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Year 6 Newsletter

TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Hello! I am delighted to hear that you are looking at joining our school in September 2020 and that you are wanting to complete your secondary school journey with us!
You will join a happy and supportive school and we are looking forward to celebrating your many successes during your time with Torpoint Community College.

Normally at this time of year, I would be organising some visits to meet you at your primary school but unfortunately at this time, it is not possible. I therefore wanted to send you this newsletter to introduce you to some key members of staff and start to share with you some key information.

My name is Miss Lindup and one of my jobs at the College is to help you to make your journey from primary to secondary school and make it as easy as possible. My other job is as the Head of House for Tregonhawke. At Torpoint Community College, we have 4 Houses; Tregonhawke, Tregantle, Freathy and Polhawn (see if you can find out why they have those names!). Mr Pease is the Head of House for Freathy and Mrs Howard and Mrs Blandin-Neaves look after Tregantle and Polhawn.

This newsletter will give you some more information about some of the staff as well as some information about life at Torpoint Community College.

I'm sure that you will find Torpoint Community College to be a happy environment where we know one another and care about all of those around us. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you! Miss Lindup

Lessons at Torpoint Community College

There are a range of exciting and new lessons that you get to participate in when you join us. Your timetable will be full with lots of interesting subjects!

English	Maths	Science
Geography	History	RE
Computing	Music	Drama
Art	DT	PE
Spanish	French	PSHE

Tutor Time at Torpoint Community College

When you move to TCC you will find that you will be in a different tutor group to the friends you had at primary school. Miss Lindup and the other Heads of House will make sure that the groups are mixed up whilst ensuring that you know at least one person so that you can make lots of new friends! You will get to know the other students through activities organised by your tutor (You will see your tutor every morning from 8.45-9.10am and they will get to know you really well!).

Times of the day at Torpoint Community College

Your day to day timetable will change from what you currently know, you will be moving around to different classrooms and you will have different teachers for different subjects. You will also need to carry your bag around with you for the day and bring in the correct kit on the days you need it, for example, remembering your Maths calculator or PE kit. Your break and lunch times will also be different from your current school and you will notice that lunch time is a little later than most of you will be used to!

	Time
Tutor Time	8.45-9.10am
Lesson 1	9.10-10.10am
Lesson 2	10.10-11.10am
Break	11.10-11.30am
Lesson 3	11.30-12.30
Lesson 4	12.30-1.30pm
Lunch	1.30-2.20pm
Lesson 5	2.20-3.20pm

The key is to not get worried by this! All of it will become normal for you. Year 7 will have a different lunchtime in the first 2 weeks to help!

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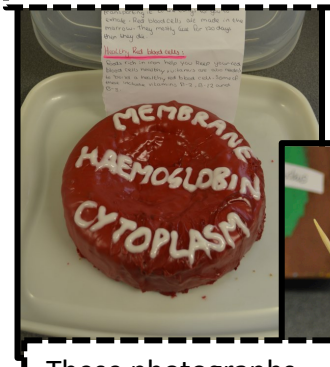
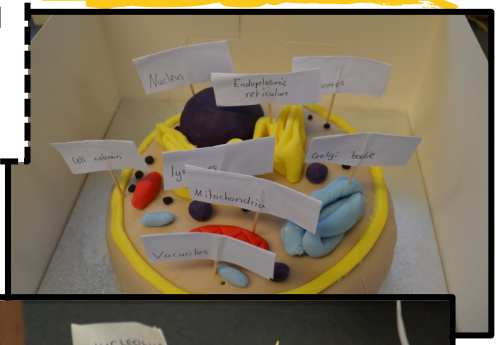
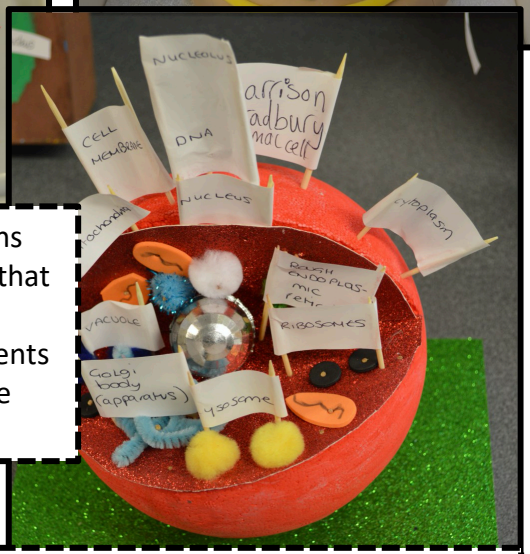
Homework at Torpoint Community College

You will get homework when you start in Year 7. You will be set all of your homework on a website/App called Show My Homework. It will tell you what you need to, how long you need to spend doing it and when you have to hand it in. It will also show you your timetable for the day so you know what lesson you have, this will help you to make sure you have all of the correct equipment for the next day! You may also be set homework on Sam Learning and MyMaths by your teachers. If you are ever unsure, you can ask your tutor or any of your teachers who will help you. Do not be afraid to ask.

In Year 7, you will mainly get homework from English, Maths and Science and this will be set on the same day of the timetable.







These photographs show homework that was produced by some of our students in a Year 7 science class.

Extra-Curricular Activities at Torpoint Community College

Outside of lessons, we want you to develop your other skills and develop a passion for things like; sport, the arts, drama and music. At TCC we offer music lessons, lots of sports clubs (netball, football, basketball… to name a few) and we have also been known to put on a production or two.

We are also keen to celebrate the success of our students and each month; a nominated student receives the Headteacher's award. This is an award that recognises the fantastic things you do outside of lesson time. In addition to this, students can collect 'Kudos' points for daily positive achievements e.g. positive contributions in class, good work etc. These are shared with parents/carers through the Show My Homework phone App.

Moving to Torpoint Community College

Moving from primary school to secondary school can be quite hard for some people. To make the move seem more natural, we have come up with 4 advice tips which we hope you can use.

Don't be scared of getting lost: If you get lost on your first couple of weeks at TCC, you shouldn't get worried. The teachers will not be angry and there will be people around the school that will be happy to help.

Don't be worried about not making friends. There will be lots of people from your primary school who will go to TCC, but there will also be loads of other children who you can talk to and make friends with.

Make sure that you are organised. If you can, organise your books and equipment to make things seem easier. You could use files or piles. If you know where all of your equipment is, there will be no problems moving from primary school to secondary school.

Don't be worried to ask if you need to: If you have a question or query and you aren't too sure what to do, you can ask for help. No-one will shout at you and you will be praised for contributing to the lesson or for whatever you are doing.

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All About Me

Name- Miss Lindup

Job at TCC- KS2 Transition Lead, Head of House Tregonhawke

Subject I teach- Geography

Hobbies
- Netball
- Paddleboarding
- Walking/Hiking

Favourite food

Pizza!

Favourite place to visit

The Lake District

Favourite colour

Turquoise blue

Pets

A Chocolate Labrador

Tea or coffee?

Coffee!!

All About Me

Name- Mrs Howard

Job at TCC- Head of House Tregantle

Subject I teach- Computing

Favourite food

Curry

Hobbies
- Cycling
- Socialising with friends
- Sports with the kids

Favourite colour

Green

Favourite place to visit

The beach

Tea or coffee?

Neither! Water, squash or Fanta orange

Pets

None

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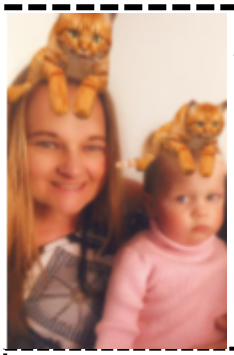


Name- Mrs Blandin-Neaves

Job at TCC- Senior Assistant Headteacher

Subject I teach- Maths

Hobbies
- Reading
- Gardening
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Walking
- Seeing my friends

Favourite food

Ice cream

Favourite colour

Khaki

Favourite place to visit

The beach, visiting family abroad

Tea or coffee?

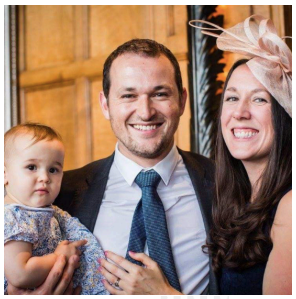
Coffee with breakfast, tea with cake, Fanta orange otherwise

Pets

2 cats, Sophie & Ginge

All About Me

Name- Mr Pease



Job at TCC- Head of House Freathy

Subject I teach- English

Favourite food

Roast or Indian

Hobbies
- Walking
- Hiking
- Reading
- Running
- Cycling
- Communing with nature

Favourite colour

Red or Green

Pets

We have plans to get a dog when my daughters are older

Favourite place to visit

Dartmoor

Tea or coffee? Coffee, coffee, coffee!!

Activities

We appreciate at this time that you are doing lots of school activities at home but we would like to learn a little more about you and we would like for you to be able to learn about TCC!

Learning about you…

We would like you to complete the 'All About Me' task (on the bottom half of this page), take a picture of your work (ask your parent or carer to help you with this) and send it to the following email address transition@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk. Please make sure that we can see the whole page and it is in a well-lit area so we can read and learn all about you! (Please also note that returning this information will allow us to start putting together tutor groups for September 2020 and help to avoid any issues). Please ensure that your child's name is clear on the sheet and on the email, please add the subject line- TCC Transition- All About Me before you send the email. Thank you!

If you can't email, please send your child's response to… *Mrs Blandin- Neaves, Torpoint Community College, Trevol Rd, Torpoint, PL11 2NH*

Please can we have all responses by Friday 22nd May 2020.

All About Me

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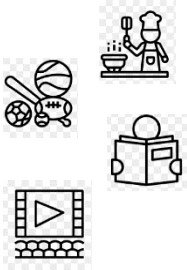
I am _____ years old

My hobbies are… 

Do you have any brothers or sisters at Torpoint Community College? If so, which House are they in? (Don't worry if you are not sure)

Who would you like to be in a tutor group with?

When I leave school, I would like to be…

My favourite food is…

My favourite colour is…

My favourite lesson is…

My favourite film is…

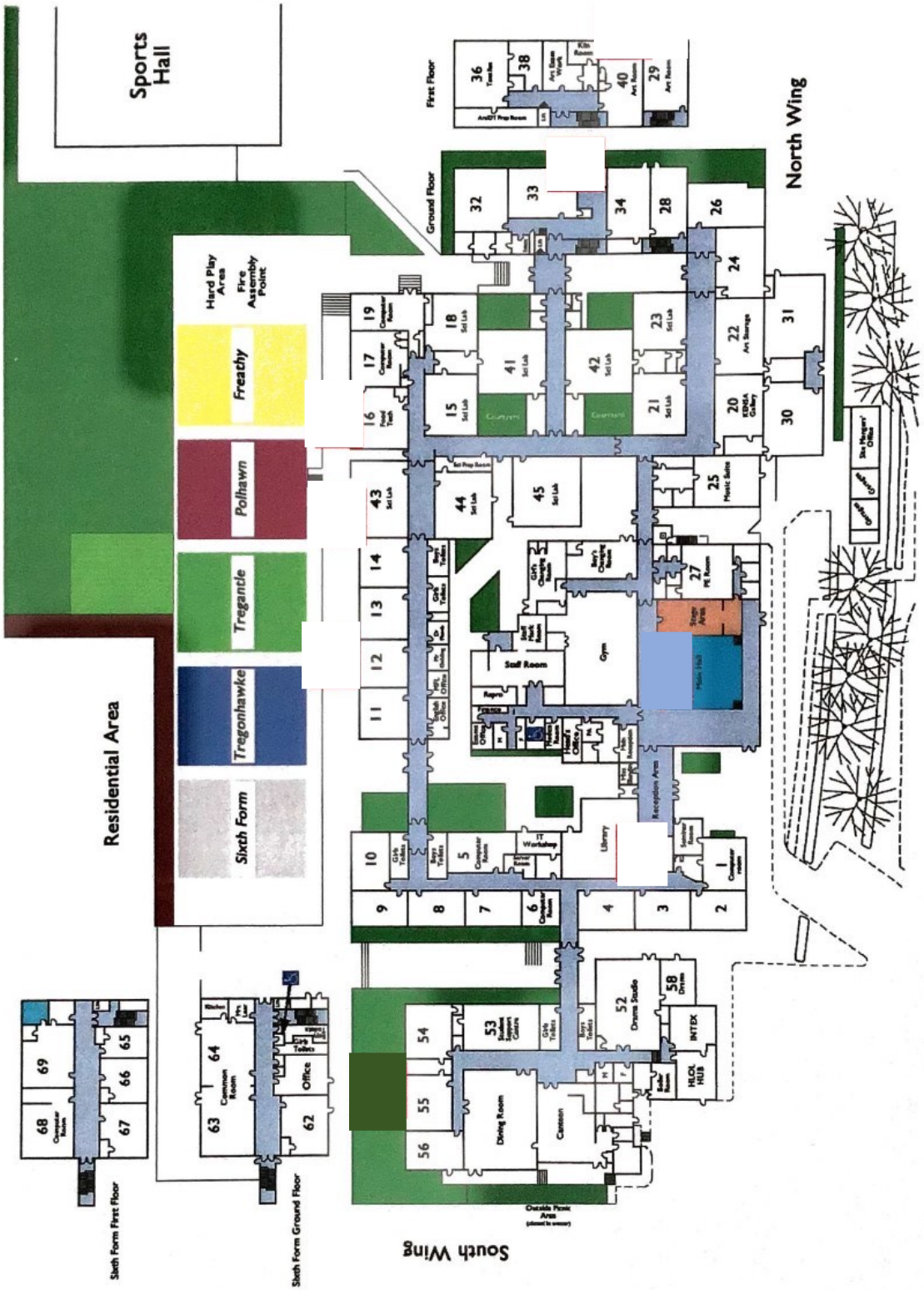
My favourite animal is…

Something I would like my tutor to know…

French or Spanish?

Activities

Learning about us…

On the bottom half of this page, you will find a map of our college. See if you can complete the following tasks…

1. What would be the quickest way to walk from room 55 to room 9? (Trace it with your finger)
2. What would be the quickest way to walk from room 23 to room 11? (Trace it with your finger)
3. Which part of the map shows the front of the school?
4. Which part of the map shows the sixth form block?
5. Can you find the canteen and dining room?
6. Can you find the library?