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**NEWSLETTER**



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**Academic Year 2016/17 Term Dates:**

Friday 10th February - Inset Day  
13th-17th February - Half Term

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Academic Review Day 27th & 28th March

**STEM/Careers session with the REME**

The role of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) is to keep the punch in the Army's fist. It's the REME's job to maintain, repair and manufacture equipment and to keep the Army's battle winning aircraft, tanks, vehicles and weapons in good working order. A small team of soldiers from REME visited Torpoint Community College to work with a group of talented more able Maths and Science students using air-powered Rocket cars.

The session focussed on maths, problem solving, project management, resource allocation and of course the students tested the cars that they designed.

Well-done to all the students involved, there were some great examples of designs, engineering and some very fast cars, including a racing combine harvester!



**Lions Award Evening**

The Torpoint & Rame Lions arranged an Awards Evening on Tuesday 24th January in the Council Chambers to recognise the achievements of Torpoint Community College Gwitthi, Lions Young Leaders and volunteers.

Students received a framed certificate and lapel badge to recognise 100 volunteering hours. Abbie Milliner, Year 10, was awarded a special certificate to mark 150 volunteering hours.

The students have made doll's clothes for the Plymouth Women's Refuge, joined the Lions on Beach Cleans, picked daffodils for the Lions events etc.

Well done to all the students involved.

## Consent Assembly

Year 10 and 11 boys recently attended an assembly by Devon and Cornwall Police to explain the laws around consent.

As explained clearly it is vital that this information is very clearly understood to protect them and help them make positive choices. They were also shown the consent and tea video available online.



## Science Recognition

Well done to Mrs Bray's Year 8 Science class who were asked to make a model to represent the Solar System for their homework.

The class worked really hard and produced some fantastic work.

Well done 81A.



Our Year 10 and 11 girls will be attending a similar assembly but it was felt that same gender groupings would allow the group to be more receptive to what can be a tricky message.

If students have any concerns they can visit the websites given to them in the assembly or email:

[worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Lacrosse at TCC

24 Year 9 students have been selected to take part in the College's first Lacrosse Development Programme.

The introductory session with England Lacrosse's regional development coach gave our students a chance to try the game. The training programme started in January and will continue weekly initially for those invited, and we hope to get our first competitive teams together by next summer.



Lacrosse is a fast, exciting team game not seen in many South West schools at a competitive level. We are looking forward to our new partnership with England Lacrosse to see how we can help develop it in Devon and Cornwall in the future.

## Hate Crime Competition and Holocaust Memorial Day

Last October Year 8 students in PHSE and Ethics were invited to take part in a competition to expose, explore and reflect on the issues surrounding Hate Crime, after a visit from our local police; a representative supporting survivors of the Holocaust and representative from 'Transfigurations', a support network for transgender people of all ages.

Students were invited to take part in the competition, open to schools and colleges across Cornwall, asking them to express their feelings and views about all forms of Hate Crime - in either a poster, a leaflet, a poem, a song or an essay. The response from our students was fantastic, and the level of thought and attention to this task was outstanding. This was recognised by the local police authority who, with additional agencies, received the entries from TCC with huge appreciation and awarded a range of prizes to our students for their considered responses.



Ten of our students were awarded prizes as runners up, and three were announced winners in their individual categories. Prizes were presented to our students by PC Geoff Turner-Moore on Tuesday 17th January. TCC was also awarded the top prize for the best essay written by Sam Bacon. Many congratulations to: Ines Alvarez, Caden Mogg, Matthew Ashdown, Eliza Baker, Kayleigh Jones-Clark, Megan Farrow and Chloe Vincent.

As competition winners we were invited to join the Holocaust Memorial Day exhibition at Truro Cathedral on Friday January 27th, which we attended with twelve of our competition prize winners. The exhibition included our students' work, as well as entries from other schools and colleges, and a display providing information about the various stages of Genocide. A hugely interesting and engaging exhibition, which was not only educational, but also enlightening, exploring the previous decade leading through the 'path to genocide' right up to the 'final act' of the mass murder of minority groups and the Jewish people.



Truro Cathedral are also in the process of replacing the roof in the coming months, and as such are inviting members of the community, visitors and local community groups to sign a tile in commemoration of the cathedral and these recent events. TCC were invited to do this to mark the students' involvement and commitment to their community and the Holocaust Memorial Day.

This was a privilege to be a part of and a pleasure to support with our wonderful students, who are a credit to both TCC and the wider Cornish community.'



## Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your continued support in making sure your son/daughter is getting the best out of TCC.

Can we please take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations of uniform at the College. We are extremely proud of our uniform, we often get messages and reports from members of the community and parents/carers to say how smart our students look. Thank you so much for supporting us with this. Without you, we would not be able to keep up the great standards.

We must remind you that students must not wear chino style trousers or stretchy skirts as this material is not permitted, as stated in our behaviour policy; also, these types of skirts tend not to adhere to our policy on the length. The bottom of the skirt should be no more than 5cm above the knee. There is a skirt available from SWI that we strongly recommend as it is the correct material and should be the correct length—this is the 'Colchester' skirt. Please feel free to check the SWI website for more details.

The 'Colchester' skirt has been the compulsory skirt for year 7 this Academic Year; we intend to ask parents to gauge whether they would like us to make this skirt compulsory for ALL girls in ALL year groups. This could help the parents make quicker choices when choosing skirts for their child. Please send an email to:

[enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk) with the subject title **Skirts survey** if you would like to send us your opinion at this stage. We would really appreciate your feedback.

Can you please also note that nose studs are not acceptable in the College as per our Policy.

We pride ourselves in working closely with parents so we can achieve the best outcomes for every student in our care.

Should you have any queries regarding the College's uniform please do not hesitate to contact us.



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## Work Experience 2017

Work is ongoing to try and secure work placements for our Year 10 students in July. For those students who haven't currently arranged a work placement please try and do so as soon as possible.

If you can obtain a telephone number and return it to Mrs Mathews after the half term she will try her best to arrange a place for you.

## Year 11 Catering Practical Exams:

Once again our Year 11 students have done the College proud in their GCSE Catering Practical Exams, worth 40% of their final GCSE grade.

This year the brief was to produce a two course meal, for two covers, from a country of their choice, as well as demonstrating a range of different cooking methods and culinary skills. Students excelled in making a variety of challenging dishes from all over the world. All our learners did exceptionally well, working to tight time constraints, with pleasing outcomes. There were a few students who really stood out.

To name a few, Carl Craddock, whose chosen country was France made salmon En-croute, with a cream cheese and spinach filling, his own rough puff pastry all served with julienne carrots, French green beans and Dauphinoise potatoes. For dessert he made Tart Tatin, served with fresh berries and Cème Anglaise.

James Davies also produced an outstanding meal. He made chicken fajitas, (where he demonstrated the skills of portioning a chicken), homemade

tortilla wraps served with a trio of dips, followed by churros and a rich chocolate dipping sauce.



Jessie Evans produced a stunning traditional Italian meal of Spaghetti Carbonara with homemade pasta and garlic bread followed by a tiramisu served with Biscotti biscuits.



Well done to all of our Year 11 students - a great effort!

Mrs Donald and Miss Baker

## Year 11 Mock Results Evening

Teachers of Year 11 students would like to say a huge thank you to parents who came to our Mock Results evening.

The atmosphere was one of nerves, happiness, celebration and motivation and drive to go on and try and achieve even higher grades in the actual exams in the Summer Season.



We had an address by Miss Blandin, Mr Golding, Mr Cameron and a number of sixth formers. The speeches focused on the importance of revision, revision, revision, the new grading systems in Maths and English, the various strategies for learning and remembering and the importance of staying healthy.

The feedback from both parents and students was overwhelmingly positive and we have already seen a fantastic number of Year 11 students take the opportunity to attend more revision sessions and make improvements to their own motivation to succeed.

A huge thank you to parents and students in advance for how much effort will go into the next few months to ensure each student is at their optimum stage of preparation to achieve and even exceed all expectations.

## Singing Success

Ebren Purchall took her grade six London College of Music Musical Theatre exam in December. She had to perform four different songs from different eras with quick costume changes in between, followed by a formal discussion with the examiner. She was extremely pleased to gain a secure distinction. To achieve this level at such a young age is fantastic.

Earlier in the year Ebren, Beth Arnold and Meg Devey were chosen to perform as part of the BBC Ten Pieces Choir in the Royal Albert Hall for the BBC Youth Proms. Then, they were chosen as part of a select few Cornish girls to perform at the celebrity-studded wedding of Olympic gold medallist Helen Glover and TV presenter Steve Backshall. A tremendous achievement for the girls who put in so many hours of hard work and dedication and had been sworn to secrecy for months!

Well done girls.

## Cornwall Council Post-16 Transport Consultation

Cornwall Council's Post-16 Transport Policy sets out how and when the Council provides subsidised transport for young people aged 16-19 to attend school, college or another education establishment.

The Council is consulting on a number of potential changes to this policy which would come into effect from either September 2017 or September 2018.

The consultation will run from Friday 3 February 2017 until Friday 17 March 2017 and everyone is welcome to give their views. The consultation paper and details of how interested parties can give their views on the proposed changes can be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/post-16-transport/post-16-transport-consultation/>