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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 Muffin

13 November - Academic Review Day Evening

14 November - Academic Review Day

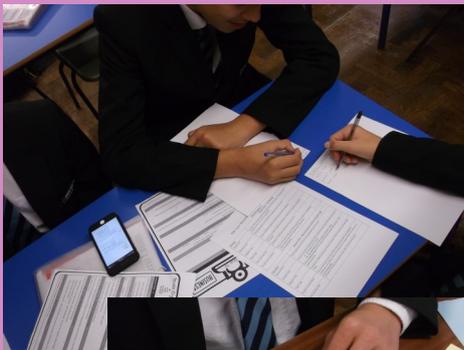
13-16 November – Scholastic Book Fair

Positive start to new Revision Initiative

Students in Years 10 and 11 have made a fantastic start with the revision organiser tasks and we are pleased to see students trying out a range of techniques they have learnt in their recent study skills workshops.

The key to good revision is for students to discover their own preferred learning style and practice, practice, practice. The revision organisers can be brought home if a student wants to work on them at home, so please take this opportunity to have a look at what your child has been doing.

Keep up the good work.



Netball Club

A great number of Year 9 and 10 girls attended the social lunchtime Netball Club and also squad training after school. It was really good to see so many keen players turn up.

A couple of our Year 10 girls are very proactive with wanting to umpire to increase and secure their knowledge on rules of the game. The lunchtime club is a 'come along and play' where there is a positive fun atmosphere. The after school squad training still has a fun vibe to it but there is more structure. The girls warm up, complete some fitness activities, concentrate on some skill set pieces and finish off with a game.

Keep it up girls!



Year 11 English Homework

Thorough analysis of GCSE results has led the English Team at TCC to conclude that students who regularly completed exam based responses at home achieved higher grades than those who did not. We have therefore decided to develop a more rigorous homework programme for our current Year 11 cohort in order to support their progress and push them to achieve their full potential.

Students have been issued a yellow homework book and had the system explained to them in detail by their English teacher. Key details are set out below:

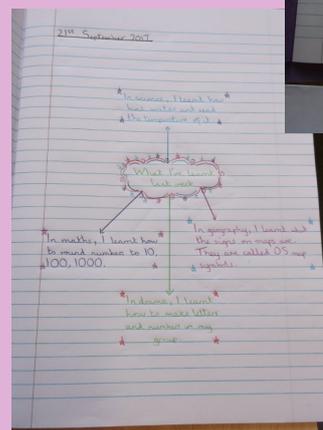
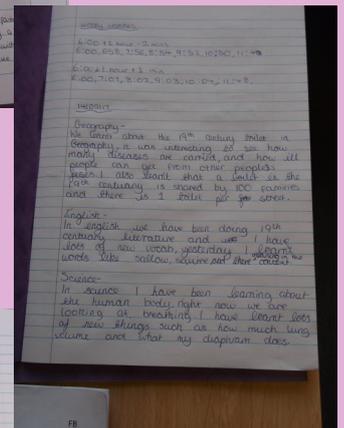
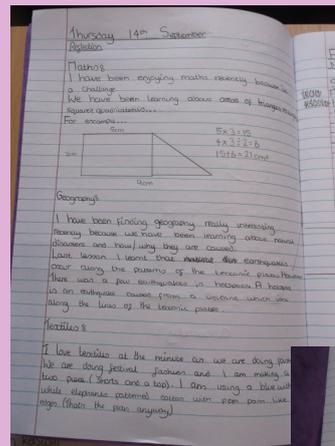
- Every Monday week 1 an exam based homework will be placed onto Show My Homework. Regardless of whether or not students attend College on that day, they are responsible for accessing the homework and completing the set task in their homework book. If they cannot access Show My Homework, they must ask their teacher for a paper copy of the work.
- Every Monday week 2 this book must be placed on their teacher's desk so that they can check and mark the homework; the teacher will check / mark the work so that books are ready to return every Monday week 1.
- If students fail to leave their book or complete the set work they will be given an after College detention with Miss Lockett in order to complete the homework.
- If students are absent Monday week 2 it is their responsibility to give their book to their English teacher as soon as they return to College. Failure to do so will lead to an after College detention.
- Every task will clearly state how long we expect students to spend completing the homework and a minimum word limit. Failure to meet this will lead to an after College detention.

Obviously exceptions will be made for students with genuine reasons why they can't complete the homework, but we consider home learning to be an essential part of GCSE success so we look forward to your support.

Key Stage 3 Revision

Our students are learning to revise during their tutor programme. Once a week, they take time to reflect on 3 subjects of their choice.

Please see below some examples of the notes they are making weekly in their tutor journals to consolidate their learning. It is a fantastic opportunity to use their brain power to recall, review, revise new knowledge and share it with others in their tutor groups.



The students will share the content of their journal with parents during their ARD appointments on the 13th or 14th November when parents and students meet the tutor.

Well done to all in Key Stage 3; great preparation for GCSE revision.

HLOL team at TCC

Open Mic Session Success

A massive congratulations to all the amazingly talented students who kicked off our open mic sessions (every Friday 1.40 in the Drama Studio).

We were treated to 2 Year 8 electric guitarists, two Year 11 musicians, an amazing Year 10 GCSE performance and most impressive of all a new Year 7 covering a chart song!

Ms Childs who, coordinates the sessions, was blown away by the reaction of the students supporting each other and is keen to encourage more of the amazing talent to develop at TCC. If any student is interested in showcasing their talent they should contact Ms Childs in the Drama Studio.



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

StarBOOKS Café

The library at TCC has had a real buzz about it so far this term.

Monday lunchtimes it is transformed into StarBOOKS Café where students are welcome to come and sit and chat about books, do homework, talk to their friends and chill over a hot drink and a biscuit. It is open to all year groups and so far has seen 30+ students attend each week.



Activities Week outstanding Payments

A gentle reminder to Parents/Carers that there are still some payments outstanding from this year's Activities Week. Please check your ParentPay accounts, or contact the Finance Office, for outstanding balances.

Many thanks

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

If so, the College can access additional Pupil Premium funding so it is important to apply if you think your child may be eligible.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child themselves in their own right) is in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based
- Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit.

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed. However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You can apply for free school meals online:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

or access the paper version on our College website by searching for 'Pupil Premium'.

Headteacher's Message

We are now four weeks into term and students not only remain looking very smart in their full College uniform but have clearly engaged in the array of learning activities on offer here at the College.

Years 7 to 9 have been developing their revision skills during tutor time and Year 10 and 11 have embraced their "revision organisers" and are developing their revision techniques and independent learning to ensure they are equipped for their examinations at the end of the year.

Students have already attended a number of assemblies, including a literacy assembly focusing on reading delivered by Mr Pease and an e-safety assembly delivered by Ms Childs. Students have also had the opportunity to attend "Starbooks Café" on Monday lunchtimes, the Open Mic event with Ms Childs and an array of sporting activities by our PE team. This is to mention just a few of the activities and events on offer to our learners. Next week a number of students have the opportunity to attend a Netball festival organised by Ms Milford.

You may remember in the Summer Term the College was awarded "UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award". An achievement led and managed by Mrs Bertram. The certificate that will be placed in reception for all visitors to see.

Finally, please take the time to read the letter that can be found on the College website and Facebook page related to school funding. This letter has been distributed from over 17 counties and communicates the very concerning funding issues that schools are currently facing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher