



TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The year has started with positivity and students have settled in well to the new academic term. Welcome to all students at the College and readers of this newsletter. As we enjoy the September sunshine, everyone at the College is full steam ahead with learning.

Plans for the year ahead are already underway with outdoor learning events, Forest School, Ten Tors expeditions, music trips and a Shakespeare Festival amongst others. Students are already involved in the numerous enrichment activities the College offers.

The focus of building students' resilience and emotional health as well as their physical health is a priority as well as our focus on gaining qualifications and results.

On that note congratulations to all students on the wonderful exam results - GCSE, A level and BTEC - over the summer! 62% of our year 11s achieved 5 or more A*- Cs including English and Maths this year: the best ever results on record and we also celebrated more students going to university post 18 than in previous years!

We wish these well in their futures. Changes to the grade boundaries and structure of exams, sometimes after the course had started, put a great deal of pressure on students and teachers during last year. This led to some volatility but we are really pleased that together we retained and even improved outcomes for students here.

My very best wishes to our TCC community for the year ahead.

Mrs Hazeldine

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 4th Sep- 19th Dec
(half term 27th Oct- 31st Oct)

Spring term- 5th Jan - 27th March 2015
(half term 16th - 20th February)

Summer Term 13th April - 17th July 2015
(half term 25-29 May)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 25th September- Year 6 Open Evening
Fri 26th September- INSET day (school closed to students).
Wed 1st Oct- Year 6 open morning

GCSE RESULTS

Inspired students at Torpoint Community College have achieved the highest results in the history of the College with a significant improvement in the number of students attaining the highest grades of A* and A in many subjects and especially in Maths, with a fantastic 20% leap in three years.

This significant improvement across the College is a reflection of both each and every inspired individual learner and the hard working members of staff.

At this early stage of examination analysis, with several results yet to come in and the sudden changes to examinations and GCSEs, approximately 62% of students gained a minimum of 5 or more GCSEs grades A* - C including English and Maths using similar measures as last year; this being the highest results yet in the history of TCC and is reflecting in the continued improving results for the third year running.

Just a few of the achievements of the students include the outstanding Lucy Haggerty as well as the girls listed below who achieved between them a grand total of 5 A* grades, 18 A grades, 6 B grades, 1 grade C and 2 distinctions. Well done to Hannah Byrne, Megan Roberts and Aimee Hannaford.

There are, of course, many stars that could be named and a massive well done to all students and all their achievements which has broken every record in history of TCC. Congratulations to Lucy Haggerty who achieved an amazing ten A* grades and a distinction, Alice Varley who achieved 4 A*, 4 A, 1 grade B, one distinction, one distinction star and one double merit. Chloe Roberts achieved 4 A*, 5 A, one grade B and one distinction.

It was clear that the class of 2014 was a very special group.



GOOD NEWS

One of our students is set to become a published author after her work became an online hit. Katie Hart, aged 18, uploaded chapters of her teen romance novel to Wattpad, a free social media platform which allows users to post articles, poems and fiction and 'discover' work by other published and unpublished writers.

Three years later Katie's writing has been read more than 40 million times and she has won two 'Watty' awards.

She has recently been awarded a contract by Harlequin books for her debut novel, 'The Good Girl's Guide to Bad Boys', due for publication on September 15. "It follows a teenage girl who starts life at uni and finds herself getting into some dark things," Katie said "I had read a few books and a lot of them had a dangerous male protagonist so I wanted to create my own version." Katie, who attends our college says she was delighted to be offered the publishing deal. "It's really exciting, it's weird because I feel too young to be doing it."



A' Level Results

Staff at TCC would like to congratulate all 6th form students who are celebrating some of the college's best ever achievements with a higher than normal number of students applying for University.

Notable individual outcomes are Matt Allen, who achieved AAAB in Biology, Maths, Physics and Chemistry as well as an A In General Studies and will be off to Princeton USA in September.

Achieving the college's best ever grades is Kirsty McBain; Kirsty gained three A*s in Biology, Chemistry and Maths and she will be going to Bristol University to study Biochemistry. Katie Hart achieved all A grades in English Literature, English Language and Media Studies. Other students who did exceptionally well are Simone Steenhagen who achieved AAB, Matt House, who also achieved AAB and Ellie Jo O'Connell who secured A* BB.

There are loads of other amazing achievements of students this year - too many to mention! Many exceeded their targets and should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. This is testament to their hard work and that of their teachers.

Overall the College is delighted. Head of Sixth Form, Becky Lear said, "Once again I feel exceptionally proud to be part of such an amazing Sixth Form with such wonderful students. We are a small institution, and yet these students are ready and willing to take their places on the world stage and they are confident to stand head and shoulders with the best. We are producing the next generation of lawyers, scientists, politicians, physiotherapists, nurse and so much more. I would like to thank each student for working so hard and each teacher for going the extra mile to support every student."

Leanne Andrews – Going for Gold!

Torpoint Community College student Leanne Andrews has recently achieved her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Leanne has worked really hard over the last 18 months, taking part in activities such as volunteering for her local Youth Club in Torpoint, being a crew member in the Tall Ships Race and more recently, has completing a four day expedition in the Brecon Beacons.

Mrs Lynn Trotter, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager at the College, said 'Everyone at Torpoint Community College is extremely proud of Leanne and her achievement. It is a tough challenge and she faced it head on with great determination and always had a smile on her face.' Leanne will be invited to St James Palace in the Spring to receive her award from the Duke of Edinburgh.



ART PRIZE WON BY A' LEVEL STUDENT

LIDFAS (Liskeard Decorative and Fine Art Society) approached TCC and other Schools and Colleges in the area in March 2014 in connection with LIDFAS's plan to make awards to talented young artists in South East Cornwall. The group visited the A' Level Exhibition in the Kensa Gallery and spent time looking carefully through the work of our talented Art and Design students.

Pat Francis, representing the LIDFAS group, contacted me in July with the fantastic news that one of our students had been selected for a prize to be presented at Liskeard Public Hall on September 9th 2014. "Of the work we saw at Torpoint, we were most impressed by Alasdair Ogilvie and his portraits. We found it very challenging to arrive at a final decision because we were so impressed by the standard of work we saw."

Alasdair and his family attended the presentation evening (see image) where he was presented with his £40 voucher for Art equipment.

LIDFAS have nominated Alasdair's work to be put forward for the NADFAS (National Association) RBA Exhibition in the Mall Galleries, London. This could mean that Alasdair's work will

be exhibited in the gallery alongside other work from Year 13 students all over the country which is hugely exciting! Hopefully Alasdair will be successful with this next phase and he will have the exciting prospect of having work exhibited in a London Gallery! Watch this space!

Really well done to Alasdair.

