase for outstanding local acts. The girls sung a selection of pieces, including Hoziers' 'Take Me To Church' and a Sam Smith medley. The group were described as 'exquisite' by the team that produced the show and impressed both other performers and audiences alike. The girls were a credit to the College, and were impeccably behaved throughout the trip. The girls are now busy preparing for a number of other events, in particular, the regular trip to London this year in which they are being joined by the Stage Band!!'



**SPRING KS4 MUSIC**

**CELEBRATION  
CELEBBATION**

**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 6.30PM-7.30PM**

**ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY**

**DRAMA STUDIO**

A presentation of performance work from yr 10&11  
GCSE Music students

Tickets from Miss Luing or Music Leaders @ £2 each. Refreshments available.

## Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results and commitment to reading at TCC.

### Top Reader

Year 7 – Sam Lewis

Year 8 – Amber Dibble

Year 9 – Karen Taylor

### Millionaires (number of words read)

Amber Dibble 3,365,828

Jess Cowlard 2,446,577

Sam Lewis 1,511,444

Kirsty Bickle 1,441,343

Karen Taylor 1,548,876

Ebren Purchall 1,406,961

Salma Tye-Kent 1,225,181

Siobhan Smith 1,126,826

Charlie Woodburn 1,047,532

### 100% in quizzes since

#### September

8E1 – Kaitlyn Lancaster

9E1 – Grace Crawford

9E2 – Nicole Maunder

9E3 – Caroline Ham

Jack Woodley



### 100% in quizzes this term

7E2 – Korey Eversfield

Josiah Walker

8E1 – Grace Coppock

Kaitlyn Lancaster

Amy Pearton

8E2 – Summer Phillpott

Jasmine-Lei Sleeman

8E3 – Jacob White

Oliver Wintle

8E4 – Leighton Short

8E5 – Chloe Elliott

9E1 – Grace Crawford

Libby Haynes

Alex Small

Jess Carter

9E2 – Kaitlin Hammond

Erin Higgins

Nicole Maunder

9E3 – Dylan Greenwood

Caroline Ham

Jessica Mason

Ellyn Watt

9E4 – Jordan Bunclark

Daile McGhie

Declan Triqas



### **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.

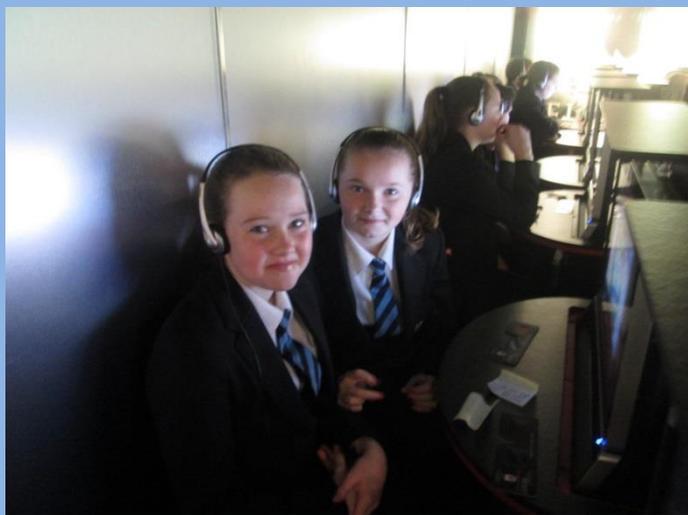
## GSUS Live 14-18 March 2016

Students at Torpoint Community College were one of only 2 schools in the entire country to have the GSUS Live mobile classroom and interactive multi-media presentation during the week 14-18 March 2016. The sound and light system created an atmosphere of anticipation as KS 3 Ethics classes entered. A 3D film introduced the 3 themes: Forgiveness, Fear&Rejection!

Students were able to investigate one or more of the themes as part of their study of the world faith Christianity; using touch screen computers and headphones. The desktop included internet searches, bible readings, film and music as well as review postcards. Student's responses to these issues which relate to the modern world were printed for them individually to keep. There was also a Q&A session where students maturely posed ethical, moral and religious questions to the team. Mrs Fry was extremely impressed with the sophisticated thought and reflection that had gone into the planning and preparation of these questions. Our students listening, reflection and empathy skills at KS 3 were exemplary.

GSUS Live has been designed to complement and support the Ethics, PHSE and Citizenship which is already taking place in our college curriculum. Core skills developed by our students include engaging with fundamental questions, exploring religious beliefs, teachings and practices, as well as developing personal responses.

A unique and successful week came to an end with the mobile classroom leaving the college on the evening of Friday 18 March but having triggered plenty of thought in our young citizens!



### Dropping off and picking up in the TCC bus bay

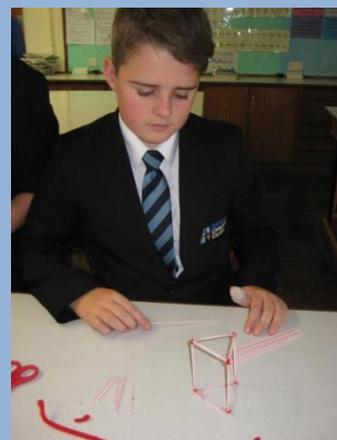
A polite reminder: please can you avoid dropping off or picking up students in the bus bay near the YMCA Sports Centre between 8.30 – 8.45 am and 3.15 – 3.40pm. Cars must not be parked in the bus bay itself as it blocks access for the school transport. Thank you for your support.

## British Science Week

Year 7 students have recently enjoyed a week of science experiments for National Science Week.

The overall winners of the poster competition were:-

Liam Farrage for Making Slime Poster  
Larra Drake for Transforming Polystyrene  
Meg Farrow for Tower Building  
Eliza Baker for Dissecting Eyeballs



The winning students were presented with early Easter Eggs by Acting Head of Science Mr Cameron during his Science week assemblies.

Thank you to all of the Science Department and our 2 student helpers, Olivia Leeman and Bryony Pearton, who assisted with the slime production.

## Ten Tors News

The Ten Tors Teams have been busy preparing for the event with a practice walk on 6<sup>th</sup> March and the first two day training expedition on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March. Conditions were ideal on 6<sup>th</sup> March and, although the temperature dropped to around -5°, the visibility was perfect. This helped the students with their navigation and enabled most to complete the walk, which ended at Postbridge.



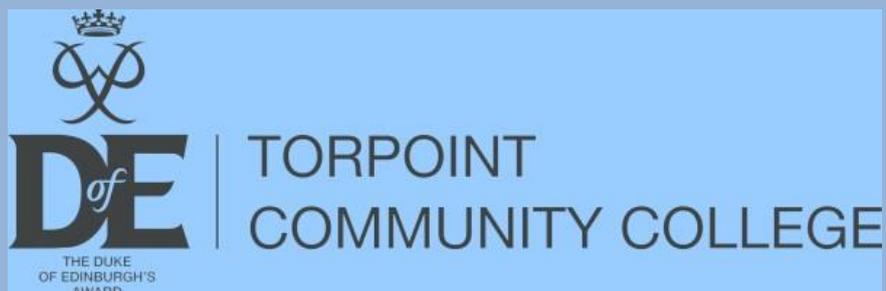
Lots of teamwork was needed by both students and adults to make the two day expedition a successful weekend. Although there were a few who struggled over the two days, most were able to complete the routes on North Dartmoor including a chilly night under canvas. Hopefully the students are looking forward to the mock weekend in April (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>). Well done to all those students who have taken part.

## Expedition training

Students from the College took part in a number of training activities on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March in preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award Expedition and the Ten Tors Challenge; some of whom are doing both. The day started with the majority of the 40 students taking part in some first aid training courtesy of HMS Raleigh. They learnt about treating hypothermia, heat exhaustion, bleeding and foot care, as well as practising some CPR.

The students then returned to the Children's Centre on the College grounds and were joined by the remaining students to learn about the equipment they need, some kit checks, plus camping and cooking skills.

It was a successful day thanks to the medical staff at HMS Raleigh, TCC staff (Lynn Trotter and June Porter), plus volunteers Colin Parton, Jen Hicks and Stuart Mitchell.



## Headteacher's Message

Despite being a shorter than usual term, this Spring Term has been exceptionally busy with activities and events. There are many changes across the education system and implementing changes brings opportunities as well as challenges. These are relevant to all schools but particularly pertinent to this smaller than average secondary school. I hope that all students and staff enjoy their well deserved break throughout the Easter or Spring holiday. Students and staff at the College have been focusing on developing 'resilience' and 'optimism' and there are several strategies ongoing throughout the College.

Below are five things that, according to research, can really help to boost our mental wellbeing:

- Connect – connect with the people around you: your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Spend time developing these relationships. Learn more in Connect for mental wellbeing.
- Be active – you don't have to go to the gym. Take a walk, go cycling or play a game of football. Find an activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life. Learn more in Get active for mental wellbeing.
- Keep learning – learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence. So why not sign up for that cooking course, start learning to play a musical instrument, or figure out how to fix your bike! Find out more in Learn for mental wellbeing.
- Give to others – even the smallest act can count, whether it's a smile, a thank you or a kind word. Larger acts, such as volunteering at your local community centre, can improve your mental wellbeing and help you build new social networks. Learn more in Give for mental wellbeing.

- Be mindful – be more aware of the present moment, including your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you. Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". It can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges. Learn more in Mindfulness for mental wellbeing.

All students will be focusing on these during the next term. Best wishes in particular to all students revising and preparing for exams; College staff are busy supporting and preparing students for these.

We return to College for the Summer Term on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April and I look forward to seeing staff and students then.

Best wishes

Mrs Hazeldine

## Mother's Day Daffodil Pick

TCC students have recently spent Mother's Day supporting the 2016 Torpoint and Rame Lions Daffodil Pick.

Abbie, Sadie, Grace, Loren and Jasmine picked daffodils in the fields in the morning then assisted with selling them at Kernow Mill.



Many thanks to our Gwithti, CATS and Lions volunteers and their families for supporting this event.

# Maths News

The Inter House **Pi Challenge** took place on Monday and was an 'edge of the seat' cliff-hanger between the students who took part.

Defending champ Sam Wainwright was quietly confident of beating his record of remembering pi to 72 digits but Kate Teppin in year 7 came in saying she had memorised up to 80 digits!

After 5 minutes of frantic writing and biting pencils, the time came to count the digits for each student.

Even though Sam had written down well over 80 digits, he made a mistake at digit 41. Tom Lancaster went as far as 51 digits before a 3 digit mix-up, but felt the pi-crown was his for the taking! He was not counting on the new kid on the block – Kate Teppin, who went past everyone by remembering the first 59 digits of pi! Not as good as her claim of 80 digits, but more than good enough to be crowned pi champ of TCC!

Here are the final results....

1 <sup>st</sup> Kate Teppin (Polhawn)	59 digits
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tom Lancaster (Tregantle)	51 digits
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam Wainwright (Polhawn)	40 digits
Joint 4 <sup>th</sup> Lara Drake (Tregantle) and Megan Sotheran (Tregonhawke)	11 digits

Prizes were given out in house assemblies. Well done to everyone who took part.



We have had a fun week in the Maths Team this week doing the **inter house spaghetti bridge challenge**.

The students loved the challenge and came up with some very interesting designs and ideas for bridges that could hold a bucket full of weights! There was some healthy competition between houses and some great celebrations when the results were announced for each year group.

The results for each year group are below, showing the total weight held by all the bridges constructed for each house. Well done to all of the students who took part!

## Year 7s

1 <sup>st</sup> Polhawn	7.5kg
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tregantle	6.9kg
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tregonhawke	5.3kg
4 <sup>th</sup> Freathy	1.7kg



## Year 8s

1 <sup>st</sup> Tregantle	12kg
2 <sup>nd</sup> Polhawn	8.5kg
3 <sup>rd</sup> Freathy	4.4kg
4 <sup>th</sup> Tregonhawke	2.4kg



## Year 9s

1 <sup>st</sup> Freathy	5.2kg
2 <sup>nd</sup> Polhawn	4.7kg
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tregantle	4.5kg
4 <sup>th</sup> Tregonhawke	2.9kg

## Year 10s

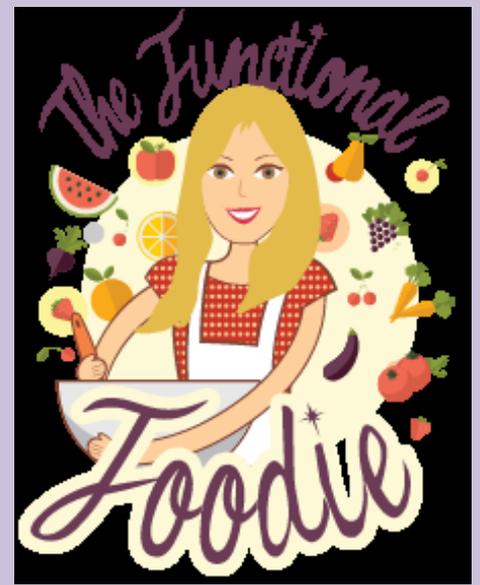
1 <sup>st</sup> Freathy	5.3kg
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tregantle	4.7kg
3 <sup>rd</sup> Polhawn	4.2kg
4 <sup>th</sup> Tregonhawke	3.1kg

## Food Technology and Catering

### Chickpea Fritters

#### Recipe

2 cans of chickpeas  
3-4 large carrots, grated  
300g hard feta, chopped  
4 eggs  
40g coriander, chopped  
100g flour  
2 tsp baking powder (gluten free if desired)  
Sea/Himalayan salt and pepper, to taste  
rapeseed oil



#### Method

Mash the chickpeas in a large bowl, adding the carrots, coriander, and feta, mixing together. Beat the eggs and add to the chickpea mixture, then stir in the flour, baking powder and salt/pepper. Mix well to combine thoroughly.

Taking a large frying pan, heat approx 1 cm of rapeseed oil on a medium heat. Add the mixture in spoonfuls, as big or small as desired, and fry until golden on each side, keeping the heat medium, and not overloading the pan with too many at a time.

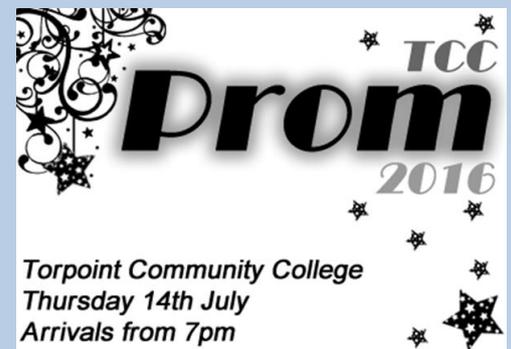
These can be served with any number of accompaniments as a quick supper or lunch, or as snacks. Mint yogurt, raita, salads like spinach and watercress, couscous or brown rice would all complement these to make a healthy meal.

Enjoy!

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> May.**



#### 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](mailto:TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk).