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# TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Inspiring Optimistic Learners





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#### WHAT OFSTED SAY ABOUT TCC

Ofsted says our care is “outstanding”.

“There is a very positive learning environment in the school. Pupils are well behaved and keen to learn. They are proud of their school and they have confidence in their teachers. At all times, including during break times, lunchtimes and lesson changeovers, pupils behave in a safe, sensible, calm and orderly manner. They move promptly to lessons and arrive ready to learn.”

“Pupils are ambitious to succeed. Pupils’ attitudes to learning are excellent. They are keen to learn and engage fully with classroom activities. They are encouraged to reflect on their work and respond to the advice of their teachers. They have the confidence to ask questions and they work well with one another. Their books are well presented.”

#### RESULTS

The College continues to achieve above national averages for GCSE A\*-C (or equivalent 9-4 grades) including Maths and English, and closing the gap for our disadvantage students.

#### SIXTH FORM AND DESTINATIONS

Torpoint has a small Sixth Form, yet we insist on students having the biggest ambitions!

Our students go on to achieve great A Levels, fulfil their dreams, gain their chosen university places and enter apprenticeships.

They become doctors, brain surgeons, join the West End, run their own businesses and even fly planes!

What will your child do?



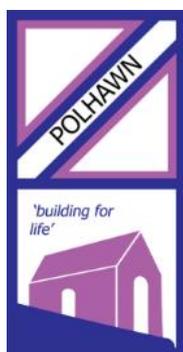
## **TRANSITION**

At Torpoint Community College we are proud of our extensive links with the surrounding primary schools. Each year we offer a rich and extensive programme of activities that allow primary school students to extend their learning and familiarise themselves with life at TCC. These events are tailored to the needs of the children and primary school.

Socially and educationally, the change from Year 6 to Year 7 can seem daunting; we make every effort to ensure this transition is smooth and easy as possible. Each year we are proud of the positive feedback we receive from parents and students. Students in Year 7 overwhelmingly report how much they enjoyed the process of transition and how quickly they have settled into our College.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

The College is organised into four vertically grouped Houses each being under the guidance and leadership of a House Leader of Learning (Head of House), with an Assistant Head of House to support developments. In each tutor group there are students from all ages and abilities (Years 7 to 9) and tutors see their tutees for a period of time each morning. Year 10 and 11 students have their own tutor groups in order to support them with their GCSE studies.



## **SAFEGUARDING**

Our aim is to establish an environment where students feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to, when they have a worry or concern. Parents and carers may also contact us where they have concerns about the welfare or safety of a child by emailing [worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

The College's Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy is updated annually, it can be found on the College's website.

*"Pupils make good progress and their safety and well-being are rigorously maintained"* – Ofsted, March 2017.

## **WORKING WITH YOU**

We will meet with you at least three times a year to review the progress and success of your child. We will also meet with your child one to one to discuss their option choices.

We have invested in initiatives for parents to work with us including an Accelerated Reader Programme that promotes reading, and Show My Homework so parents are kept informed about their child's homework.

## **EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT TCC**

We encourage all students to be resilient and emotionally healthy members of the College and we support students in a variety of ways to ensure that they can maintain positive relationships, deal with anxiety and stress as well as consider their mental health now and throughout their adult lives. We work closely with Head Start and have fully trained TIS practitioners as well as a significant number of staff trained in Emotional First Aid who all know how to support students with their mental health.

Any student who requires support will have a number of ways of learning strategies for self help by accessing the Student Support Centre.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Full attendance is an expectation of all students. Requests for absence due to family holidays during term time are strongly discouraged and will not be automatically granted, as absence disrupts the smooth progression of learning. In exceptional circumstances, an absence request form should be completed and submitted to the College together with an explanatory letter, no less than 25 days prior to the absence. Any medical/dental appointments should be made outside of College times, wherever possible.

At TCC, attendance is higher than the national average.

## **BEHAVIOUR - RESPECT, PREPARE, FOCUS**

The highest standards of work and behaviour are expected from all students at all times. Students are expected to show self-discipline, courtesy and consideration, and to be responsible for their actions. Torpoint Community College aims for our students to be inspiring optimistic learners and ensure that:

- There is a strong positive ethos that deters poor behaviour.
- Behaviour is not a barrier to learning and progress.
- We adopt a consistent approach to behaviour management.

Our expectations require our students to:

- Be a positive influence in lessons by working to the best of their ability and by showing respect to our teachers and fellow learners.
- Behave sensibly and show consideration to others around the College.
- Maintain a calm and pleasant environment in which everyone feels safe and secure.

## **UNIFORM**



The wearing of smart College uniform is central to good discipline and to the ethos of the College. Therefore, students are expected to wear full College uniform and be smart and tidy at all times. In the event of an unavoidable and temporary emergency resulting in a student being without the correct uniform, parents are asked to ensure that their child has a suitable note of explanation and that the matter is resolved as a matter of urgency. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name.

Our students wear the uniform with pride.

***Look Smart, Feel Smart, Be Smart!***

## **EQUIPMENT**

Students are expected to have the following equipment with them in every lesson:

- Pens and pencils (HB and 2B).
- Pencil sharpener and rubber.
- Ruler, protractor and compass.
- Reading book (KS3 via Accelerated Reader or personal copy).
- Scientific calculator (Casio fx-83 is recommended if one needs to be purchased).
- Pocket dictionary.
- Colouring pencils and glue stick.



## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**



Mobile phones and other valuables, such as iPods etc are allowed in College, but only in designated areas and only allowed for use with learning in lesson if directed by their teacher. Any such items brought and subsequently lost at College remain the responsibility of the student at all times. Furthermore, if such items are seen in corridors, the Behaviour Policy will apply and they may be confiscated until the end of the day and stored within the College. Items can be reclaimed by students or parents, if need be, by prior arrangement with the College Reception. Money and personal property should not be left unattended at any time. We request that parents do not try and contact students on their phone during the day. If you need to speak with your child, please contact Reception and we will organise for them to speak with you.

## **HOMEWORK**

All students are set homework in all subjects. In Year 7, students should expect to establish a routine of spending some time on their homework each day. Parents can assist by monitoring their child's homework: the amount, the quality and the time taken, as well as supporting their children with organisation and by providing a suitable, quiet place where students can work uninterrupted. Not all homework will be written; some may require research, revision, learning or reading.

The College uses [www.showmyhomework.co.uk](http://www.showmyhomework.co.uk) to set homework. This system allows students and parents to be informed of the tasks to be completed in subject areas and provide clear deadline dates.

The College also has a Homework Club. This can be useful for those students who don't have access to the internet at home.



## **SEN AND MORE ABLE STUDENTS**

Students with identified Special Educational Needs (SEN) are placed on the Record of Need (RoN). This register has an ascending level of need/support from targeted support, where the need is usually relatively small and hopefully easily supported and overcome, to an Educational Health Care Plan (EHC Plan), issued by the Local Authority. Parents are involved in the placing of students on the Record of Need, although students who are on the Record of Need at their Primary School will normally automatically transfer on to the Record of Need at the College.

'More Able' learners are fully supported at the College to develop a clear understanding of their individual learning style and effective learning strategies. Students will also have access to a number of enrichment and extension events designed to support skill related development and raise aspirations. One such event is the Torpoint Community College Student Takeover Week where students have the opportunity to shadow a member of teaching staff fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. 'More Able' learners at Key Stage 3 are invited to take part in a project called 'Role Models'. 'More Able' learners develop a range of new skills in order to support and coach their peers. The project offers 'More Able' learners a range of new experiences and allows them to develop and apply new skills by supporting the learners in a variety of curriculum areas. Students identified as being 'More Able' in a specific Curriculum area will be involved in a range of enrichment and extension activities unique to that subject.

## **TRIPS AND VISITS**

There are a wide variety of activities are on offer throughout the year. These include sport, music, drama and many others. All students are encouraged to take part regularly in at least one activity.

Day visits and residential trips are an extremely important part of education and development. At TCC, all students will have the opportunity to take part in visits and trips both of an educational and of a recreational nature.

Some trips may be specific to the subject the students are studying and, where possible, all students should go on these. Other trips are for pleasure or experience and are, of course, optional.



## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

TCC run a number of extra-curricular activities which include:

- Homework Club
- StarBOOKS Cafe
- Right Respecting Schools
- Forest School
- Samba Band
- Torpettes Choir
- Chess Club
- Sports - Rowing, Netball, Football, Badminton, Table Tennis and Rugby etc.

We work in partnership with local and national organisations to increase the opportunities available to our students.



## **EVENTS**

There is a busy yearly calendar of events which includes a fashion show, multiple opportunities to meet staff, performing arts productions, themed events, charity events, an awards evening and numerous sporting fixtures.

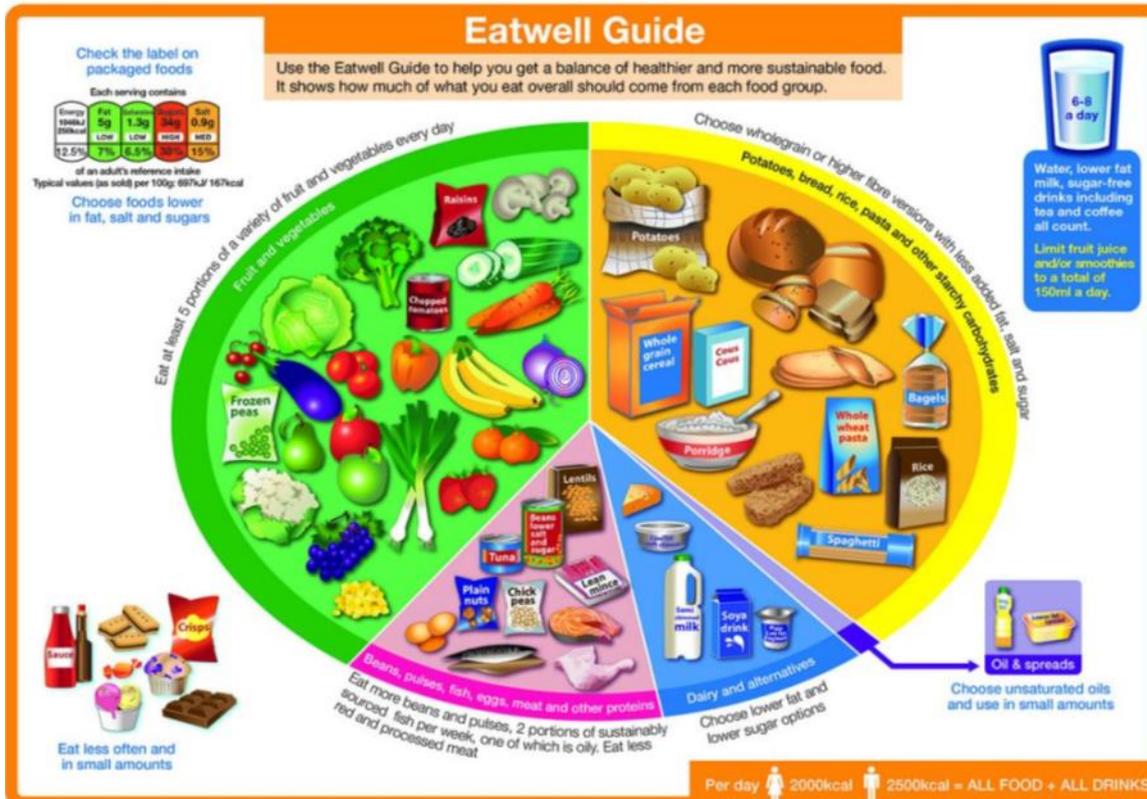
# HEALTHY SCHOOLS

We are proud to be recognised as a Healthy School. At TCC we know that healthy students are better learners and we flourish in every opportunity to support this; both in and outside of the classroom. Furthermore, we understand that being a Healthy School is much more than just healthy eating and physical activity, but rather a Healthy School is one that works together, going beyond the classroom and involving the whole community.

In 2016 TCC introduced the Health and Wellbeing Day for all students in Years 7-9.

We ask that students do not bring any fizzy drinks (e.g. cola type drinks, energy drinks) into College.

From April 2016, TCC also banned all 'Family sized' food items that contain little nutritional value from College, (cakes, biscuits, crisps and chocolate), and if they are seen they will be confiscated.



## FOOD AT TCC

We have varied menus that rotate on a 4 week cycle (3 weeks in the Summer Term) offering a healthy choice of food; on occasions we also have national and international themed food days. We also have a cashless catering system which means you can control and track what your child is eating at school.

### Sample Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Ginger pork stir fry with vegetables <b>HOME MADE</b></p> <p>Vegetarian Option: Quorn™ stir fry <b>✓</b></p> <p>Dessert of the day with custard</p>	<p><b>CURRY DAY</b></p> <p>Tikka (medium) or Korma (mild) curry with fluffy rice and Naan bread</p> <p>Vegetable curry <b>✓</b></p> <p>Alternative: Pasta bake <b>HOME MADE</b></p> <p>Dessert of the day with custard</p>	<p><b>ROAST DAY</b></p> <p>Traditional roast gammon ham with seasonal vegetables &amp; crispy roast potatoes</p> <p>Vegetarian Option: Cauliflower cheese <b>✓</b></p> <p>Dessert of the day with custard</p>	<p><b>HOT WRAP DAY</b></p> <p>Mild or spicy wraps with salad &amp; sauce</p> <p>Vegetarian Option: Spinach &amp; Feta quiche <b>✓</b></p> <p><b>HOME MADE</b></p> <p>Dessert of the day with custard</p>	<p><b>HOME MADE</b></p> <p>Home made salmon fish cakes <b>HOME MADE</b></p> <p>Vegetarian Option: Potato and mushroom bake <b>✓</b></p> <p>A tasty potato dish served with baked beans</p> <p>Dessert of the day with custard</p>
<p><b>EXTRAS:</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY &amp; FRIDAY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chips &amp; cheese or Chicken burger</li> <li>Chicken nuggets or Poppin chicken</li> </ul>		<p><b>DAILY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crispy skinned seasoned jacket potato with hot or cold fillings of your choice</li> <li>Freshly baked pizza with various toppings</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of hand finished cakes, muffins, biscuits, shortbread, tiffin, sweet dough &amp; chocolate crispie</li> </ul>
<p><b>AVAILABLE DAILY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshly prepared SALAD BAR with pastas, rice, potato and selection of daily specials</li> <li>Crispy baguettes made fresh to order with hot or cold fillings</li> </ul>		<p><b>DAILY LUNCH TIMES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PASTA BAR - Freshly cooked pasta topped with tomato based sauces (with vegetarian option) served with or without cheese</li> <li>Pick your own Fresh Fruit Salad - Available daily</li> </ul>		<p><b>ALSO:</b></p> <p>Served on the Pasta Bar</p> <p>A selection of fresh daily prepared sandwiches &amp; rolls</p> <p>Milkshakes, slushi &amp; drinks</p>



## **LIFE BEYOND TCC**

This is an important area of our curriculum at TCC, since a key aspect of schools is to prepare young people for the world of work. Through our Personal Health and Social Education (PSHE) lessons, personalised mentoring at tutor time and as part of our enrichment programme, students focus on four main areas:

- Self-Awareness.
- Education and Training Pathways.
- Careers Exploration.
- Development of Work Based Learning Skills.

We regularly hold an 'in house' Careers Fair for students in Year 8-13, where exhibitors included:

- RAF.
- Army.
- Babcock Engineering.
- Plymouth University Peninsula Medical and Dental School.
- University of St Marks and St Johns.
- University of Exeter.
- Tesco.
- Ginsters.



We are very proud of our lively and thriving Sixth Form with its excellent results. We are officially OFSTED approved and we are extremely proud of our outcomes which are constantly improving.

After leaving the Sixth Form our students have gone on to a huge range of professions all over the world, and at world ranking institutions like Princeton, Oxford and Cambridge. Our students have gone on to become doctors, nurses, vets, scientists, engineers, writers, artists, teachers, lawyers and so much more. We even, quite literally, have a brain surgeon!



# OPEN DAYS WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY MONDAY

Please check our website or ring reception for dates and times.



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