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**NEWSLETTER**



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**Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:**

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

**Next Steps and Barbican Theatre Visit**

Year 10 students have recently watched a performance from the Barbican Theatre Company.

The performance was called “Why Would You?” and focussed on the benefits of studying at University and misconceptions around the student loan and future debt.

This is part of our work with ‘Next Steps’; a collaborative outreach project of local universities. Selected students took part in a workshop following the play, exploring the issues raised in more detail. The students contributed very positively and made some great points! Well done to all who took part and thank you to Next Steps and the amazing Barbican Theatre Company.



Please visit the Careers Pilot website if you want to do some more careers research!  
<http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

**Ten Tors Introductory walk**

Well done to the students who took part in the first Ten Tors training walk on Sunday 15th October.

The students successfully completed the circular route from Leeden Tor car park, passing through Princetown and North Hessary television mast before returning to the car park. It's great to see that they have already started to learn new skills such as navigation and team work.



## Former TCC Student is a TV Star!

Former TCC student Aaron Dart has recently starred in local TV drama 'Doc Martin'.

Aaron, who studied Drama at TCC before heading to London to train at East 15 Drama School in Essex, auditioned for the part in February in Truro and heard 3 weeks later that he had been offered a part playing opposite star Martin Clunes as the maître d in a restaurant scene.

Aaron has recently returned to his family home in Torpoint to celebrate his 23rd birthday and held a viewing party with family and friends to celebrate his television debut.

Aaron said that it was a great experience and definitely something he could get used to! He also wanted to thank TCC and all the staff who supported him during his time at the College. Well done Aaron!



## Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our students, parents and staff for all of their support and hard work.

Over the last two weeks students may have noticed a number of teachers observing the learning in a range of their different subject classes. Staff have been involved in this very important professional development to share teaching and learning strategies. The focus has been "independent learning and revision skills" and it is clear that students in all year groups are developing their revision skills. It has been a pleasure to observe students engaged in their learning, their excellent behaviour and the outstanding relationships between their peers and teaching staff.

Next half term will see another busy time with the Academic Review Day, the Sixth Form Open Evening, post 16 and Year 11 mock examinations in December 2017 and January 2018. In addition, the Year 9 students will be introduced to the option process for subjects they will study in Year 10.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a relaxing, enjoyable and safe half term break. Please don't forget the clocks go back on Sunday 29th October 2017.

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Acting Headteacher

### Message from TCC Marketing

Do you have any good news stories you would like to share? We would love to hear from you so we can share them, if appropriate, with the wider College community.

Please e-mail the details to:-

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

## The Barbican inspire TCC drama students!

A practitioner from the Barbican Theatre has recently visited the College to work with our Year 10 and 13 Drama students.

As well as an insight into the work of an industry professional, students were taught about the range of exciting opportunities available to them (search Barbican Theatre Plymouth) and took part in a workshop to develop their devising skills. The feedback from the students was excellent and it was great to hear about the success previous drama students have had working with the Barbican.

Truly inspiring stuff. Even Ms Childs joined in! Many thanks to John from the Barbican Theatre Plymouth.



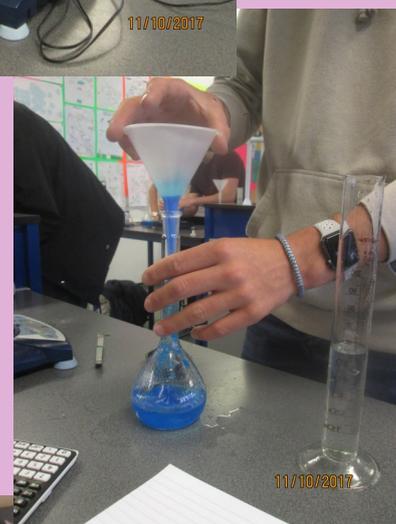
## Science

It has been a busy week in Science for Year 12 Chemists and Year 9 Biologists.

The Year 12 A' level Chemistry class had a practical lesson on how to make a standard solution. The technique and necessary calculation were demonstrated to the class by one of our dedicated technicians. This is the same process in making a solution of known concentration that our technician team use every day as part of their role in Science at TCC. This skill forms part of the A' level Practical Endorsement in Chemistry.

Year 9 have been busy looking into the internal structures of a leaf. They have made detailed net models showing the individual parts within the leaf and have taken time to add labels.

Do you know your Xylem from your Phloem? Year 9 do!



**STUDY CAFE**

YEAR 10 & 11  
SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
3.30PM—5.30PM

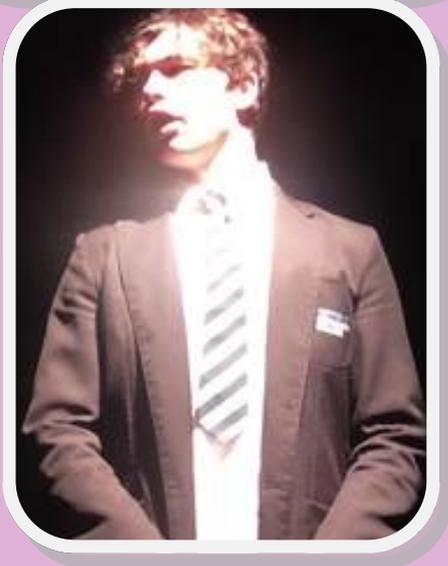
- \* Free Tea and Coffee
- \* Computer Access
- \* Quiet Place to Work
- \* Space for Group Work
- \* Stamp for Your Intervention Passport.



## GCSE Drama open Mic special!

We have had another successful open Mic session from the TCC Drama Department.

Recently students were treated to a replay of the Year 11 GCSE performances live on stage. The performances, devised by the students themselves from a stimulus about ASD, showcased the students' sensitivity, creativity and talent.



Ms Childs, Head of Drama, said 'It was so great for the younger students to see the quality of the GCSE performances. They are great role models for aspiring GCSE students. The open Mic sessions have such a great, supportive atmosphere'.

There are a few free spots left at each open Mic session and any interested students should contact Ms Childs!

## GCSE Drama success!

Year 11 GCSE Drama students took to the stage recently showcasing extremely professional and very well-rehearsed, devised performances.

They had devised their own performance based on a given stimuli on ASD, including the 'Amazing things happen' video. All students performed to the best of their ability and their commitment and focus was excellent.

Ms Childs, Head of Drama, said 'This new GCSE course is so different as so much of the work is independent but the students have shown outstanding talent and creativity. It has been a joy to watch their performances develop into such thoughtful pieces of contemporary theatre'.



## Post 16 Pathways Trip to Plymouth College of Art

On Thursday 28th September a group of 30 Art, Business, Computing and Media Year 12 and 13 students attended a Pathways Trip to Plymouth College of Art. This trip was to introduce students from TCC to the facilities on offer at PCA and also to look at possible degree programmes in related fields to their A' Levels.

Workshops included Creative Advertising and Brand, Fashion, Painting and Drawing, Campus Tour including Fab Lab 3D scanning, photography studios and Green Screen Studio. Our students were willing to get involved in all of the workshops despite some not being their chosen specialist area.



We are planning more trips to PCA in the near future as well as working in partnership on portfolio advice and guidance and mock interviews for our Post 16 students, exciting collaborative projects in KS3 and much more.

Well done to the Year 12 and 13 students who went on the trip; they were all polite and engaged really well with the tasks they were set.

## Scholastic Book Fair

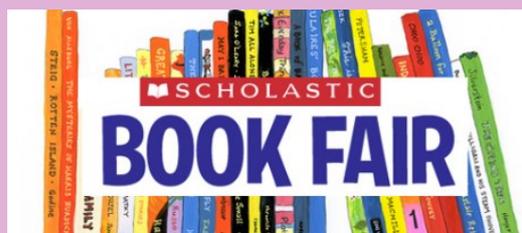
At TCC we love reading and are keen for our students to develop a lifelong love of reading for pleasure. Year 7 and 8 students already access the Accelerated Reader Programme and read a Library book as part of every English lesson.

During the week beginning 13th November we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. There will be a selection of over 200 books which can be paid for and taken away on the day or ordered for delivery to the College. The book selection contains more than thirty exclusives that won't be found elsewhere and has prices starting from only £2.99 with a variety of discounts.

Students are welcome to come and have a look at the books in the library during the school day and take away a brochure to look through at home. The display cases of books will also be available for students to look at with parents during ARD appointments on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November.

All students at TCC will benefit from the Book Fair as every book sold will help us earn points to spend on new books for the library.

We look forward to seeing you.



## 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



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*Don't forget  
Academic  
Review Day!*

**Academic Review Day**

**Date and Time:** 4pm—6pm Monday 13th November  
8.30am—1pm Tuesday 14th November

**Venue:** Torpoint Community College, Trevol Road, Torpoint

**TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED!**

## Food and Nutrition

During this Academic Year students in Year 9 spend one term in Food and Nutrition on the Art and DT carousel.

So far this term the students have made Victoria Sponge cake, pizza, lasagne and Bakewell Tart. They will also be making chicken and bacon pie, a vegetarian dish of their own choice and cheesecake.

This year we have also introduced a star baker in every lesson. So far in Year 9 Isabella and Liam have won for their Victoria sponges, Liv and Caden for their pizzas and Bobbie for her lasagne.



## Headteacher's Award



**HEAD TEACHER'S  
AWARD**  
September 2017

**JESSICA CARTER**

Year 11

Jessica was awarded the Head Teacher's Award for September due to her excellent commitment to the College, her determination to succeed and her involvement with numerous extra-curricular activities.

Jessica has demonstrated her commitment to succeeding in BTEC Sport. She regularly checks her understanding in order to improve her work and secure her learning. Jessica has been a dedicated member of the netball team throughout her time at Torpoint Community College. Her PE teacher stated that "Jessica's commitment to practices and matches has been fantastic and she is an influential player when on the court. She is a determined yet fair member of the squad and is a real team player." Jessica is also an active member of the local Torpoint and Rame netball club where she also trains and plays matches regularly.

Alongside her netball, outside of College Jessica also attends the Coppole School of Dance in Torpoint and she is an extremely talented dancer. Jessica has completed both the Grade 4 and 5 which is equivalent to a GCSE in Dance and she is now in the process of studying for her Intermediate Level qualification. She often performs at events held in Torpoint and further afield and has appeared in the local press as part of the group. In July, Jessica won the Carla Stone Cup of Commitment at the Torpoint Community Awards Evening. Jessica was chosen for this award due to her dedication to these extra-curricular activities over the academic year.

During her years at Torpoint Community College, Jessica has undertaken numerous other roles and responsibilities, including being a Book Buddy with Year 7 students, a Student Ambassador, and she is currently Chair of Student Council. Jessica volunteered and was chosen by her peers for this role, she carries out her role as Student Council Chair with great aplomb and is well respected within the group. She has a fantastic positive mind-set and is first to volunteer on any Student Council led activity. Jessica is always happy to help with enthusiasm and she has previously accumulated over 20 hours of volunteering during an academic year by assisting with Open Evening, College Events and even the Plymouth Race for Life.

Academically, Jessica has shown herself to be a very hard working student who is keen to achieve. She takes great care and pride in her work. Her behaviour in College is impeccable. Her attendance records has been excellent and she is always well presented, polite and punctual. Jessica is such a pleasure to teach and an all round enthusiastic, dedicated member of Torpoint Community College and she thoroughly deserves this award.




## Payments still outstanding from Activities Week

There are still a number of payments outstanding from the Activities Week in July, with a small number overdue from 2016. We would be grateful if parents / carers could please check ParentPay and settle any overdue payments as soon as possible. Should you have any queries regarding the balance of monies owed please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office.

The Activities Week Booklet for July 2018 will be sent out to parents / carers in November. Students for whom there is still money owed from the previous year will not be enrolled on any paid activities in 2018, or any non-curriculum trips or events, until the outstanding balances are cleared.

The College's Activities Week provides a fantastic opportunity for students to participate in a broad and varied range of activities. However, it is not financially sustainable if the activities subscribed to are not paid for in full by participants and it is unfair on those who have paid. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.'