



NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

Half Term - 18th - 22nd February
INSET Day - 25th February

Upcoming Events

Mock Results Evening—29th January
Year 9 Parents Evening - 30th January
Year 9 Options Deadline - 1st February
Year 11 Parents' Evening—5th February

Ten Tors Training - 13th January

The weather was once again 'miserable' for the first Ten Tors training walk of 2019. The students did really well and they all successfully completed the walk which comprised check points around the military ring road near Okehampton Camp. Thank you again to the volunteers who shadowed the teams or spent the day trying to keep warm at check points.



The next walk is on Sunday 27th January, with the planning meeting on Wednesday 23rd 3.30 – 5pm in the Main Hall.

Winner—Schools Cross Country Championships

Huge congratulations to Poppy Northcott, Year 7, who competed in the Cornwall Schools Cross Country Championships in Truro on Saturday 12th January and won the Minor Girls' race in a time of 8'05".



This excellent result means Poppy has now been selected to represent Cornwall in the South West Regional Schools Cross Country Championships in Bath next month.

Year 10 Maths Students Head to Plymouth University!!!

Fifteen Year 10 students have recently had the opportunity to join other students from a wide variety of schools from Devon and Cornwall and take part in a Mathematics taster day at Plymouth University. The year 10 students had the opportunity to experience high level maths and learn about the opportunities for the future.



Each group experienced a different range of enriching mathematical activities from binary code, guestimation, topology, real world problems to engineering. One group of students had to design, build and cost a catamaran. They had to attach motors and propellers and then they tested their boats in the onsite university water tanks by measuring how far they would go.

Another group of students had to use intuition and understanding of simple structural design to create a bridge from a limited range of materials. There was an interesting workshop on Topology which looks at converting shapes from 2 dimensions up to 4 dimensions and there was a session looking at mathematical problems through real-life applications.

The day finished with an entertaining and thought provoking talk by Ben Sparks about the creation and history of numbers and their consequences.

Spanish News

Year 8 students worked hard before Christmas on their projects in Spanish 'La Navidad en España' (Christmas in Spain). Ella Wills created this fantastic 3D poster! Well done Ella



PE Clubs and College Sports Teams

We have had several parents asking about clubs and teams in recent weeks. A copy of the Spring programme will be published on Facebook and the College's website shortly.

Clubs are open to all students. They just need to turn up and change in to PE kit to take part. Team practices are for students who have been selected from regular attendance to club practices. Students are selected for teams based on their regular attendance, commitment, good attitude and effort at these practices. Please contact the PE department if you have any questions.

Mondays - Badminton (girls all years), rowing (all years) and football (Year 8) at lunch. Netball (team training) and football (Sixth Form) after College.

Tuesdays - Basketball (KS4 & invited KS3 Week 1; KS3 Week 2) and football (Years 9 & 10) at lunch. Basketball (all years) after College.

Wednesdays - Netball (Years 8 & 9) at lunch.

Thursdays - Netball (Year 7) and football (Year 7) at lunch.

Fridays - Rowing at lunch.

Netball News

There has been a fantastic start to 2019 for the College's netball teams.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 netball teams who have continued their winning streak in to the New Year. They faced really chilly conditions at Liskeard for the first of the SE Cornwall central venue fixtures of 2019.

Year 7

Torpoint vs Looe A 9-1

Torpoint vs Saltash A 3-1

With Freya, Meg and Maisie making their debut for the A team the girls played exceptionally well. With Maisie, Savannah and Maddie in defence, both Looe and Saltash struggled to get the ball in to the D. Hollie communicated really effectively as captain and led her team solidly. Dominating as centre she fed the ball quickly and accurately, along with Roxie and Meg, in to the D. Roxie, Freya and Alice worked hard to lose their defenders and took their chances shooting accurately. With Sian and Skye as reserves this week this is becoming a really strong and promising team.

Nominated players : Hollie and Alice

Year 8

Torpoint vs Liskeard A 7-1

Torpoint vs Tavistock A 5-3

Torpoint vs Liskeard B 11-2

The 8s started very strongly against Liskeard A with Beth and Mia linking really effectively and dominating the centre third. Both girls fed strongly in to Bridgette and Marley in the D. Bridgette and Marley moved exceptionally well reading each others play excellently. Taking their chances they shot with confidence.

Charlotte made a confident debut, defending really well alongside Maddie, Holly M and Holly T Liskeard found it hard to get through our defence.

The match against Tavistock was tough. In the first half Mia and Holly T fed well in to Holly M and Beth who both shot

accurately. Tavistock attacked strongly when they gained possession and it was very close at half time. The girls made a tough decision to make some changes at half time and it paid off with Maddie and Holly T intercepting most attempts by Tavistock at getting the ball in to the D. Marley and Bridgette fought hard to secure the winning goals. Excellent team work, communication and determination.

Nominated players: Beth (x2) and Bridgette

Activities Week Update - July 2019

Planning is now well under way for this year's Activities Week in July. The majority of Year 7 to 9 students have now been assigned activities for the week, based on their preferences, and for those activities for which there is a charge the details have been

posted onto ParentPay accounts. There is still time to change activities; this needs to be agreed with Mrs Stone before 'No Change Day' which is on **Friday 5th April 2019**. Please note every effort has been made to try and meet the choices made by individuals.

A reminder that full payment for the activities selected must be made by Friday 26th April 2019. Payments for residential trips may be different so you are advised to refer to the information you have been given regarding this. If you require a letter for payment to be made via a PayPoint please contact the Finance Team through Main Reception, or ask your son / daughter to collect a letter from the Finance Office.

In the event there are payments outstanding after **Friday 26th April 2019** your child will have to be removed from the activity for which money is still owing. Should you have any questions regarding Activities Week please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Stone via the College's Main Reception.

Mock Results Evening - 29th January

A reminder that the College will be hosting a Mock Results Evening on Tuesday 29th January between 6-7.30 pm. As well as presenting the mock results there will be information on exam preparation, revision techniques, managing stress and subject advice.