



**TORPOINT**  
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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

**NEWSLETTER**



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### Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

Inset Day - Friday 29 September

Half Term - 23-27 October

Christmas Holidays - 21 December-3 January

### Upcoming Events

10 November-Remembrance Day Red Muffi

13 November-Academic Review Day Evening

14 November-Academic Review Day

13-16 November –Scholastic Book Fair

## Apprenticeship Success at TCC

We are delighted to announce that the following students have gained prestigious apprenticeship following their successful Year 11 work at TCC:

- Matt Blair and Tom Short are at Mashford's Boatyard.
- Tyler Foster and Lance Dearden are at Babcock.
- Oliver Rickard joined Princess Yachts.
- Olivia Bullock who has joined MYAMI hair.
- Riley Carney—apprentice chef at The Old Rowing Club
- Calvin Heald will be with Pipex and has already started at City College. Calvin also gained Silver in the Industrial Cadet Scheme when he went to Plessey Semiconductors for his work experience

For some of the students, the interview process included many challenging tasks and started back in October 2016. Students had to show resilience, drive and determination through the whole process.

Miss Thomas is particularly pleased in the knowledge that, for some of them, their beautiful outstanding work in Product Design has been important in their interview process to enable them to talk about their experiences in designing and making.

She said, "All of the students worked on a Design Brief which tasked them to design and make a low voltage light which used card as its main material and had as small an environmental impact as possible. The students went through a rigorous design process developing not only the aesthetics and function but also considering a budget, manufacturing process and evaluating their product at the end. They also had a written exam which tested their general Design Technology understanding; different materials, manufacturing processes, developments in technology, product analysis and so on. This knowledge and understanding proved exceptionally useful during the interview process as they had to demonstrate both a practical and theoretical knowledge. I am really proud of their achievements and all their creative hard-work."

We hope these students keep in touch to let us know how they get on and to help educate our younger students about the merits of an apprenticeship.

### GCSE Factsheet For Parents - Reminder

GCSEs in England are changing.

Please click the following link to our website to see the full article:-

<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/GCSE-factsheet-for-parents-June-2017.pdf>

## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the start of a new Academic Year and a very special welcome to all the new students that have joined us at the College and a particularly warm welcome to our 112 Year 7 students and their families.

I hope you had a really enjoyable and relaxing summer break and are now back into the routine as we start to progress through the Autumn Term.

Students returned to the College with enthusiasm and energy, and looking very smart, and can I take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support with the College's Uniform Policy.

I am sure you have heard a great deal of information in the media about the examination results. This was the first year through the new English and Mathematics GCSEs and many students have achieved an array of outstanding results. Please see our website for further details.

The new GCSEs cover more challenging content and are designed to match standards in the strongest performing education systems elsewhere in the world. If this wasn't enough change there were also new style two-year A' Levels where courses are significantly more challenging and involve a totally different style of learning for students who were used to the modular style. Although it is difficult to make direct comparisons with previous years due to the changes in GCSEs and A' levels, it is clear from the results that the class of 2017 was a very special group and they should be very proud of what they have achieved.

Mrs Andrea Hazeldine, Headteacher, is currently on a two term sabbatical conducting educational research and has given me the opportunity to lead and manage the College during this time. This is an absolute honour and I would like to share the 4 College priorities that we will be working towards this year:

- Create new and refine existing strategies so that students' resilience is

further developed - both academic resilience and health related resilience

- Develop Key Stage 3 as the engine room for learning: build students' curiosity for learning, experience of and expertise in examination, revision and learning techniques in all subjects as preparation for Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and linking with Key Stage 2
- Help all students to progress and achieve by showing them positive examples of contemporary individuals who have achieved in the subject areas
- Investigate and develop a 'best' fit 'pastoral' structure (involving tutors).

These 4 priorities are fundamental to our College motto "Inspiring Optimistic Learners" as staff at the College, with the great support of parents, shape and equip the students with the skills and knowledge for their future lives ahead.

With my kind regards

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Acting Headteacher



## Noah achieves outstanding results in his GCSE Exams and on the water!

Torpoint Community College Student Noah Rees, from Millbrook, is a member of the Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club and became the RS Aero 7 World Youth Champion after competing recently in the Rooster RS Aero World Championships held in Carnac, France.

The five day event saw Noah compete in 12 races against competitors far older and more experienced than him and from all over the world including Australia, USA and Europe. He came 20th overall out of 62 entrants, achieving a 10th place in his second race and wresting the youth title (under 19) from Yannick Gloster from Santa Barbara, California, USA.

Later this month Noah is looking forward to taking part in the RS Aero Youth Nationals at Burghfield, Berkshire and then the Nationals at Hayling Island.

16 year old Noah also achieved outstanding results in his GCSE Exams with 1 grade A\*, 2 grade As, 1 Grade 8, 3 grade Bs, 1 grade 7 and 1 grade 5.

He is staying on in the Sixth form to study Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

We wish him every success in the Sixth Form at TCC and beyond with his sailing.



## Medication in College

Please note that medication, including Paracetamol, should not be carried by students in the College. Paracetamol is a high risk medication that can cause long term damage if taken incorrectly. It should never be shared amongst students. Any medication should be accompanied by a consent form which has been signed by a parent/carer and taken to the College's Medical Room from where it will be dispensed. The medicine forms can be found on the College website or collected from the College's main reception.

Thank you.

## Torpoint Student Success In UK Maths Competition!

Thirty of our top mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge earlier this year.

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 the best mathematicians from all over the UK 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 fantastic results at Torpoint Community College with ten of the students participating receiving awards. The certificates have now been received and the results are as follows:

- **Bronze Certificates.** Beren Carne-Brooks (Year 9), Korey Eversfield (Year 9), Matthew Ashdown (Year 9), Sam Lewis (Year 9), Emily Johnson (Year 8), Lewis Newcombe (Year 8) and Taran Purchall (Year 8).

- **Silver Certificates.** Kate Teppin (Year 9) and Megan Smith (Year 8). This puts them in the top 20% of mathematicians their age in the country. Kate also received the Best in Year 8 Certificate.

- **Gold Certificate.** Kieran Feeley (Year 8) achieved a Gold certificate which puts him in the top 6% of mathematicians his age in the country! An Amazing accomplishment as he also received the Best in Year and Best in School Certificate.

Well done to all students who took part.

## Revision Organisers Key Stage 4

This week the College launched the new Revision Organiser for all Key Stage 4 students. The Revision Organisers have subject specific tasks for every student in Key Stage 4 to be completed in addition to lessons and homework, as well as being a good place to store and organise all independent revision they complete.

The Revision Organisers are being used to support our students with the demands of the changing nature of GCSE courses and the progression to linear courses. We are very keen that students develop good habits early on and build regular and sustained revision into their weekly schedules. All too frequently students feel daunted or overwhelmed by the concept of revision and the Revision Organiser is a way of ensuring they know where to start and to experiment with a range of different revision strategies right from the start of the year.

Students are expected to complete a minimum of 4 revision tasks per week this half term and this will be closely monitored by their tutor. To support them further we have also run whole year group assemblies on what revision should look like. Mr Golding will be running small group sessions over the next few weeks to allow students to trial different revision strategies and better understand what revision really is.



## PE News

Year 7 and 8 Girl's PE groups are starting the term with netball lessons. Most students have taken part in team games in the gym to get the block started. Lessons have focussed on the importance of team work and also defensive tactics. Forty six girls have attended the first week of lunch time netball clubs in the sports hall which might be a new record. After-college squad training for selected Year 8, 9, and 10 students starts next week. Girls can still join the lunch time netball clubs (Year 7 Monday, Year 9/10 Tuesday and Year 8 Wednesday).

We look forward to seeing you.



## Gardens For Life

The Science Department are very proud of last year's Year 8 classes, who were working in the Gardens for Life.

They have had an outstanding produce of carrots, pumpkins, round courgettes, yellow courgettes and beetroot to name a few. Before we broke up for the summer holidays, some students came and collected produce of lettuce, runner beans and peas. We hope their family's enjoyed them.

We are now looking forward to next year and hopefully another bumper crop!

