



TORPOINT
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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

INSET Day - 28th September
Half Term - 22nd to 26th October
Christmas - 21st December to 6th January

Upcoming Events

ARD Evening - 15th November
ARD Day—16th November
Post 16 Parents' Evening - 27th November
Year 10 Parents' Evening - 4th December

Exam Success

Congratulations to all students for their individual achievements in this year's GCSE and A levels, and thank you to staff who have steered the students through the new courses and examinations.

The number of students attaining GCSE grades of 4 or above, identified as the standard pass, in English was 68%, mathematics 67% and in both English and mathematics was 56%. This achievement across the College is a reflection of each and every inspired individual learner, together with the support and encouragement of their families.

There were particular stars in terms of attainment this year and there are many other students that have achieved excellent personal bests, making significant progress.



The College congratulates all students for their own outstanding achievements and this will be celebrated at a special awards ceremony in December 2018 when students collect their examination certificates.

All the staff and Governors at the College are extremely proud of our students' achievements and are looking forward to watching them continue to achieve in their chosen journey after GCSEs and A-Levels. Well done.

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back and I hope you had a really enjoyable and relaxing summer break, which I understand has been reported as one of the hottest summers we have experienced since records began.

I would like to give a very special welcome to all the new students that have joined us at the College at the start of this new Academic Year. May I also say a particularly warm welcome to our 145 new Year 7 students and their families. This is the biggest year group in the College and it was a pleasure to greet our new Year 7s on their first day during an assembly.

Students have returned to the College with enthusiasm and energy. They are looking very smart and thank you for your continued support with the College uniform policy.

Inspired students at Torpoint Community College have achieved an array of outstanding GCSE and A level examination results this year and both I, and the staff, are very proud of their efforts.



We are still processing the exam results data and further information will be published once it has been finalised. Please note this is only the second year through the new English and mathematics GCSEs and the first year through many of the new reformed GCSEs for most other subjects. Hailed as the most significant change in the examination system since O-levels were replaced 30 years ago, the "more demanding, more fulfilling and more stretching" examinations were introduced to help the UK better compete internationally. The new GCSEs cover more challenging content and are designed to match standards in the strongest performing education systems elsewhere in

the world.

The 4 College priorities that we will be working towards this year are as follows:

Health, Well-being and Resilience -

Create new and refine existing strategies so that individual students' resilience is further developed - both academic resilience and health related resilience to raise the achievement, attainment and the health and wellbeing of all individuals and groups of students. The impact of this important work will be reflected in a positive College Progress 8.

Independence in Effective learning

Build students' optimism and curiosity for learning, their learning independence, literacy skills, numeracy skills, experience of and expertise in examination, revision and learning techniques throughout all activities in subjects and enrichments, for all and throughout all key stages. The Impact of this important work will be that students are confident in tackling challenges presented to them now and in their future.

Careers and Aspirations -

Provide clear subject links to careers to further facilitate student progress and achievement to be equipped for further education and employment. The impact of this important work is that student destinations (staying in education and employment) are positive.

Pastoral and Curriculum Structure -

Continue to develop the "pastoral and curriculum structure" to ensure the College is sustainable in the future, whilst building around the 3 core values of the College; Respect, Prepare and Focus and the College motto "Inspiring Optimistic learners"

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. Have a great term!

With my kind regards
Dr Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher

Activities Week 2018 Donations

A massive thank you to everyone who donated craft materials for activities week. As promised here are a few photos of some of the items made during the 'Christmas in July' activity.



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

Theatre experience

In July Ebren Purchall had a fantastic week of work experience at the Barbican Theatre in Plymouth. She spent the week assisting with the direction of the rehearsals for Macbeth that was shown in the Royal William Yard over the summer.

Ebren is passionate about Macbeth (her favourite Shakespeare play) and was happy to help the cast with the interpretation of some of the lines (thanks to Miss Lockett's lessons!) She didn't want her week with them to end and she gained such valuable insight into what goes in to a professional production.



The cast and director appreciated her enthusiastic input and enjoyed spending time with Ebren so much that they asked her if she could continue to come back during the school holidays to help with rehearsals as they moved to the Athanaeum and Royal William Yard. She was thrilled, accepted the offer and helped with every rehearsal that she could attend. She was there to watch the opening night performance too.

Well done Ebren - a very successful work experience.

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.

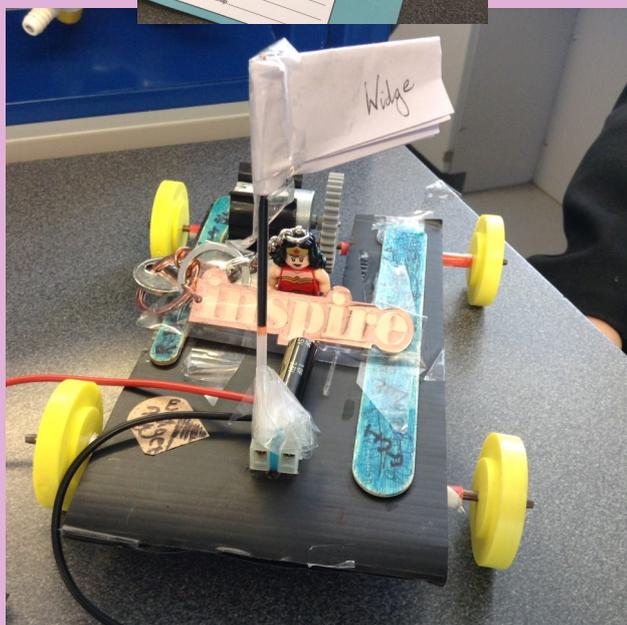
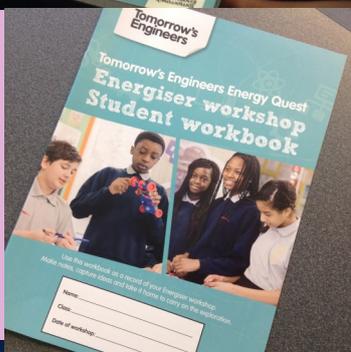
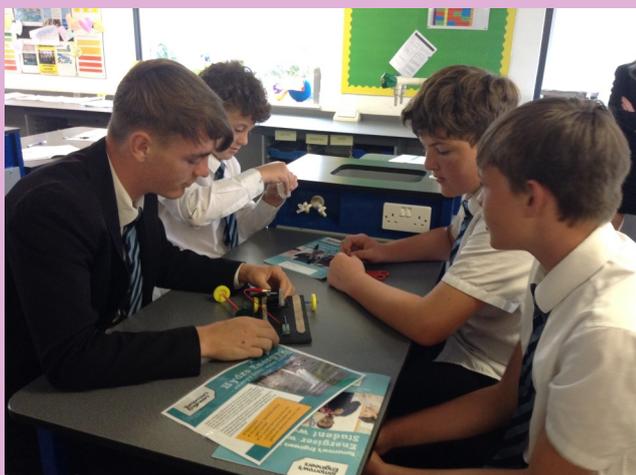
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STEM Workshop

At the end of the Summer Term Year 9 students took part in a STEM Energy Quest workshop delivered by an organisation called Tomorrow's Engineers.

They found out about the wide variety of jobs in Engineering and the excellent rewards such a career could lead to. They also considered the energy crisis and the need to increase our electricity production from renewable sources as well as testing out electric car models.

Well-done to all students who took part.



Sixth Form Update

We start the Academic Year with a new head of Sixth Form, Mr John Golding, who was already (and remains) an Assistant Headteacher in the College's Leadership Team. We also welcome Mrs Emma Penter to the College who has been appointed as our teacher of A-level Psychology. We look forward to her working with our Year 12 and 13 students.

It is with regret that we have just had to withdraw Drama and Business Studies from the Year 12 courses that were being offered to students this year as there was only a very small number of students registered for them. The number of students that indicated their desire to follow these courses in 2018/19 was significantly higher before the GCSE examination results, but unfortunately during the registration process last week there was a very low uptake. It is always a difficult decision when courses need to be withdrawn and students are left disappointed; however, please rest assured this decision was not taken lightly and the best interests of the students is always at the forefront of our minds.

Please note the removal of Drama and Business Studies is in no way an indication that further courses will be removed, or that that they won't be reinstated again in the future. Should you have any concerns regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Mr Golding in the first instance.

