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NEWSLETTER

Monday 7th December 2020



UPCOMING EVENTS

MUFTI DAY- FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- 18TH
DECEMBER**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

CHRISTMAS BREAK- 21ST Dec 20- 3rd Jan 21

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer

It's hard to believe that we are now in December and Christmas is descending upon us very quickly. I would like to share my sincere thanks to all of you for your support last week in enabling us to have one year group out each day. It has certainly achieved its desired aim.

The government also announced last week the extra measures they plan to put in place to make the exams planned for Summer 2021 fairer and to provide greater support to students who have clearly experienced unprecedented disruption to their learning throughout this year. The measures include:

- more generous grading than usual, in line with results from summer 2020, so that this year's cohort is not disadvantaged
- students getting advance notice - at the end of January - of some topic areas covered in exams to focus revision
- exam aids - such as formula sheets - provided in some exams to cut down on the memorising required
- additional "backup" exams - to be held in July - to give students a second chance to sit a paper if they have to miss main exams or assessments due to illness or self-isolation.

As we learn about the proposed measures, we will of course share this you and your children.

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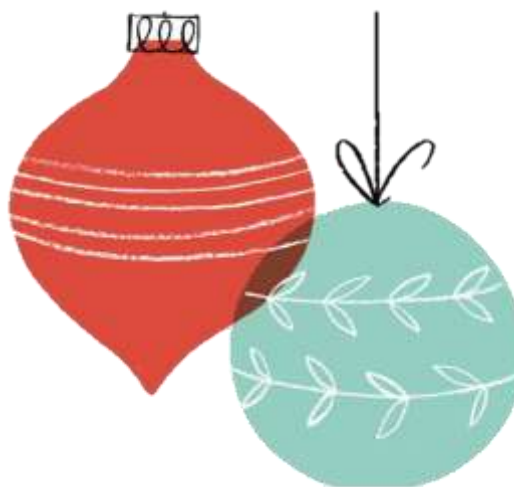
We have also seen the end of the second national lockdown and a local restriction tier system put in place. As a College sitting right on the border between Cornwall and Devon, we have staff and students who are subject to Tier 1 and Tier 2 restrictions respectively. The new tier system has had no impact on the College with everyone required to attend school as normal, unless they are self-isolating, and all control measures we have in place have been reviewed and will continue to be in place for the foreseeable future. A copy of the latest College's risk assessment can be found on our website.

As Christmas approaches, I can sense an air of excitement and anticipation amongst the children, and it is important after such a difficult year that they have something to look forward to. There are of course those for which I know Christmas can be an incredibly difficult and challenging time and, as a College, we are here to support those children for whom this is the case. The traditional format for the College's Christmas Dinner has had to be revised this year; however, a full Christmas dinner will be served to all year groups in their designated areas on Tuesday 15th December. We will also continue with our Christmas Jumper Day which will take place on Friday 18th December.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to inform the College should your child have to self-isolate if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or indeed a member of their household, and to inform us of the outcome of their COVID test – positive or negative – so we can complete any follow-up action.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year and I will write to you again at the end of term.

Yours sincerely,





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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

MUFTI DAY

Friday 11th December 2020

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS



DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the shopping list to help people in crisis

DONATE MONEY

Donate £1 towards buying items for people in crisis



Shopping List

Urgently needed food

Tinned meat (corn beef, tinned ham).
Tinned fish.
Tinned vegetables (potatoes, peas, carrots).
Steamed Pudding
Treats/Snacks
Deodorants (male and female)
Rice
Tinned Fruit
Sugar
Biscuits
Snacks



Christmas Food Hamper Items

Tinned Meat Ham/Chicken/Turkey
Christmas Pudding
Chocolate selection boxes
Christmas snacks and treats
Mince Pies
Salmon (tinned)
Custard
Christmas Cake/Yule Log
Tinned Fruit
Biscuits
Rice pudding (tinned)

Please make sure that donated food items have a long expiry date. Thank you.



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Help us host an environmentally friendly Christmas Jumper Day

A student council request:

Although Christmas Jumper Day is lovely and festive, it can be bad for the environment.

Environmental charity Hubbub has warned against buying the seasonal garments after finding that up to 95% of them are made using plastic.

A survey found that 1 in 3 people buy a new jumper every year and two-fifths of festive tops are only worn once.

Festive jumpers can be a form of single use plastic so it is much better for the planet if we recycle and swap old sweaters rather than buy new.

If you have a Christmas jumper you no longer want, please consider dropping it up to College reception by **December 14th**. We will ensure that it is securely stored so that it meets Covid safety standards before inviting students to pop along to our festive sweater exchange where they will be able to select a jumper to take away and wear on **December 18th**.



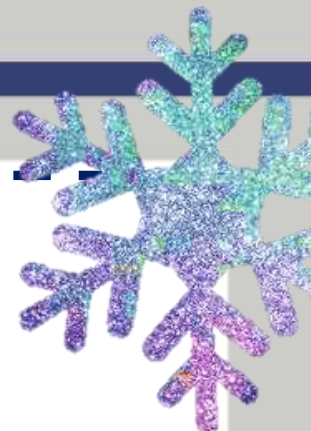


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PSHE Consultation

Thank you to the parents/carers that have completed the Google Form to give feedback regarding the changes to the PSHEe curriculum.

Careers: Don't forget if you want to do some careers research over the Christmas holidays to use Unifrog – now available to use by students from Year 7 upwards.

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

Congratulations to the following students for being AR Superstars!

Most words read since September –

Daniel Needham 280,800 words

Most Quizzes Passed –

Lilly-May Halliday 13
Benjamin Chinnery 12
Hayden Webster 12
Warren Radley 15
Zac Deighton 14



Students who have achieved 100 % on all quizzes taken since September reading 2 or more books -

Saskia Brisley 2
Keira Brown 4
Halle Finch 3
Thea Woffenden 3
Ella Noak 4
Sky Newcombe 2
Max Wilde 7



PARENTS AND CARERS NOTICE

If you have an enquiry or need to see a member of staff in person, please book an appointment in advance.

Please do not enter the reception area unless you have booked an appointment.

Otherwise you can use our enquiries email

enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Thank you.



Library News!

Are you missing being able to see Mrs Hodgetts in the Library and take books out to read?

There is now a virtual library for you to keep up to date with news, new books, Accelerated Reading, competitions, reading suggestions and book reviews.

Please use the following link to take a look!

<https://sites.google.com/view/tcclibraryzone/home>





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Spotlight on Key Stage 3 Art



Ceramic Tiles Year 7

Pictured on this page are just some of the amazing ceramic work made by Mrs Jones' Year 7 art classes. Their work is inspired by the title 'Natural Forms' and they have created ceramic tiles which feature animals, flowers and leaves.

Pictured on the left is their extension work, a ceramic Christmas decoration where they added surface decoration by pressing foliage into the clay.

Well done Year 7 for working very hard and creating some lovely work!



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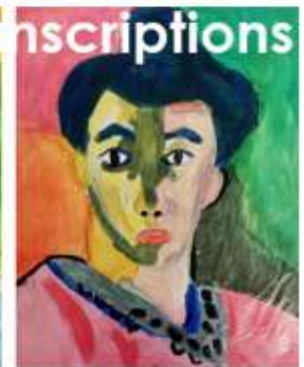
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Year 7 Monoprinting



YEAR 9 Fauvism



Transcriptions

Year 7 Mono-printing - Well done to Mr Lowe's Year 7 art class who have mastered the art of mono-printing. This technique uses printing ink with paper layered on top. The students drew on top of the paper so the ink transferred onto it.

Year 9 Fauvism Painting - Year 9 have created some outstanding paintings based on the art movement of 'Fauvism'. There is some lovely use of vibrant colour and mark making here which has made these paintings a real success. Good work Year 9!



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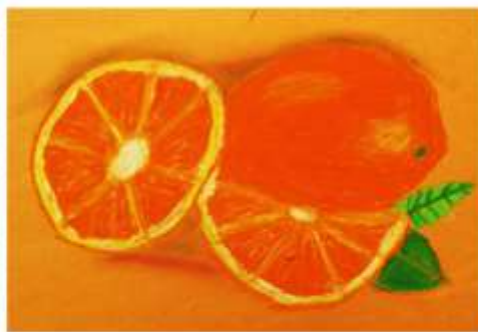
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Spotlight on Key Stage 3 Art



**Year 8
Confectionary Images**



Year 9 Observed Drawing

Year 8 Confectionary Images - Miss Thomas' Year 8 have been working on their transcription inspired work and have done some great work. They have used vibrant and well blended colours. Super work Year 8!

Year 9 Observed Drawing - Year 9 have been working on their observed drawing and have done some excellent work!



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A LEVEL & GCSE ARTWORK READY FOR COLLECTION

Last year's Year 11 and Year 13 art students- you can now pick up your artwork! If you are no longer a student here please book a slot beforehand. You can do this by ringing reception on 01752 815211 or contact the Art Department directly by using extension number 217. Your work will be dropped off at reception ready for collection.

If you have a folder to put your work in that would be ideal.

Thank you!



Reporting student absence

Please note that the **number 07937986223 is no longer in use** to report a student absence.

To report a student absence, please contact the College no later than 9am on the Main College telephone number- 01752 812511 or by e-mail enquires@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Many thanks.



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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

December is here! I have started an 18-day EMHWPB advent calendar with help from my tutor group 8F, please do check it out. The countdown has begun on the College's Facebook page.

The advent calendar will aim to cover many different aspects of wellbeing and mental health.

We started the month with some Christmas jokes and a discrete calming breathing technique.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES

Who delivers presents to baby sharks? Santa Jaws (RK)
What is Santa's favourite type of music? Wrap (AP)
What's the best Christmas present? A broken drum - you can't beat it! (RP)
Who hides in a bakery at Christmas? A mince spy. (BD)



The current pandemic and the Christmas period is not for everyone for many reasons so please remember that you are not alone.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/your-stories/support-at-christmas/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/christmas-tips-from-our-activists/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/how-to-help-your-child-if-christmas-makes-them-anxious/>

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/familyline/>

CALM DOWN WITH 'TAKE 5' BREATHING



How do you feel now?
Are you calm or do you
need to take another
5 breaths?

Best wishes,
Miss Pine



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TCC's Video for 'Torpoint Virtual Christmas Light Switch on'

Well done to Years 7, 8 and 10 who got into the festive mood (and festive headwear) and participated in a Christmas video which was included in Torpoint's 'Virtual Christmas Light Switch On'. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all involved in putting on this event for our community.

