



**TORPOINT**  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

**NEWSLETTER**



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### Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

23rd December - 3rd January -  
Christmas Holidays (Return 6th January)  
17th - 21st February - Half Term  
24th February - INSET Day (College closed  
to students)

### Upcoming Events

14th January - Year 9 Options Evening  
23rd January - Year 12&13 Parents Evening  
6th February - Year 7 Parents Evening

## A Level Spanish

Well done to the A Level Spanish class for making some fantastic gingerbread houses!

The brief was to 'create a Christmas gingerbread house with a Spanish theme'. These included a Nativity scene and Christmas snow house. However, the winner (which was chosen by Mr Riley's Year 10 class) was Nicole Maunder's representation of the book studied at A Level 'El Coronel no tiene quien le escriba'. Nicole's scene showed the house of the two main characters, the rooster, a hammock and clock, all prominent themes in the novel.



Well done Nicole!

## Karate Success

Congratulations to Ruby, Logan and Harrison who have recently taken part in the International Japanese Karate Association (JKA) championships in Crawley.

All 3 students came back with a medal each in their category. Logan with bronze, Harry with silver and Ruby with gold. This was their first competition with Devonport Shotokan Karate Club and it was a massive achievement to win a medal as they competed against clubs from all over the world.





## Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

The wet and windy weather didn't deter the senior citizens from Torpoint and Rame coming along to our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

A traditional Christmas lunch, served by staff and students, followed by some excellent festive entertainment ensured the guests had an enjoyable time and they certainly got into the Christmas spirit.



Dr Plumb said, 'It was a pleasure to welcome our local senior citizens to the College to enjoy a Christmas lunch and some festive entertainment by our very talented young people. I am always impressed at how our students interact so positively with the guests that we have in the College, and we really enjoy being able to support our local community with events such as this.'

## Ten Tors training

Well done to all students who attended the Ten Tors training on Sunday 8th December. They had their kit checked, did some cooking using Trangias and practiced pitching the light weight tents.

Thank you to the volunteers who came to help and also to Roger and Matt, from St Johns Ambulance, who taught some first aid.

The next training walk is on Sunday 12th January, with planning on the Wednesday before (8th January).





## Apprenticeships Information

The latest apprenticeship information and advice for parents, supported by the National Apprenticeship Service, can be found here: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-december-2019/>

The new December Parents' Pack includes application tips with BT, the life of an apprentice at Troup Bywaters + Anders, what's expected in the work-place, 5 questions to ask when figuring out your options, current vacancies and much more.



## Year 11 Mock Interviews

Thank-you to the wide range of employers, including former students, who helped support our mock interview event for Year 11s who each had chance to practice their interview skills.

Students were asked to prepare their CVs in advance and the employers were able to feedback to students on how to improve their CVs further as well as their interview skills to enhance their employability. Some students dressed for success and looked incredibly smart for their interview. Although nervous at first about the Interviews, they were really buzzing after the event which

they really felt helped to increase their confidence and ability to cope in an interview situation.



We would like to thank the following for supporting this event:

- Jack Evans (alumni) recent graduate from Plymouth University with a Degree in Computer and Information Security, currently working for BT in Cheltenham as a Security Software Engineer
- Molly Hosking and Theresa Lynch from the Valuation Office Agency (Plymouth)
- Jos Montgomery-Peters (alumni) owner of Devonshires Garage and financial advisor
- Andrew Downing, Business Consultant
- John Graham, Field Service Engineer, Olympus Medical, STEM Ambassador
- Katherine Archer, Marketing Coordinator, Services Design Solution Ltd
- Katie Wake, Services Design Solution Ltd
- Ray Clarke, Project Design Consultancy Ltd
- Steve Lee (alumni) Kier
- Sarah Rogers, Babcock Graduate Engineer and STEM Ambassador
- Ben Hosking, Babcock Graduate Engineer and STEM Ambassador
- James Clarke, Babcock Graduate Engineer and STEM Ambassador
- Kate Whetter, Royal Society of Chemistry Education Coordinator for the South West
- David Sellars, Careers and Enterprise Company Enterprise Coordinator
- Julie Putman, TCC's amazing Enterprise Adviser from the CIOB
- CPO Richard Tremain, Royal Navy Careers Office.



## TCC Curriculum Model

Please take a look at our most recent curriculum model on the College website which we are proud to share with you.

All of the teachers and curriculum leaders have been working hard over the last few months to review our existing provision and ensure that all students at Torpoint Community College receive the highest standard of education. Our College vision has been at the forefront of our thinking when developing curriculum models; we believe that all of our students need to know important things about the world that will empower them to succeed within and beyond the College.

When our students tells us "I can't do..." or "I'm not clever enough to do...", we simply respond with the word "yet". Our vision is Inspiring Optimistic Learners and a key aspect of this is ensuring that every student knows that we believe in their capacity to succeed.

All subject areas have thought carefully about what we want our students to learn and how to best sequence that learning over time. This is an on-going area of work and we will refine and evolve the model over the coming year.

We have created a document to showcase some aspects of our curriculums and tell the narrative across the College. Please use the following link to access it:-

<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>



## Getting support during school holidays:

Holidays can be stressful times for parents and students and it can be hard to know where to turn, especially when the College is closed.

Our 'worries' e-mail is checked regularly during the holiday periods by the Safeguarding Team. This is a confidential e-mail that you can use to contact us at any time, including during term time. Our website also signposts some useful specialist agencies if you need any support during times when the College is closed.

You can get in touch via:

[worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

or you can find the details of support agencies in the pastoral section of our website.

The TCC Safeguarding Team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and peaceful Christmas holiday .

## GCSE Certificate Breakfast

Last Friday it was a huge pleasure to welcome back to the College over 80 members of last year's Year 11.

It was wonderful to see the students back together as a year group for one last time to receive their GCSE Certificates, celebrate their success and tuck into a cooked Breakfast. Head of Sixth Form, Mr Golding, said "This was a cracking year group who achieved great success last year. It was lovely to meet up with them all again today and catch up on news and share their stories about their new adventures. On behalf of the College I would like to congratulate them all, wish them a lovely Christmas and best wishes for everything they do in the future".





## Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 netball teams who have completed their final fixtures for the South East Cornwall netball league with both teams finishing unbeaten and top of the league.

**Year 9** played well against Liskeard A in their first match. Charlotte, Kaci, Marley and Beth defended solidly letting very few passes get in to the Liskeard D. They communicated well with Mia and Holly T who controlled the centre third and fed strongly to Holly M and Keeley who both moved and communicated well together. At half time they realised more control was needed so they slowed their game down and with a fantastic shooting rate from Keeley.

**Torpoint 21 - Liskeard A 1** (Nominated player Mia)

They continued their form against Tavistock with a few changes to the team. Maddie N, Holly T and Keeley defended really effectively, intercepting most attempts by Tavistock to get in to shoot. Beth and Mia passed and moved strongly through the centre third to Bridgette and Marley who timed their movements really well together. Accurate shooting secured a second win of

**Torpoint 34 - Tavistock 4** (Nominated player Bridgette).

**Year 10** started their game against Liskeard with some comical and unusual errors in the first half but still leading at half time. After a good half time team talk they settled really well in the second half and showed how much they've improved as a team this season. Hannah, Rosie and Ruby stopping most attempts at attack and controlling play much more effectively through to Lucy and Emily who supported some effective circle play for their shooters. Abi and Maddy's timing improved quickly to receive strong passes in to the D from Rosie. Shooting accuracy improved as the game progressed with Maddy hitting excellent shooting form in the second half to win.

## Torpoint 12 - Liskeard A 4

(Nominated player Rosie)

Against Tavistock A they didn't make any changes but decided to focus on shape and control which they did really well to win.

**Torpoint 21 - Tavistock 4** (Nominated player Rosie).

A fantastic evening of netball with committed, enthusiastic players who always want to support each other, play their best and have a giggle along the way.

Thank you to Mrs Thomson for assisting with transport and allowing our full squad to travel and play.



## Badminton Club

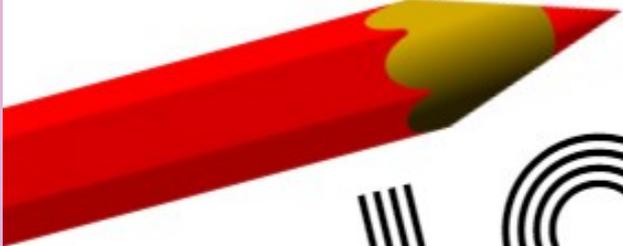
Please note that Badminton Club restarts after Christmas on Tuesday 14th January.

Students must have a signed consent form to attend. Those that haven't been for a while will need to confirm their continued interest as there is now a waiting list.

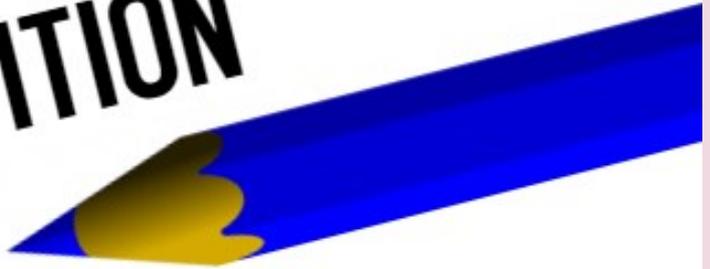
## Message from TCC Marketing

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](mailto:TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)



# LOGO COMPETITION



WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN AMAZING LOGO FOR THE  
EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING BOARD.

MUST INCLUDE: 'EMHWB'  
THE COLOUR YELLOW  
BE EASILY RECOGNISABLE

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO MISS PINE BY THURS  
23RD JAN

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

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# STUDY CAFÉ



## TCC STUDENTS!

Need somewhere to study?

Need a space to revise in?

Why not drop into our study café on  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

### COMPUTER ACCESS

FREE TEA, COFFEE  
& BISCUITS

ACCESS TO  
REVISION GUIDES  
& SUPPORT MATERIALS

EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
ROOM 17  
3:30-5:30pm





## Headteacher's Message

Torpoint Community College had the pleasure of welcoming nearly 60 senior citizens to Christmas dinner on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This was followed by Christmas carols led by our wonderful College students. Many students and staff have enjoyed Christmas dinner this year and, to complete the run up to Christmas, the College was alive with festive Christmas jumpers on the last day of term. We are now all ready for the festive holiday.

As ever, this term has been busy with an array of activities. Year 11 students experienced individual mock interviews from which they clearly valued this opportunity based on their positive feedback. Year 11 also attended the Mock Examination Results Evening where they collected their results and were provided with a range of strategies and guidance to help prepare them for their GCSEs in the summer. Year 9 have been introduced to the Key Stage 4 options process and there will be an Options Evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to explain more about this. The recent College miffi day was a massive success in collecting provisions for the local food bank. May I take this opportunity to thank all students, parents and staff for their kind donations.

We held the Year 12 Examination Certificate morning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Students collected their GCSE examination certificates, enjoyed a full English breakfast and had the opportunity to catch up with their peers.

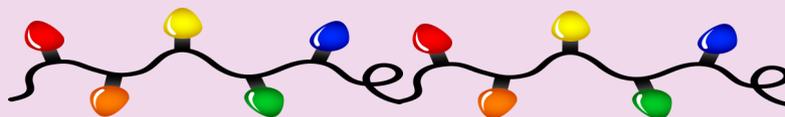
It was lovely to see so many of the students at this event.

Recently we held assemblies with Year 7, 8 and 9 students to explain the planned changes to Activities Week in July 2020. The College is increasing in size and following a review of what the week should comprise, it has been decided to fundamentally change its format so it returns to a more curriculum based programme (with an underlying annual theme) and for which it is fully inclusive to all students. We have renamed July 2020's Activities Week to "Health and Wellbeing Week". There will be a day trip for each of the Year 7 to 9 year groups followed by two days of enrichment activities that will take place in the College with a focus on Health and Wellbeing. A number of students have already signed up to residential trips, one to Spain and a PGL trip to Beam House in North Devon. Year 10 will have the very valuable opportunity to take part in work experience during the week. Further information about the Health and Wellbeing Week will be published in the New Year.

At the end of this term we say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Claire Baker, teacher of mathematics, and welcome back Mrs Gill Bates from maternity leave. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to welcoming students back to College on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Merry Christmas.

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher



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