



### Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:

Autumn Term – 3rd September- 18<sup>th</sup> December

Spring Term- 4<sup>th</sup> January- 24<sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term- 11<sup>th</sup> April- 19<sup>th</sup> July

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 10 Parents Evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Parents Evening
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 12 GCSE Breakfast
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

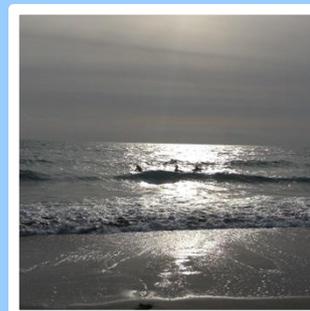
### Ten Tors introductory walk – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015

The weather conditions were perfect for the introductory walk for the Ten Tors challenge. Previous participants and adult volunteers guided the new participants around the 12 mile route near Princetown on Dartmoor. Well done to all students who took part and thank you to the volunteers for their support.



### Surf Competition

Last term 15 Key Stage 4/5 students took part in a Surf Development Programme every Monday evening at Adventure Bay Surf School. Seven students were selected to represent the College in our first inter-school competition against Marine Academy. Congratulations to our team who won every pairing and ensured an all TCC final. Ben West won the overall competition with Mel White second and Meg Brockbank-Naylor 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to more events like this, and another programme, next summer.



### 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

## Torpettes diary!

The Torpettes and T2's have a very busy schedule in the run up to Christmas!! T2's are a small and elite group of singers in training for the Torpettes. We would love you to come and support all the girls at any of the events below, particularly the Christmas Shopping concert in the Mall in Plymouth. The girls work really hard to put together a programme for all local events. Well done to all of you from the PA team.

### Diary Dates:

- Torpettes and T2's - Children in Need concert **13<sup>th</sup> November** – lunchtime – College hall
- Torpettes and T2's - Festival of Christmas Songs, **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**, Cornerstone Church, Torpoint 7-9pm
- Torpettes Peninsula Community Arts event – **December 5<sup>th</sup>** – 'The Gardens' Torpoint 7.30pm
- **Torpettes - DRAKES CIRCUS SHOPPING MALL!! Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>** 6.30 – 7.30pm. PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!!
- **T2's** - The Big Sing, St James Church Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 7pm
- School Christmas Concert **17<sup>th</sup> December** – School Hall 6.30 – 7.30pm
- St James Church Christmas Concert with the Torpoint Lady singers and RMVC Friday **18<sup>th</sup> December** 7.30 – 9.00pm



### Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice

Injury and bad weather meant that the Gold Duke of Edinburgh practise walk had to be cut short. The three Sixth Form students Tom Hicks, David Jory and Ben Craddock along with another gold participant, set off from Ivybridge for the 3 day expedition on Dartmoor during the October half term. The team managed to complete 2 days walking and an overnight wild camp before having to finish their practise walk early. Well done to the boys who were able to show the skills they will need to complete their assessment walk next year.



### Ten Tors training – 8<sup>th</sup> November

Horrible weather greeted TCC students on their second Ten Tors training expedition. Rain and thick mist meant everyone, including adult volunteers, tested both their navigational skills as well as their waterproofs! Although the walk had to be cut short everyone did really well and hopefully the weather on the next walk, in two weeks' time, will be kinder.



## Headteacher's message

There are a number of events planned to raise money for **Children in Need** this Friday across the College. Thank you in advance to all those students and staff who have participated this year. A more detailed review will be in a future newsletter.

Thank you also to all the students and staff who participated in the activities around College and in the community during **Armistice Day** and **Remembrance Sunday**. The College held a two minutes silence on Wednesday at 11am (11.11.15) and participated in Torpoint Town's commemorations.

As we are well into November and the weather has turned wetter and windier, please ensure your child has a waterproof outer coat and is encouraged to wear it. The College blazer cannot withstand heavy rain and was not designed to do so. The Governing Body have been reviewing the uniform and would like to thank all parents and students for their co-operation. I have been receiving many complements from the Torpoint Town Council and members of the public praising the uniform and how smart students are looking.

This week six students from the Sixth Form gave presentations as part of their application for Head Girl and Head Boy to an interview panel made up from other students and staff. All the students gave excellent presentations and the standard was very high. We have decided to appoint a **Student Leadership Team** comprising students from the Sixth Form along with Year 11 representatives as there are a number of activities and events the students want to organise across the College. More information will follow in future editions of this newsletter. My warmest congratulations to the Sixth Formers who gained a place on this Student Leadership Team.

Mrs Hazeldine

## Wardrobe bursting at the seams? Can't fit another outfit in? Well TCC can help!

A very kind parent has donated her daughter's Prom dress to us and this has given us an idea. Lots of us have ball gowns and Prom dresses taking up space in our wardrobe's which we know will never be worn again. We would like to put them to good use and set up a 'store' of dresses for students who can then hire them for the Prom and make a donation to charity. We would love it if you passed these dresses on to us. Ideally they need to be clean and ready for the next person to wear. Please contact us or drop your dress in to main reception.



## GCSE Celebration Breakfast - Friday 11<sup>TH</sup> December 2015

Were you in Year 11 last year? Watch your post box for a lovely invitation. As a College we are celebrating our best ever GCSE results and we would like to thank our ex Year 11s by inviting them to a GCSE Celebration Breakfast on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will be one last chance for students from 2015 to get together as a year group. The breakfast will be in the Sixth Form Common Room 9.30am - 11.00am, starting with a short welcome speech followed by a full English Breakfast and a chance to catch up with friends and staff. During the gathering students will be able to collect their GCSE certificates. If unable to attend, these can be collected via the main reception.

We look forward to catching up with you all.

Mrs Lear