



**TORPOINT
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

Half Term - 28th May - 1st June
(return Monday 4th June)
Last day of term - 20th July

Upcoming Events

Open Evening -7th June
Year 6 Transition Evening - 14th June
Year 7 Parents Evening - 19th June
Year 8 Parents Evening - 26th June
Year 6 Transition Day - 26th June

Mock Ten Tors 27th – 29th April

A huge well done to all those who took part in the Mock Ten Tors. The students camped out on the Friday night ready to start their 2 day expedition from the Y-junction near Okehampton Army Camp.

It was the usual cold and misty conditions as they set off down the east side of Dartmoor to finish at Two Bridges. After camping overnight at Princetown they returned to Two Bridges to start again, this time heading up the West side of the moor to finally finish at Shortacombe.

The adult helpers were very proud of the students' efforts. All those who completed the weekend's expedition have been selected to take part in the Ten Tors Challenge 2018.



Ten Tors Challenge - GOOD LUCK!

The Ten Tors Challenge 2018 is now upon us. After months of preparation and training our Ten Tors teams are ready to go. We wish all students the best of luck for this weekend and hope the weather is kind to them.

You can follow our teams here :-

<https://www.tentors.org.uk/>

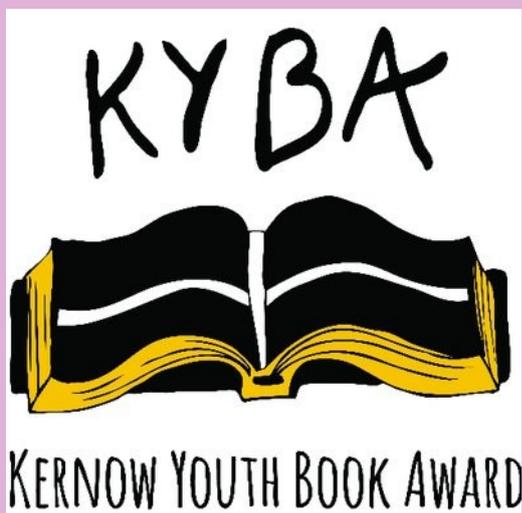
Kernow Youth Book Awards

Students at TCC have taken part in the Kernow Youth Book Awards again this year, an event organised by School Librarians in Cornwall (SLiC).

All of the students read the six shortlisted books then voted on their favourite before attending the awards ceremony for the winning author at the Eden Project. The event was attended by over 300 students and staff from other schools around Cornwall and by four authors who students were able to meet after the ceremony.

The winning book was *Haunt Me* by Liz Kessler, which TCC students voted as their favourite. Author Ali Sparkes hosted the proceedings which was also attended by authors Liz Kessler, Lisa Thompson and Chris Higgins.

We are already looking forward to KYBA 2019!



Maths Success!

Year 10 student Isabella Spicer has recently attended a Mathematics Masterclass residential programme run by Plymouth University. This enrichment activity is something that may be of benefit to Isabella in future stages of her on going education both in Sixth Form and University applications, and is a great achievement.

This residential was part of a continuing Mathematics programme hosted by Dr Jenny Sharp and followed on from a series of Masterclass events attended by Isabella at the University throughout both secondary and primary school. The course consisted of a series of sessions over 3 days covering topics such as Matrices and coding, Topology and Fractional Geometry.

Twenty three students attended from all over Cornwall, and North and South Devon. Well done Isabella!



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

Visit to see Norman Lamb

On Thursday 19th of April, I went to New County Hall in Truro to meet Mr Norman Lamb (Member of Parliament) to discuss Headstart Kernow and what it's been doing to help young people in Cornwall.

Headstart Kernow is the Cornwall strand of Big Lottery Fund's strategic programme for young people's mental health and wellbeing. It is a £9 million project focusing on children aged 10 to 16. It is a five-year project to explore and test ways to improve young people's mental health. At Headstart, we consider how school, peers, family, technology and the ability to access support can effect your mental health.

Councillor Julian German – Deputy Leader of the Council - welcomed Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP to the Chairman's Dining Room in New County Hall, along with Emma Ackerman – Head of Funding (strategic programmes) for Big Lottery -, Tarn Lamb – Big Lottery England Committee -, Kate Kennally – Cornwall Council Chief Executive -, Sally Hawken – Portfolio Holder for Children and wellbeing -, Pat Rogerson – Councillor for Bodmin St Leonard -, Tim Osborne - Head of School Effectiveness-, Charlotte Hill – Senior Management for Partnerships and Improvement -, Richard Head – Programme lead –, Dr Harry Beeson – Parliamentary Committee Specialist -, David Barton – Executive Officer of the Cornwall Association of Secondary Heads – and Jack Cordery – the Service Director for Children and Family Services.

We got a Big Lottery Fund Overview from Emma Ackerman and then I gave an overview of Young People's involvement in Headstart from the perspective of my role as Chair of the Headstart Kernow Young People's board. Norman Lamb then spoke about his role as Chair of the Science and Technology Select Committee and his opinion of how adverse childhood experiences have a drastic effect on later life.

We had a short overview of Cornwall from Charlotte Hill and then we stopped for lunch.

We then left Truro as a group and set off for Newquay Tretherras School where we had a look at The Wave Centre they have set up. This is a Personalised Learning and wellbeing centre for the students. We were greeted by drinks and biscuits that the students had made us after we had had a presentation from Julie Harmieson, the co-director of training for Trauma Informed Schools. We got a tour of The Wave and we got to ask the students questions about their involvement in the project and how it benefitted them. We also spoke to the parents of these children about their journey and how they were supported. I think we could all take a leaf out of Newquay Tretherras' book.

We concluded our day with a photograph with Norman Lamb and the children, and then escorted him to the airport. It was a very successful day for Headstart and the Science and Technology Select Committee, as both parties got some useful information from the people present at the meeting. I was very privileged to be a part of it.

Amy Pearton



Good News!

Toby Parkinson in Year 11 has been offered an apprenticeship with a local business based in Millbrook. Toby will start with 1st Glass Windows after his exams and we wish him lots of luck for his future.

Well done Toby!

Police Cadets

Aged between 13 and 18?

Looking for an exciting new challenge?

Join the Devon and Cornwall Community Police Cadets today.

More details and an application form can be found at:-

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/youth/police-cadets>

Or an application form can be collected from Mrs Hodgetts in the Library.

Completed forms can either be emailed, posted or given to Mrs Hodgetts in the Library.



LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN HOSPITALITY?

NATIONAL
Waiters' Day
CAREERS EVENT AND FUN RACES

FREE TO ATTEND

16TH MAY 2018 | THE HEADLAND HOTEL
2PM TO 4PM / NEWQUAY, CORNWALL TR7 1EW

Jobs, work experience, training and apprenticeship opportunities from a range of employers

**EGG THROWING | TRAY SPINNING | CUP STACKING
MOCKTAIL & OMLETTE CHALLENGE | PRIZES**

This event is sponsored by Truro and Penwith College, Headland Hotel and Springboard with the support of local hospitality employers across Cornwall

For more information and to register your place, call 01872 242711 or email apprenticeships@truro-penwith.ac.uk

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.



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Kensa Gallery

GCSE ART EXHIBITION 2018

OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY
15:30- 17:30

A celebration of the fantastic artwork created by this year's Year 11 art students

Rocks of Inspiration

Members of the community in the Facebook group 'Torpoint Rocks' have recently painted some rocks including inspirational and supportive messages for Year 11 students who are due to sit their exams soon.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to add to the collection. A special thank you to Lynn Matthews at Pricebusters Torpoint who collected them all.

The display of rocks can be found in the College's main reception.

#torpointrocks



Memorial Mile

On Friday 4th May staff and students at Torpoint Community College took part in the 4th annual "Richard Feast Memorial Mile".

For the first time in the event's history, there was sunshine to greet over 600 runners and walkers. Participants wore a range of different clothing from the event's theme colour of pink, to dinosaur outfits to flamingos and other animals! All participants were running in memory of a former teacher at the College and to raise money for two local charities; Children's Hospice South West and Hugs from Henry.

The students had a great time and their efforts have helped raise over £1,100 to date. Well done TCC!



UCL Quality Mark

In March of this year, Torpoint Community College was delighted to receive their UCL Quality Mark in Holocaust Education status.

Mrs Lane, History Teacher and Lead Teacher for Holocaust Education in the College, travelled to Swindon last weekend to accept the prestigious award, at the 'Empowering Young People to Change the World 2018' Conference and gala awards dinner.



Paul Salmons, Programme Director for UCL Centre for Holocaust Education commented; "We are delighted to award our ninth Quality Mark to Torpoint Community College, whose work as a Beacon School has been so richly recognised in their report, and whose passion and commitment to this programme has been recognised by Centre colleagues since 2016. The report testifies to how creative and innovative approaches to the past can help secure both academic and holistic outcomes for young people that are meaningful, whilst supporting generic teaching and learning benefits and playing its part in whole school improvement. Staff, governors, students and parents should be very proud of all that has been achieved to date, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in coming years."

Dr. Nicola Wetherall MBE also commented; "Holocaust education at Torpoint Community College is outstanding; a superb example of how research informed

pedagogy and innovative practice can help inform, engage, inspire and empower young people by safeguarding the future by learning about the past. Its provision is wide-ranging, innovative and of exceptional quality and innovation. Students, staff, community and governors should be proud of this Quality Mark award; it is richly deserved recognition of Torpoint Community College's commitment and efforts in the field of Holocaust education."



Year 10 students perform at Festival

Over the weekend of 28th and 29th of April Isabella Spicer and Ebreon Purchall performed at The Vintage, Jazz and Gin Festival at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park presented by Miss Ivy Events.

The girls performed as a Duet in the main house throughout both days with Ebreon singing whilst Bella accompanied her on Mount Edgcumbe's own Grand Piano. This was the girls' first formal booking with Miss Ivy Events who have also asked them to perform again at Kitley House Christmas Fayre in Devon.

The girls have performed as volunteers for Mount Edgcumbe Estate over the last year on occasional Sundays to help bring the house alive for visitors as they tour the historic rooms.

Well done girls!

