



**TORPOINT
COMMUNITY
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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2016/17 Term Dates:

3rd-17th April - Easter Break
1st May - Bank Holiday

Upcoming Events

Academic Review Day 27th & 28th March
Memorial Mile 28th April
Open Evening 5th July (TBC)

Girls Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 9 girls who signed up and attended the first girls rugby session this week. The session was fun, active and competitive and was led by Talei Seru. The sessions will continue every Monday lunch time for those involved.

Talei is completing the BTEC National Diploma in our Sixth Form and is really excited to be taking up her offer to attend St Marys University to follow a degree in Sports Coaching in September. She has also been invited to train with Harlequins Ladies Rugby Team whilst at St Marys so we are really excited to have her expertise for coaching on Monday lunch times.



Wellbeing and Work Exhibition

A group of Year 11 and 12 students attended Cornwall's largest interactive healthcare exhibition - Wellbeing and Work - at Treliske Hospital on 28th February.

The exhibition gave students the opportunity to meet the health professionals and hear up to date advice about the hundreds of careers on offer in Health & Care. Students had a go at interactive activities, listened to the experts and took part in workshops.

Mrs Bray picked up many leaflets and booklets with information about a range of careers within the health and care sector and these can be viewed in the Careers section within the College Library.

Thank-you to the students that attended.





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Work Experience 2017

Work is on-going 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 she will try her best to arrange a place for you.

Music News!

Ebren Purchall took part in a concert with the Cornwall County Youth Choir in the Hall for Cornwall on Tuesday 28th February.

Well done Ebren, TCC is proud of you.

Careers Trip

Year 10 students visited The Skills Show South West on Thursday 2nd March. There was a huge range of stands from local employers and Higher Education institutes and lots of information about Apprenticeships. Students were able to pick up a vast array of resources about possible career choices.

Next is National Careers Week, and assemblies about Apprenticeships and University are planned, as well as our own Careers Fair that took place on 14th March.



Ten Tors

Students completed another successful walk on Sunday 12th March in preparation for Ten Tors. They set off from Leeden Car Park in the mist and rain but fortunately the weather cleared and they finished in sunshine at Postbridge.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to those that supported us. The next walk will be a 2 day expedition with an overnight camp.



Auschwitz trip

On Wednesday 1st March two Year 13 History students, Emily Baker and James Fortt, visited the Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz in Poland. They travelled as part of the Lessons From Auschwitz programme and both Emily and James had applied for places on this year's trip. They will be working with Year 9 students over the next few weeks in lessons to help them understand what happened during the Holocaust.

Here they describe their experience:

"Upon arriving at Krakow Airport, we were directed into the coaches that would drive us to the town of Oświęcim. Here we could see the barren field that was once the Great Synagogue and the large market square that once housed merchants from all walks of life. There we were shown photos of the square which acted as a testament to pre-war Jewish integration into Polish society. From there we took a short coach journey to Auschwitz I, the first work and death camp to have been installed near the town. The red brick buildings that housed thousands of prisoners now serves as a museum so that we might not forget the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime.

The atmosphere here was sombre as we progressed through the iconic gates where the slogan "Work sets you free" mocked the arrivals with false hope. Another short journey away was the second, and larger, Auschwitz II Birkenau, the scale of which astounds all upon arrival. This camp was far larger and primarily operated as an extermination camp on an industrial scale. To finalise the message of remembrance made here, a service was held by a Rabbi before our return."



Careers Fair 2017

TCC held its own Careers Fair on 14th March. A range of employers and higher education institutions took part including; Babcock (engineering), Plymouth University, GP Strategies (Apprenticeships), Skills Group (Apprenticeships), CITB (careers in Construction), Tesco, Ginsters, Exeter University, University of St Marks and St. Johns – Marjons, 3D Kernow – 3D printing, Nurturing Excellence – Food Science, Cornwall College – Animal Care, NHS Careers, Army, RAF and the Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry.

All students from Year 8 to Sixth Form were invited and were able to ask questions as well as pick up many leaflets with more detailed Career Advice. Students were able to have time to contemplate the sort of careers they would like to pursue.

The atmosphere and engagement of all students was excellent. This marks the end of our Career Week celebrations – don't forget to check out the CareerPilot website to do some careers research and planning – www.careerpilot.org.uk.



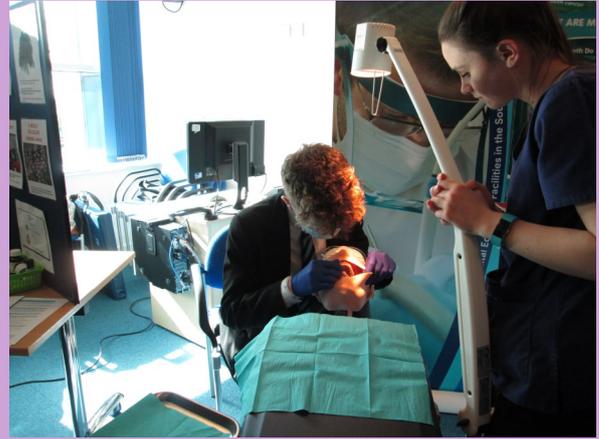
Headteacher's Message

I am pleased to report that the high quality of education here was recognised by the Ofsted Inspectors that evaluated the College last week. The quality of teaching by all staff was strongly positive and students were noted for their excellent behaviour, attitude, attendance and punctuality. It was also recognised that TCC has exceptionally high standards of safeguarding (and child protection) and the students themselves commented that they felt safe at the College. Thank you for your input into the stakeholder survey that is part of the Ofsted Common Inspection Framework. I receive the official letter confirming findings from Ofsted in a few weeks so I will be able to write further in the next newsletter.

Of course, the quality of learning here is important. The wider curriculum is also important. For such a small secondary school, we offer our students a wide range of opportunities outside the taught curriculum also, a fact the Ofsted Inspection Team recognised. It has been Careers Week, Maths Week and Science Week since the last newsletter for example. I am proud of both students and staff: we are a strong community and a team. We work closely with other schools locally, nationally and internationally to ensure that we offer the highest standards in education, wellbeing and we use research, particularly that from neuro-science, to inform our practice.



The Skills Show South West



Attendance at Wellbeing and Work Exhibition



Students participating in Science Week

Since the last newsletter, I have discussed how the proposed National Funding Formula and funding in general negatively affects TCC with representatives from Torpoint Town Council, our local MP, Parish Councillors and other stakeholders in the community. You may have heard stories in the news of the inequalities of the school funding system and the likely impact on schools. The Governors at TCC are keen to retain the high quality and standards at TCC but recognise the challenges the College faces. Further information is on the College website.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter and finding out about the selection of events happening around the College.

Andrea Hazeldine