



TORPOINT
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NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

Christmas Holidays - 21 December-3 January
(return Thursday 4th January)

Half Term -12th-16th February

Inset Day - Monday 19th February
(return Tuesday 20th February)

Easter Holidays - 30th March-13th April
(return Monday 16th April)

Upcoming Events

Post 16 Parents Evening - 9th January

Year 9 Options Evening -16th January

Immunisation Day - 23rd January

Year 9 Parents Evening -23rd January

Deadline for Options Forms - 26th January

Student Council

The Student Council have been very busy leading up to the Christmas break.

They ran assemblies earlier in the term to promote the work of the Council and to also encourage new members. As a result it has had lots of new students coming to meetings and sharing some great ideas with the rest of the group. They have fed back to the leadership team regarding the new revision folders and how they can best use them to improve revision techniques and improve the exam results for our Key Stage 4 students.

The Student Council have also held meetings with LGBTQ Cornwall to look at how the school can update its policies in relation to LGBTQ concerns and issues. They regularly feedback to the leadership team on issues ranging from toilet facilities and lunchtime activities to choosing local charities to support on school Mufti days. The Student Council also supported the recent Community Christmas Lunch held at the College which they thoroughly enjoyed. The Student Council play a vital role at our College, and their opinions really matter. Any student Interested should contact Mr Doogan if they would like to get involved!



TCC's Student Council

Year 8 Art and Design Technology Autumn Term 2017

In Design Technology this term Year 8 students have been working on a range of projects and topics including light up Wall Art, and Christmas stockings in Textiles.



In food and Nutrition they have completed a number of different practical tasks to build up their confidence and skills. They have also been working on multicultural ceramic masks in Art and Design too. Well done to all students involved.

Book Buzz reading event

We were delighted to welcome some of our Year 7 and 8 students and their parents to join us at the College on Wednesday 6th December to celebrate reading.

The night began with an excellent performance of The Grinch, delivered by a group of Year 7 students. Miss Lockett (Head of English) then delivered a presentation and explained some key research into the importance of ensuring young people read for pleasure. She talked through the initiatives that are on-going at the College to raise the profile of reading and suggested ways that reading can be promoted at home.



There was then an opportunity for parents to chat to our highly-knowledgeable English Team about their child's progress in English. The evening was rounded off with some mince pies and all of the children who attended were given a book, bought for them by the College, so that they can read it over the Christmas holidays.



Many thanks to all who attended and to the talented Year 10 pianists (Amy Pearton, Finn Woodrow and Rosie Richardson) who treated us to musical interludes and created a super atmosphere.

Headteacher's Message

Now that we have the festivities of Christmas upon us, we had the pleasure of welcoming over 50 senior citizens to Christmas lunch on Tuesday 12th December followed by Christmas carols led by our wonderful College choir and band. Many students and staff also enjoyed Christmas lunch last week. The College hosted the Christmas concert last Friday showcasing a huge array of talent, and to complete the run up to Christmas the College was alive with festive Christmas jumpers on the last day of term.

As ever this term has been busy. This has included a trip to Geneva, Switzerland where students visited CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, to experience "Smashing the Atom", and another overseas trip to the Christmas Markets in Lille, France. Students have also recently listened and fully engaged with visitor speakers during food bank assemblies.

Post 16 students have been taking their mock examinations before Christmas and Year 11 have their mock exams in the New Year. We wish our students every success with their examinations which will provide a snap shot of their current progress and what to expect in the examination season in the summer of 2018.

We say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mr Paul Black for 8 years of service at the College teaching Computing, ICT and Business Studies. We wish him success in the next chapter of his career.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming students back to College in 2018 on Thursday 4th January.

Merry Christmas

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher

Year 12 GCSE Breakfast—8 December



A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip



On Thursday the 14th December TCC's English Department took a group of students to the Athenaeum Theatre in Plymouth see a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' by Le Navet Bete. They are back for their seventh Christmas in Plymouth with their hilarious and unique take on the classic A Christmas Carol, co-produced with Barbican Theatre.

Year 10 & 11 are studying the play for their exam in June so this was a useful way to consolidate their understanding of characters and themes and also a great pre Christmas night out.

All of the students and staff enjoyed the 'hilarious re-telling of the greatest Christmas ghost story ever told...'



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.



HEAD TEACHER'S

AWARD

November 2017



Lisa Smyth

Year 13



Lisa was awarded Novembers Head Teacher's award due to her excellent organisation skills, successfully combining a number of extra-curricular activities, voluntary and part-time work alongside always being dedicated to her studies.

In College, Lisa is taking an A-Level in Business Studies and BTEC PE. Lisa is an outstanding sports student and a great role model for the College. Over the past three years she has dedicated her time to developing herself and her confidence, and she is on target to achieve a good set of results. Alongside her studies, Lisa has been giving up her free time and assisting in Year 7 PE lessons. She assists with the Badminton Club and volunteers to assist various College sports teams. Lisa was also the Project Leader for a Year 7 fitness event; where she worked alongside other Year 13 students organising and helping run fitness tests for all the Year 7 students. Lisa's teachers have praised how Lisa supports and encourages the younger students, building a good rapport with them.

Outside of College, Lisa has a real passion for Martial Arts and trains regularly in both Tae-Kwon-Do and Kick Boxing. She has achieved a Red Belt in Kick Boxing and has achieved her Second Degree Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do. Lisa has also competed in numerous Tae-Kwon-Do championships including the Southern and National Championships. Alongside her training regime, Lisa also fits in sixteen hours a week of part-time employment at the YMCA Community Sports Hall. Although Lisa has a busy training and work schedule, she never lets it effect her studies and always completes every assignment to the best of her ability and meets every deadline. Her College work ethic is fantastic.



In previous years Lisa has also been a Student Ambassador and a Sports Leader. These roles have enabled her to develop good leadership and interpersonal skills. She is a very responsible, friendly and polite student who is always happy to help and is an excellent role model for our younger sports students.

Lisa's ambition is to continue into further education and become a PE teacher. We wish her every success in her future and know that she has all the relevant skills to succeed in this profession.



Accelerated Reader Rewards

Millionaires

Jessie Hitchcock – Year 8

Jason Ryder – Year 8

Top Readers

Year 7-Ben Grieve

Year 8 – Jessie Hitchcock

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

7E1

Grace Blatchford

Kanda Chapman

Maizie-Jane Drabble

Zak Gillingham

Ben Grieve

Mia Haddon

Katie Prescott

Ria Shohid

7E2

Grace Saunders

Kayleigh Sissons

Holly Stone

7E3

Rosie Dougherty

Austin Evely

8E1

William Cutler

Alex Freeman

Emily Johnson

Taran Purchall

Bryan-Lee Read

Rosie May Robinson Jones

Emma Tompkins

8E2

Flora Bennetts de Souza

Karis Bloor

Caitlin Gilbery



College Notice

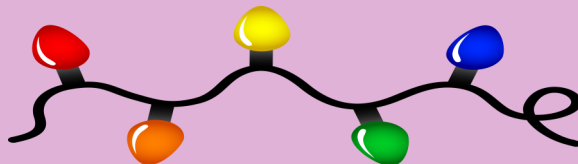
Staff at TCC would like to thank all parents who attended the recent ARD days, the Reading evening with the English Team, the Prom Fashion Show and the Parents Evening for Year 10 and 11. It is by working together in a strong partnership that we can ensure our students achieve, or even exceed, their potential year after year and ultimately in their GCSE exams in Year 11. We are all extremely proud of our students and we thank you for all your support.

In our drive to keep up our great standards, we have recently conducted a uniform check and there is a very small number of students who need to make changes to their uniform due to natural growth or general wear and tear over time. In particular some skirts have now become too short (shorter than the 5cm stated in the policy) and some shoes need to be replaced with proper school shoes instead of the black trainers type. Please check our Uniform Policy or contact us if you are unsure and would like clarification.

We are extremely proud of how smart our students look and this could not be achieved without your support. Time and again members of the community comment on how smart our young people look.

We look forward to seeing all students come back in January ready for another busy term with mock exams for Year 11 followed by a mock results evening. There is also a Parents Evening and Options Evening for Year 9 in January, and another set of ARD appointments in March to review progress and achievement of all students.

We hope you have a great Christmas and wishing you a very happy New Year.



Year 8 Workshops with Plymouth College of Art and Design (PCAD)

We were very lucky to have a number of PCAD staff visit our Year 8 Art and Design Technology classes on the 1st and 4th of December.

They ran a number of interesting and exciting workshops including Creative Brand and Marketing, Fab Lab Laser Cutting, Stop Motion Animation, Fashion Design, and Willow Sculpture. Our Year 8 students worked really hard in all areas and thoroughly enjoyed the different experiences presented to them.

We will be looking to roll out our collaboration with PCAD with other year groups very soon as part of our partnership school programme.



Prom Fair and Fashion Show



On Thursday 23rd November we held our Prom Fair and Fashion Show here at TCC.

Our students from Years 11, 12 and 13 modelled a stunning selection of gowns from Jane Louise of Liskeard. The event was well attended and gave an insight into the amazing stock that Jane has at her Liskeard shop. She carries a range of sizes at a price to suit all budgets even allowing deposits and flexible payment schemes. Jane will never sell the same dress to another student at the same college! The evening also gave local businesses a chance to promote their prom make up, hair and beauty.

Well done to our fabulous male and female models and to Mr Pease and Mrs Mackenzie for hosting the evening. Jane Louise is located at Pike Street, Liskeard for prom dresses, shoes and accessories.



Community Christmas Lunch

The College was delighted to welcome over 50 members of the local community, including those from care homes, to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch on Tuesday 12 December. Their food was served by students from Years 7 to 11, and staff members, which was followed by some festive entertainment in the main hall.

This lunch has become a bit of a tradition for the College and it was great to see so many familiar faces from previous events. The students did themselves and the College proud. A very big thank you to everyone who was involved and who made this event such a success.



Photos by Andy Campfield

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at
Torpoint Community College**