



**TORPOINT**  
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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

Memorial Mile 28th April  
Year 13 Leavers Breakfast 26th May  
Year 7 Parents Evening 20th June

## Torpoint Students Success in UK Maths Competition!

Thirteen of our top mathematicians in Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge in February.

The maths challenge is a one hour paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which make them challenging and enjoyable to those taking part. It is a national competition with 250,000 of Britain's best mathematicians taking part. The paper is designed to challenge the most able students and get them to think about the maths skills that they need to use.

There were some fantastic results at Torpoint Community College with the following four students participating receiving awards. Craig (Year 11) and Hollie (Year 9) both came top of their year groups. Josh (Year 10) achieved a Bronze certificate and Genna of Year 10 achieved a Silver certificate which puts her in the top 30% of mathematicians her age in the country! She also received the Best in Year 10 and Best in School Certificate.

Well done everyone!



## Ten Tors

The first two day training expedition on Dartmoor took place last weekend and the strong winds and bright sunshine certainly left some faces glowing. Although the sun shone, the cold wind kept the temperatures down.

The teams set off from the small village of Belstone, near Okehampton, and walked across the North Moor to camp near Prewley. The students all settled in their tents by 9pm after pitching tents, cooking, eating and tidying – a first for many years.

On Sunday, after the clocks had moved forward, they were up and prepared to start walking again from the Y-junction near Okehampton Army Camp. Some struggled for various reasons but most successfully completed the walk across and down the moor to finish near Warren House Inn.



A big thank you to the adults who supported the students over the weekend and for organising the transport home after one of the buses broke down at Okehampton.

Can students please return any maps, compasses & team phones as soon as possible ready for the Mock expedition straight after the Easter holidays.

## Inter House Maths Challenge

This years Inter-House Maths Challenge involved students using their artistic design skills as well as their maths skills. The activity took place during Maths Week, with years 7, 8, 9 and 10 all having a go at the challenge.

The students were asked to work in teams of four, and each had to come up with a design including their house logo, as well as some mathematical shapes. They then had to pass their design onto someone else in their team to reflect, rotate, or translate, so each team ended up with four designs!



There were some fantastic designs from all the year groups, and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to use their art and maths skills at the same time. A lot of thought went into many of the designs, showing an

excellent understanding on different transformations.



Mr Doogan, a Maths teacher, helped to organise the event and said, " There was a real buzz in the hall during each year group challenge. The students worked well in their teams, communicating and explaining reflections, rotations and translations to each other very well. They all seemed to really enjoy it."

## Gwithti News

Lions Youth Officer, Louise Slee, popped in to TCC recently to show the Gwithti volunteer students some beach debris that she had collected in preparation for their beach clean in April. Students then made some pictures with the 'treasure' that had been washed up.



## Community Chest Funding

We would like to say a very big thank you to Councillor Brian Hobbs for agreeing to fund a new wheel chair for use by visitors when attending community events hosted by the College such as the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

We are also very grateful for the funding received to help support a daily breakfast club that is run in the College's Student Support Centre.

Most of the food and drink used by the breakfast club is donated by College staff who deserve a very big thank you also.



## Accelerated Reader Rewards for this term

### Millionaires (Words read)

Kostek Szewczyk 2,258,381

Amber Dibble 1,468,274

Jason Ryder 1,384,830

Jessie Hitchcock 1,030,686

### Top Readers

#### Year 7

Jason Ryder

#### Year 8

Kostek Szewczyk

#### Year 9

Amber Dibble



**100% Club** (100% in quizzes since  
September with 2 or more books)

#### 7E1

Millie Adams

#### 7E2

Molly Evans

#### 7E3

Amy Bonsor

#### 8E2

Beren Carne-Brooks

Lily Townsend

#### 8E3

Ben Lakeman

#### 9E1

Deryn Matthews

Jennifer Middleton

Ryan Soh

#### 9E2

Jasmine-Lei Sleeman

#### 9E4

Taegan Perkins

Gabriel Rusalowicz

#### 9E5

Chloe Elliott

Tyler Jeffcoate

Well done everyone!

## Take 3 Parenting Programme

An informal and friendly course, run over 10 sessions, to help support parents and carers of challenging teenagers is being run at Saltash Children's Centre between 25 April and 4 July on Tuesdays between 1.00 and 3.00pm.

Please see the College's website or Facebook page for more details and how to book a place.

## More pictures from last Weekend's Ten Tors Expedition.....



## Maths Challenges

Torpoint students have been taking part in the regional heats of some maths challenges against local schools in recent weeks.

The UKMT Maths Team Challenge took place at Coombe Dean School and involved students from Years 8 and 9. The students had to negotiate a number of tough rounds, including a group competition, a mathematical crossnumber, a relay round and a shuttle round.

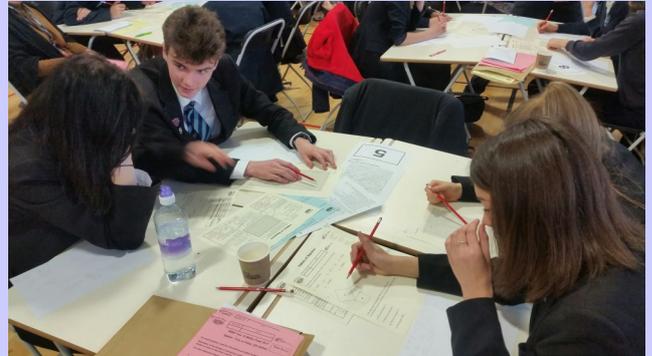
Our students worked really well as a team and showed some excellent mathematical reasoning during the day. We finished a credible 10<sup>th</sup> overall out of the schools that took part. Well done to Kate and Luke in Year 8, and Jenna and Jack in Year 9.

The FMSP Maths Feast took place at UTC Plymouth and involved students from Year 10. The rounds were split into a true or false round, a comprehension round, a relay round and a problem solving round.

Our team of Year 10 students were fantastic, showing a brilliant understanding in the early rounds, and being right up there with the leaders. The final rounds were challenging, and our students made an

excellent effort on some very tricky problems. We ended finishing 9<sup>th</sup> overall, but our students should be very proud of how they performed. Well done to Tyler, Adelina, Catrin and Genna.

Both sets of students were fantastic and a real credit to the College.



## Headteacher's Message

Another packed term is drawing to a close. There have been so many curricular and extra-curricular work and projects happening at TCC; this newsletter contains just a few of the many activities going on at the College.

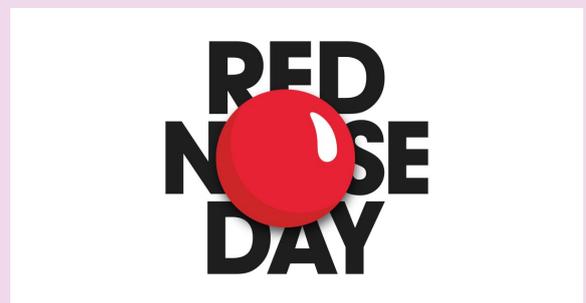
We say goodbye to Mrs Luing-Holmes and Mrs Williams at the end of this term. We thank them for their work in helping the College's development and know that there will be a corner of their heart that is forever TCC. We wish them well in their new ventures and posts knowing they take with them the skills and expertise they have developed whilst here.

Have a great Easter and I hope the sun shines on us all.

Mrs Hazeldine

## Red Nose Day

Well done to everyone at TCC who took part in raising money for Red Nose Day.



Through a range of different activities we managed to raise in excess of **£600** which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to all students and staff who participated and for helping raise funds for this very worthwhile cause.

## Pi Challenge

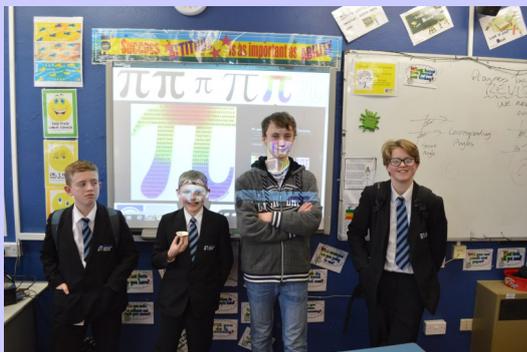
The Inter House Pi Challenge took place on Thursday last week and ended up being a keenly fought contest between some highly talented mathematicians!

Defending champ Kate in Year 8 was hoping she could hold onto the “pi champ” crown for another year, but Sam in Year 12 was also determined to regain the title of “pi-miester” after being usurped by Kate the previous year! Hollie (Year 9), Luke (Year 8), Kieran (Year 7) and Tom (Year 12) were also up for the challenge and any one of them were capable of causing an upset!

After 3.14 minutes of frantic writing and biting pencils, the time came to count the number of digits each student had scribbled down. Hollie’s work was the first to be checked, and she remembered the first 25 digits of pi – an excellent effort. Next up was Kieran, who went higher remembering 44 digits. Superb stuff!

Tom and Kate had theirs checked next. Tom weighed in with 54 digits but made a mistake at digit 55! Kate went better with 55 digits, but again could have got more but for a mix up on digit 56!

The last two students needed to be marked. The first of these, Luke raised the bar with an incredible 68 digits of pi recalled. It was just Sam that stood between Luke and “pi-glory” .....



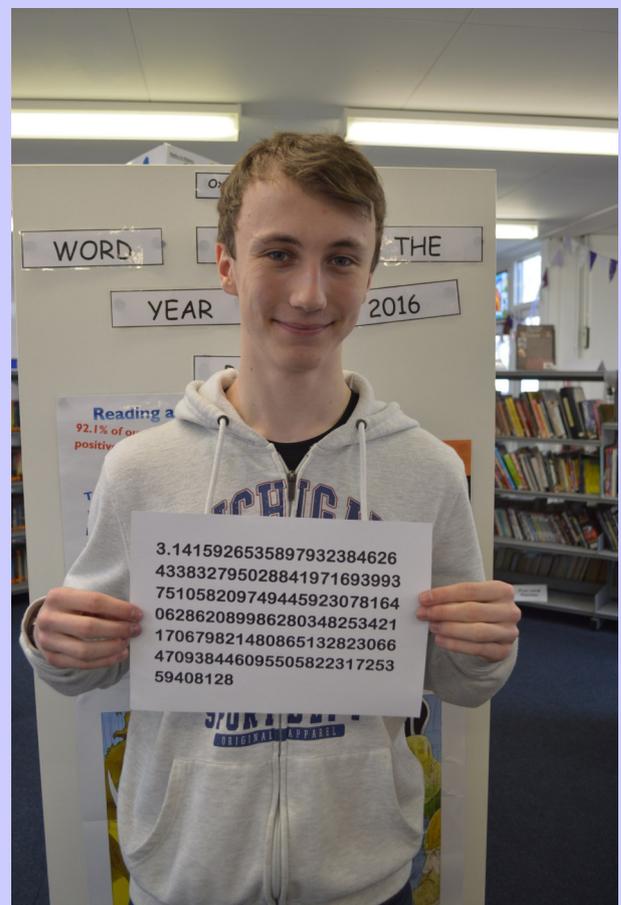
but incredibly Sam went further than anyone else in the 4 year history of the pi-challenge!! A mind-boggling 150 digits of pi written down in the correct order (he actually wrote 170 digits but made a small mistake at digit 151!). A gargantuan effort

from Sam and by far the highest total of digits recalled by a student from TCC in a pi challenge.

Here are the final results....

1st Sam (6 <sup>th</sup> Form)	150 digits
2nd Luke (Tregonhawke)	68 digits
3rd Kate (Polhawn)	55 digits
4th Tom (6 <sup>th</sup> Form)	53 digits
5th Keiran (Tregantle)	44 digits
6th Hollie (Polhawn)	25 digits

Well done to everyone who took part! All students received an apple pie for their Efforts. Second and third place received maths geometry kits and the winner a £10 Google Play voucher!



Sam with his winning 150 digits!

## Year 11 Drama

Year 11 Drama students have had a busy week working on their performances.

A 'Celebration Evening' was held on Wednesday for an invited audience and their final exam will take on the last day of term! The students have worked very hard and with passion and commitment which showed in their final pieces.

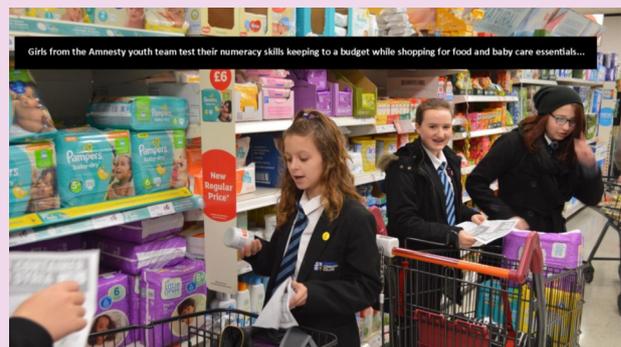
Well done and congratulations to all Year 11 Drama students.



## Amnesty Club

I am extremely proud to report that in the run up to Christmas 2016, our resident Amnesty youth team rallied themselves to support the Saltash-based, humanitarian, refugee aid organisation 'Open Hearts Open Borders', following a very successful 'Music for Action' lunchtime performance in the College.

We raised £150 and collected box upon box of donated tinned food for the shipment to Syria. With money in hand, our small band of committed human rights advocates headed down to Sainsburys in Torpoint and filled their trolleys with as much food and baby care essentials as their money could buy. In support of their efforts, the store manager even generously donated the youth team an additional £50 gift voucher which they added to the pot.



Two hundred pounds later and the group and I headed to Saltash, hoping to catch the last Syria-bound aid shipment to leave the South West for the next several months. Amazingly we arrived just in time, as a hard working human chain of volunteers loaded a truck with boxed food, clothing and toiletries. Determined to contribute to this show of compassion by local volunteers, our Amnesty youth team joined the human chain to help shift mountains of aid from the sorting depot to the awaiting truck.

It has since been reported that NGOs in Syria have received our container of humanitarian aid and that it has been distributed to vulnerable Syrian refugees who so desperately need it.

A massive congratulations to our TCC Amnesty youth team for their far reaching, humanitarian work. Well done!

## ARD Thanks

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who attended our ARD Evening and ARD morning earlier this week.

The overall attendance was 85%, which is fantastic and we know some parents have arranged later appointments and visits due to clashes with other commitments.

The discussions which took place were extremely valuable and absolutely key in making sure all students are in the best position to be inspiring optimistic learners and become happy, successful citizens beyond their life in TCC.

Our parental survey gave us some useful data showing that :

**97%** of the parents feel that: Torpoint Community College is fully committed to creating a safe and caring environment for all pupils.

**100%** of the parents feel that: As a parent you feel supported by the College to safeguard your child.

**100%** of the parents feel that: The pastoral care is good.

**94%** of the parents feel that: The college discipline is good.

**100%** of the parents feel that: Torpoint Community College is a good school.

Again, we would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers who always help with forming the strong partnership we have here at TCC to ensure we provide the best education for all students. We recently had visitors to come and check the quality of the education we provide for this great community within Torpoint and surrounding areas and we will be sharing this report with you as soon as we can.

All staff would like to pass on their wishes for all the students and their families to have a great holiday over the Easter Period.

Together we will succeed.

