



Academic Year 2016/17 Term Dates:

Half Term - 29th May-2nd June
Last day of term - 21st July

Upcoming Events

Open Evening 6th June
Year 7 Parents Evening 20th June
Year 8 Parents Evening 27th June

The Ten Tors Challenge 2017

Well done and congratulations to the students who took part in this year's Ten Tors Challenge.

The students set off at 7am on Saturday, camped overnight and then were greeted by family, friends and the volunteers who had helped with their training, at the finish line at Okehampton Camp on Sunday. Both teams successfully completed the 35 miles by 12.30pm which is a great achievement.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped train the students and parents for their support throughout the season.



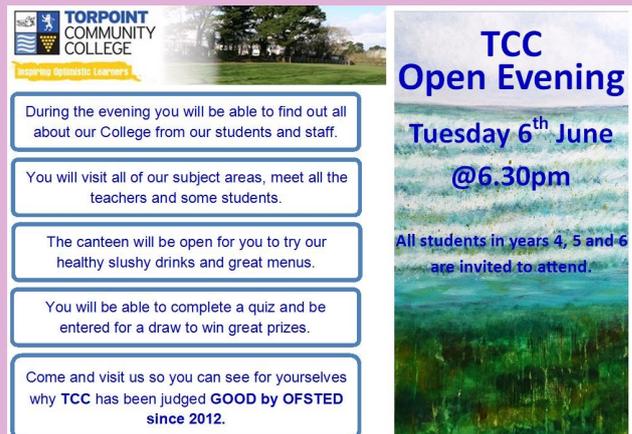
Ewan, Scott, Logan, Brad, Jack & Jack



Harry, Evan, Luke, Ross, Bella & Grace

Open Evening Invitation

Parents and carers, and students in Years 4, 5 and 6, are invited to attend our Open Evening on Tuesday 6th June at 6.30pm. Please come along and take a look at what the College has to offer and meet our staff and students



**TORPOINT
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**
Inspiring Optimistic Learners

**TCC
Open Evening**
Tuesday 6th June
@6.30pm
All students in years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend.

- During the evening you will be able to find out all about our College from our students and staff.
- You will visit all of our subject areas, meet all the teachers and some students.
- The canteen will be open for you to try our healthy slushy drinks and great menus.
- You will be able to complete a quiz and be entered for a draw to win great prizes.
- Come and visit us so you can see for yourselves why **TCC** has been judged **GOOD** by **OFSTED** since 2012.

Rewards Evening

Our annual Rewards Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 18th July with Annie Vernon, Olympic rower and silver medallist, presenting some of the awards.

The evening provides an opportunity to celebrate our students' wide range of achievements. In addition to sporting prizes, awards for achievement, enterprise and optimism, there will be the Richard Feast Science Award and The Peggy Tetley Award, kindly donated to the College by a former teacher who this year celebrated her 100th birthday. We will also be presenting for the first time the Chris Goodman Award for Services to the College.

Ten Tors Challenge 2017 photos



Ten Tors—Thank you to Mrs Porter

After months of careful preparation, the two teams of students set off on the 35 mile expedition around Dartmoor in the competition and challenge known as Ten Tors. The College has a long history of entering students in this challenge and it is only through the dedication and expertise of Mrs Porter, a Learning Mentor at the College, and her supportive group of volunteers, that students are so successful.

A parent has written:

'This weekend our daughter was one of the pupils in the Final of the Ten Tors challenge representing Torpoint Community College. We would like to write in praise of a dedicated and inspirational member of the school's staff, namely Mrs June Porter.

Mrs Porter has given selfless and outstanding support to all the pupils undertaking the training for this event since they commenced in October last year. She has organized and carried out the planning meetings and has turned out in all weathers solving every logistical problem each weekend in order for the pupils to continue training on Dartmoor.

Without her continued dedication and energy this amazing opportunity would not be possible for the pupils of the school. It is her commitment that in turn inspires also the wonderful band of volunteers and the parents to give of their own time too.

We understand Torpoint Community College has a long history of involvement in this event. Something which is a great heritage. Many parents of children now at the school having carried out the Ten Tors challenge themselves as pupils. We hope that this on-going tradition and wonderful opportunity continues to be supported by the school. It is challenging and prestigious events such as these that can develop a strength and pride in a child's character and enable them to mature into strong young adults and role models for society.

Our daughter enjoyed the physical and mental challenge of the training and the event but has said she would never have thought herself capable of carrying it out if it hadn't been for the wonderful guidance and encouragement of Mrs Porter.'

Well done to all involved.

Mrs Hazeldine

Netball News

On Sunday 14th May two teams from Torpoint and Rame Netball took part in the Torbay Junior netball open tournament at The Hub in Paignton.

The girls entered the under 16 category and represented the club and local area. It was an extremely tough competition with many of the other teams representing their region and a number of county level players.

The standard was very high and all of the girls can be extremely proud of themselves with the commitment shown and their standard of play with Team A finishing in 7th place and Team B in 10th place.

The girls who took part were:

Team A (Year 11s)



Amy, Molly, Saowalak, Iona, Jessica, Finley-Mae, Imogen (9), Nicole (10), Grace (10)

Team B (Year 10s)



Jessica, Eryn, Daisy, Jazmin, Lottie, Catrin, Adelina, Emily, Caroline

Imogen played for the Year 11 team and although only a Year 9 student, played extremely well with a number of county coaches being highly impressed with her standard of play.

Well done girls

School Funding

TCC Headteacher, Andrea Hazeldine, has recently written a letter to parents, on behalf of CASH (Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers) and 14 other counties, to raise the issue of school funding and the significant financial difficulties that all of our schools are now facing.

A full copy of the letter is on our Facebook page and also on our website.

<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/School-Funding-Parents-Letter-and-Guide.pdf>

Football Success

Year 7 student Alfie plays for Looe FC and the team have recently won the Under 12 Cup Final in the Warspite Division of the Devon Junior and Minor League. They also came second in the league overall.

Well done Alfie!



School Nurse Drop In

Please note the school nurse is available on Wednesday lunchtimes in the Student Support Centre.

No appointment is necessary; students can just turn up to ask questions or seek advice.

Message To Manchester

Mrs Hazeldine has sent the following message to the Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham:

'Our thoughts are with all the families of Monday night's tragedy: a senseless and cowardly act. From all students, staff and Governors at Torpoint Community College, Cornwall.'

Wanted!

Volunteers

Aged 13 – 18

**for Summer Reading
Challenge!**

**Please come and talk to
us at**

Torpoint Library

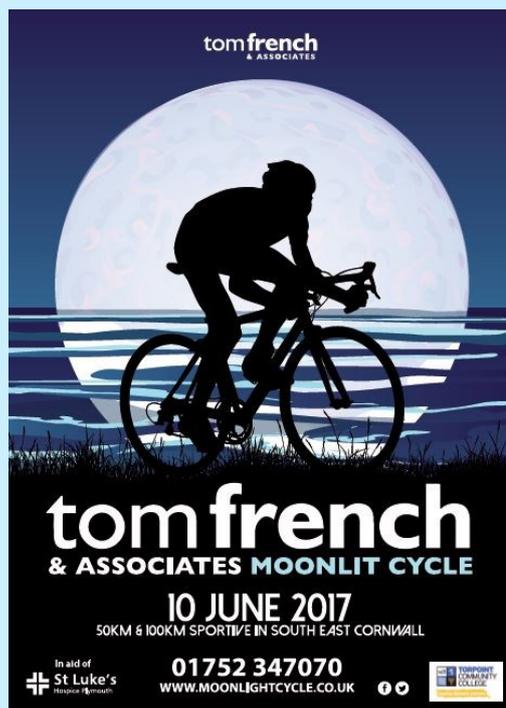


Moonlit Cycle Event—10 June

The Moonlit Cycle Event is a charity event organised and run for the sole benefit of St Luke's Hospice, and starts and finishes at the College. More details about the event can be found here:-

<http://tomfrench.co.uk/about/moonlit-cycle-2017/>

Discount codes are available from reception for TCC staff and students aged 16/17.



Memorial Statue for Richard Feast

You may have noticed that the wildlife flowers surrounding the Richard Feast Memorial Statue have become, although environmentally positive, slightly overgrown!

The photographs opposite show an area much loved but may give the impression it is uncared for. This could not be further from the truth.

This garden was initially planted with the intention of a low maintenance self-seeding wildflower haven. However, the area looks uncared for even though a great deal of care and attention was provided.

As a result the plan is for the Science Team to replant the area with grasses later this year; it is therefore work in progress.



Gardens for Life and Green Spaces

The College is lucky to have areas developed for gardening, growing and experimenting with around the College. Obviously these areas require upkeep and are often a labour of love by individual staff. Although a strategic plan for the use of each space is in hand, this is a work in progress.

The greenhouses on site are used to grow specialist plants and the Garden's for Life area is currently undergoing a transformation. The roots of the bamboo that was planted there some years back spread to the hard court tarmacked area and this area had to be replaced last year.



The Garden's for Life area is looking fantastic. Thank you to the Science team! Trish and Angie, two of TCC's incredible Science technicians and expert gardeners, have worked hard to create a very special place in the Garden's for Life. They have created a haven for frogs and newts – which have separate ponds – and are developing an area for reflection and peace.



The consideration is for this area to be visited by individual students who are supervised as part of an intervention programme in the future. Students are not allowed currently in this area: for now it is a labour of love and a work in progress

Science teachers with their Year 8 classes have started to plant a range of vegetables in the allotment section: potatoes, lettuce, green beans sit alongside the row of fruit trees. These allotments, built by Richard Feast and developed by Addy Carr, are spaces where biology comes to life. The row of fruit trees (apples, peaches, cherries) provides a great natural screen and this year promises to be a great fruit harvest (providing the birds don't get there first!).



Headteacher's Message

The exam season has started!

I know that students on roll here have worked really hard to prepare for this exam series at GCSE, Btech and A Level and are taking their exams seriously and maturely. Their conduct both in and out of the exam halls and rooms has been complimented by the invigilators and the exam board lead who visited TCC to monitor. I wanted to tell you about the mature and orderly way the formal exams are going. For the second year running Year 10 students are working as Exam Ambassadors keeping the vicinity surrounding the exam halls quiet and free from interruptions.



Students at TCC have been prepared well by the team of expert staff at TCC for their 'terminal' exams: both teachers and support staff. In the words of the lead at ASCL "Young people are not statistics. They are individuals whose life chances depend on these results." We wish all the students the best for their exams.

As you are already aware, it will not be possible to compare this year's results with those of previous years as there have been many changes to examination, syllabus and assessment patterns. Clearly the qualifications themselves and the grading systems have been amended this year to reflect the DfE's priorities. "The volume of change has made year on year comparisons of GCSE results increasingly meaningless. It is almost apples and oranges." said one education Trade Union. As a result statistical trends are becoming less and less meaningful. This year, for example, will see the first time numbers are used to differentiate the level of success in the English and maths GCSEs (numbers 1-9). All other subjects will continue to use grades: A-G. Next year these subjects too will change to use numbers also and so it will not be possible to compare results with these.

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Headteacher's Message continued

Along with the exam season, there have been a great number of other activities that students have been involved with. From developing students' academic resilience and wellbeing in the Girls' Resilience Group, to developing health and fitness in the Active Girls Group, from the preparations for Open Evening which this year is on Tuesday 6th June, to the superb art gallery exhibition and the Sixth Formers' drama production.

Mr Shaun Huggins of Huggins Bros Marina Group, and a former student of the College, has kindly donated funding with the aim of helping to address and remove those barriers that may lead to some students not making progress in their learning. In addition he is sponsoring a new award to be presented annually to the student who has shown tenacity and courage in overcoming barriers. We are extremely grateful for his support and look forward to many students here benefitting from this partnership.

Students/young people make excellent progress at the College, whatever their starting points, but there are some students whose personal circumstances (whether officially termed "disadvantaged", "Pupil Premium", claimants of "Free School Meals" or not) could affect their progress in learning and life. Staff here work incredibly hard to find out ways of supporting these students and will often voluntarily purchase food and other items from their own pockets recognising the hardship they face. In the most recent Ofsted visit in March 2017, the College was judged to still be 'Good' but they also acknowledged the difficulties the College has had to deal with and were hugely complimentary about how the College has managed it.

Advanced Notice: With the agreement of our Governors, the College will close earlier than usual - at 1.30pm - on the final day of term (21st July). Full details will be placed on the College website and Facebook page and all parents informed. There will of course be supervision of those students who wish to stay until the close of the usual day: 3.20pm.

Good Luck to all those students with their revision. The College is open for pre – organised revision sessions on the Tuesday of half term. Term resumes on Monday 5th June for what already is going to be an action packed final half term.

Mrs Andrea Hazeldine

GCSE art exhibition 2017

On Wednesday 17th May we opened our Kensa Gallery for our Year 11 art students to show their friends and family their amazing achievements in art.

The artwork this year has been outstanding and the students have worked very hard and created a beautiful exhibition. The exhibition was well attended and we had some very positive feedback and some very impressed visitors!

Thank you to all who visited the gallery and also a huge thank you to the Year 11 art students for their hard work this year.

