



Inspiring Optimistic Learners

NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

- 17th - 21st February - Half Term
- 24th February - INSET Day (College closed to students)
- 30th March - 13th April - Easter Break

Exam Success

Congratulations to Year 8 student QiQi who achieved a Grade 9 in GCSE Chinese (spoken Mandarin) during the summer exams. She was recently presented with her exam certificate.



Well done QiQi!

Upcoming Events

- 23rd January - Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening
- 6th February - Year 7 Parents' Evening

South West and Wales Indoor Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Poppy and Rosie who recently competed at the SW and Wales Indoor Championships in Cardiff with both girls performing exceptionally well.

Poppy came 2nd in the 75m hurdle heat, and 4th overall, so just missing a podium position but coming 1st in her age group. Later in the day Poppy ran a great 800m race, again in the Under 15 category so racing older girls., and won the whole event to bring back Gold for the South West in a great time of 2.21 (a new pb for indoors).



Rosie ran a great 60m sprint in the Under 15s too and set a really good time to try and beat this season. Well done girls!

Cross Country

This awesome set of students below braved the elements on 11th December at Newquay Sports Centre for the Cross Country Team Relay Event.

To say it was cold was an understatement and the wind, coupled with the saturated ground, meant the running conditions were pretty challenging. All individuals ran so well. Our Year 7 girls and boys teams came 14th and 16th out of 24 teams and the Junior girls and boys came 18th and 16th out of 22 teams. Brilliant results taking into consideration that there were independent schools with county runners representing them.

I was so proud to be a teacher of the students representing Torpoint at this event. The team atmosphere was amazing. Those who had finished, or waiting to compete, ran each and every member of their school in to the finish line for their lap.

Well done everyone!



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

Holocaust Memorial Day

We would like to extend a warm invitation to Torpoint Community College's commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day in 2020. This will take the form of an art exhibition, to be open for viewing, on **Friday 24th January between 4.00-6.30pm in the Kensa Gallery at the College.**

Every student across Key Stage 3 has worked extremely hard to contribute to a piece of art work for the art exhibition. This year, the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day is 'Stand Together' and the students' art work holds this theme at its heart. You may recall that we were honoured to host a survivor of the Holocaust, Mala Tribich MBE, two years ago to work with staff on delivering challenging subjects to students. When responding to a question from a member of staff, Mala gave us an instruction...to 'tell the stories of those who can not'.

We hope, that in our own way, we have started to tell these stories and that by standing together, we have begun to respond to Mala's request, commemorating those who lost their lives in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Please could you contact Mrs Lane should you have any queries. You can either telephone the College, or email her directly on lane.c@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to our College on the eve of this very important national event.



Health and Wellbeing Week 13th to 17th July 2020

A letter was sent to parents and carers via satchel post on 15th January providing details on this year's Health and Wellbeing Week. This is a change to the previous years' Activities Weeks.

It is important that all parents and carers of Year 7 to 9 students read this letter as it contains information on the format of the week including a day trip planned for the Wednesday. Residential trips to Barcelona and Beam House in North Devon will run concurrently and Year 10 students will be on work experience.

A link to the letter on the College's website can be found here:

http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/191216-U-Health-and-Wellbeing-Week-Letter-to-Parents-Carers-v1_1-D-Bus-Man-1.pdf

Breakfast Club

Fed up with spending your Free School Meals money on tuck and not having enough left over for lunch? Left late and forgot to have breakfast? Just want a bit of company and a cup of tea or hot chocolate in the morning?

Our free Breakfast Club for students runs every day between 8.15 – 8.45. Anyone in need of a breakfast is welcome to come and join us in SSC. All breakfast products have been donated by kind staff, parents and members of the public.



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/>



Badminton News

The County badminton finals are coming up at Truro for our Under 12 boys team and our Under 14 and Under 16 girls teams.

Team practice is every Tuesday lunch time. Team members should have collected their letters from the PE office. For us to be able to take all players we will need a parent to drive and take a few students. If any parents can help we would be very grateful.



The event takes place on Tuesday 4th February. We will be departing the College at 7.15am and returning at 4.30pm.

Miss Milford

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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Ecuador Expedition

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Rob Lowe has been appointed as the Expedition Leader for the College's trip to Ecuador in Summer 2021.

Mr Lowe will be working closely with the students going on the expedition over the next 18 months to support them with fundraising, prepare them for the trip and supervising them whilst they are in Ecuador. Please support them where you can - this is an amazing opportunity for all those taking part.



Work Experience

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 students,
As I am sure you aware, Work Experience week is 13th – 17th July this year. There are still a number of Year 10 students who are yet to secure a placement.
Would you please encourage your child to actively seek a placement, by using the Veryan website, the notice boards and any other means available to them. If you are aware of a company that you feel would be suitable for your child, feel free to contact them directly and enquire.

Placements become limited as time goes on and companies become full.

If you or your child need any information or assistance, I am available every day in College, and can be contacted on Sissons.L@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Many thanks,
Lucy Sissons
Work Experience Co-ordinator

<https://cornwall.learnaboutwork.net/index.asp>



STUDY CAFÉ



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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**

