



**TORPOINT
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

30th March - 13th April - Easter Break

Upcoming Events

6th-15th March - Science Week
9th-13th March - Sport Relief Week

Music News

Well done to Isabelle in Year 8, and Isabelle and Ella in Year 9, who have recently been on an advanced music course in Portsmouth with the Sea Cadets. The girls also got to play and march alongside the Royal Marine Band.



Raiders Girls Basketball Clinic

Basketball has been really popular on the curriculum this year so when we were offered the opportunity to attend a Raiders basketball clinic at the Pavilions for our sports women we knew it would be popular.

The 30 girls who attended had a fantastic morning with one of the Raiders coaches with 2 hours of drills and games. This was followed by a very exciting afternoon as Ercan Yucel, the new Raiders owner and Turkish billionaire, arrived for the takeover match that day. TCC girls had a Meet and Greet with Ercan and the Raiders team before the match and then received T shirts and free refreshments for the day.

The Raiders Coach and Development Officer was very impressed with our girls and informed them about the training that takes place at City College every Friday evening from 6-7pm (no need to book and £2 per session) should they want to get more involved in basketball.



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/>



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Badminton Equipment Donation

Many thanks to Chris Still from Torpoint Badminton Club for the very kind donation of racquets and other equipment to the College. Chris entered a draw with Badminton England and has kept some to use at the after College club on Tuesdays as well as donate some to the PE department.



Year 13 Biology

Three Year 13 Biology students took part in the British Biology Olympiad last month, an international competition that saw 9,520 students from 668 schools worldwide compete. Our students did extremely well, each gaining recognition for their achievements:

Louis Sanderson – Gold award

Evan Bain – Silver award

Jack Edwards – Bronze award.

Students who gained the bronze or higher award are in the top quartile of all students who took part. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done.



We Reading at TCC

We are buzzing about books!

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." –
Walt Disney

We aim:

- To provide a safe and positive learning atmosphere for **all** students
- To develop a love of literature, language, media and reading
- To provide Accelerated Reader access for all Year 7 and 8 students to use as a tool to facilitate sustained progress.

We ensure that we have a detailed understanding of progress and attainment at KS2 so that we can focus on:

- Securing and building on core literacy skills
- Encouraging independent reading through the Accelerated Reader programme
- Group and collaborative work so that students have opportunities to discuss, probe and evaluate texts
- Developing writing skills to equip students to write for real audiences and purposes.

Accelerated Reader Programme

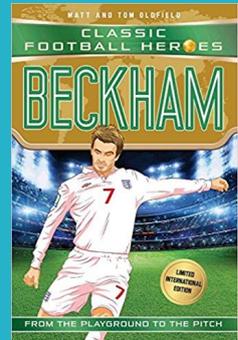
AR is an exciting national reading programme that uses cutting edge diagnostic tools to support teachers to improve the reading ability of students. All students in Year 7 and 8 are star tested at the beginning of the year and a ZPD score is generated. This gives each student a reading range and ensures that they are able to select a book from the library that will be accessible, but also challenging, for them. Once students have selected a book they will complete a period of 20 minutes engaged reading in every English lesson. Once the book has been read an online quiz is then taken to test the understanding of the book and allows staff to monitor progress and offer intervention and support if necessary. Students are also encouraged to take their book home to read as this has proved to accelerate progression.

At TCC Library we love reading and we love offering our students opportunities to select challenging and interesting texts from a wide range of genres. We monitor all of our books closely and endeavour to maintain high standards in the quality of literature that we issue to students, but we are very much aware that some authors who are very popular with our students do tackle some important, but at times adult, themes and issues. If you have any concerns about the book your child is reading, please let us know and we will change the book for them.

**Top tips for reading at home -
Read the book of a popular
movie**

Reading isn't just for English...

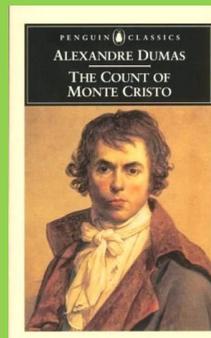
If you like PE/Sport
then why not try
this...



**Accelerated Reader Stars
100% Club
Students with 100% quiz scores**

TRUAN GASKELL
LEO GRIEVE
RHYS MASON
BENJAMIN PAYNE
NOAH MOON
JORDEN SHAWCROSS
JOSS MORRIS
LILY GEELAN,
MAY LISHMAN
LILY TAYLOR
MADDIE TURLEY

HOLLY NOBES
FINLAY SANDERS
ELLIE FRASER
ROSIE NORTHCOTT
SKYLAR STREVENS
SUMMER-MAY WEBSTER
JOSHUA OWEN
SOPHIE PHILLIPS
JOSHUA ROBERTSON
MIA WILLCOCK
QUINN EDE



**My Favourite Book
Mr Pease**

The most popular author for library
issues in February was...

Jeff Kinney

Important Dates

**Kernow Youth Book Awards -
29th April**

Ten Tors training – Sunday 1st March

Well done to all the students and volunteers who took part in the Ten Tors training at the beginning of this month. This was the first walk on their own without an adult walking or shadowing them and they experienced all weathers in a matter of hours. The teams successfully completed the walk from Leeden Tor car park to Postbridge.



There is training on Saturday 14th March with the expedition on Sunday 15th. The planning meeting is on Wednesday 11th March.

Torpoint vs Liskeard SE Cornwall league fixture

Well done to the TCC 7A and 8A netball teams who played Liskeard A teams in the sunshine on 3rd March.

Three 7B team players moved up for their first A team matches so well done to them for their hard work and progress. With Isabelle, Daisy, May and Holly in defence the girls worked hard and intercepted most attempts of getting the ball in to the D. They fed the ball to effectively to Lucy and Sophia through the centre. Lucy and Sophia showed good agility through the centre and linked very well with Willow, Rosa and Emily who moved well and shot accurately. Good team work and team spirit.

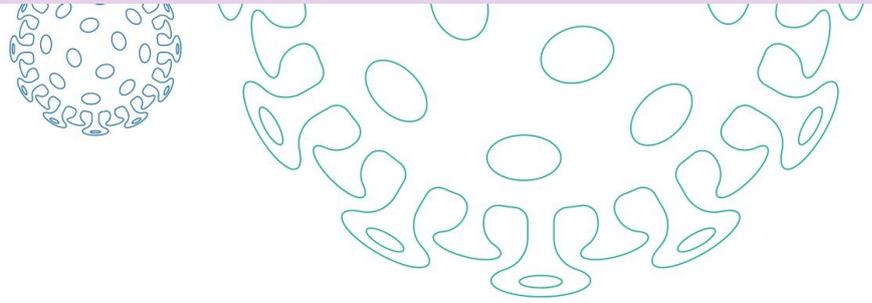
TORPOINT A 11 LISKEARD A 2. Nominated Player - Willow.

Torpoint 8A team have been working on some new tactics including set plays from the centre which they used effectively. Savanna, Sky and Maddie defended very strongly stopping Liskeard's attacking play. Holly, Alice, Roxie and Rosie held good shape through the centre court controlling play very well. Rosie, Freya and Alice communicated and mixed well in the D and shot very successfully. Good tactical play and team work.

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Excellent work girls. The hard work and weekly commitment to training is really showing in your results. Final fixtures of the season for 7A, 7B and 8A are at home on Thursday 12th March.





Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately





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

