



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 9th February 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

SPRING TERM- 4TH JANUARY- 1ST APRIL
HALF TERM BREAK- 15TH- 19TH FEBRUARY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dr Jeremy Plumb

As we approach the half term break I would like to take this opportunity to praise the students and their families for the great work that they have achieved throughout the current lockdown. We are also very grateful for the array of supportive messages we have received for the work staff are doing in keeping children focused, motivated and engaged in the remote learning provision. We fully understand what a challenge this is for students and their families.

It is hard to believe we are now halfway through the Academic Year and there are two very important dates rapidly approaching. The first is the 22nd February when the Department for Education and Ofqual should be providing further guidance as to how the examination grades for Year 11 and 13 will be awarded. The second is the 8th March when the government has suggested children may start to return to school, but with reassurance that at least two weeks' notice will be given to schools and parents. We will, of course, keep you fully updated on both matters. As notified last week, the College INSET day that had been planned for Monday 22nd February has been postponed. This will now be a normal school day in respect of the Support School and remote learning provision. The INSET day will be rescheduled for later in the year when it can be used most productively.

This week is Health and Wellbeing Week and we all know how important it is to look after ourselves and our families during such challenging times. On Tuesday 9th February the College has implemented a "screen-free day" for Years 7, 8 and 9. Students are asked to engage in a selection of activities both away from normal timetabled lessons and focus on enjoying activities related to their health and wellbeing.

Finally, I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and restful half term break. Spring is rapidly approaching and there is light at the end of the tunnel with the ongoing vaccination programme and with the R-number beginning to decrease. I look forward to the time when we can welcome all of our wonderful students back to the College for face to face teaching and learning.

With my best wishes

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher

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website.

SPOTLIGHT ON... TORPOINT SIXTH FORM

**An Introduction to Torpoint Community College
Sixth Form by Mr John Golding - Head of Sixth Form.**

Find out about the opportunities available here to support you on your next steps towards university, a career or apprenticeship. A range of films about each A -Level subject will follow over the coming weeks.





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Cornwall Council Library Message

Cornwall Council Library and Information Service are offering each student in the school an electronic library card number which will allow them free access to e-books and e-audiobooks through the BorrowBox library app, and free newspapers and magazines through the PressReader app. There are no overdue charges, no loan charges - it is all completely free!

Students will be able to access this material in school and from home if a mobile device is available.

BorrowBox contains an ever growing collection of e-books and e-audiobooks. It has already been activated on the school iPads.

If you wish to log in from home with a different device, you will need to:

- Download the **BorrowBox** app.
- Sign in.
- In the Library box select **Cornwall Libraries**.
- Type your new library card number in the **Borrower Number** box.
- Your **PIN** is the last 4 digits of your membership number.
- You're all set. Any current loans from your school iPad will carry across onto a new device.

(Just like in a real library, some books will have waiting lists. If a book you want is not available immediately, click **Reserve** and add yourself to the end of the queue. If waiting lists become too long, Cornwall Libraries will buy extra copies.)

PressReader contains over 4000 national and international newspapers and magazines including many of the most popular UK publications. It has already been activated on the school iPads.

If you wish to log in from home with a different device you will need to:

- Download the **PressReader** app.
- Sign in.
- Select the yellow library card icon.
- In **Select Library or Group** select 'Cornwall'.
- Enter your new library card number.
- For UK publications select **Countries** and **United Kingdom**.

If you wish to upgrade this electronic membership to a full Cornwall Library membership, then you can join up for free at Torpoint Library, and have access to the huge range of Books, DVDs, and activities that are available. BorrowBox and PressReader are available to all Cornwall Library members.

Kind Regards,

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Children's Mental Health Week- A level Psychology

As part of Children's Mental Health Week 2021, the A Level psychologists took part in an online escape room challenge to promote teambuilding and to give them the opportunity to take a break from the monotony of lockdown life and remote learning! Both teams worked well and managed to ESCAPE! The Year 12's in a slightly faster time of 1 hour 15 minutes, compared to the Year 13's 1 hour 25 minutes. Fun was had, brains were used and they also raised over £30 for Macmillan cancer support. Well done to all those who took part!



Games Night In Scoreboard for **TCC Psychologists**
Date **3rd & 4th Feb 2021**

Several teams competing in your Games Night In? Whether you're getting quizzzy with it, practicing being an escape artist, unleashing your inner Sherlock Holmes or going gaga for the gee gees, use this handy scoreboard to note down each team's score or finishing time.

You can edit this scoreboard as a PDF or print it out. Remember to remove the examples below first!

Team Name	Score / Completion Time	Ranking
Year 12 Psychologists	Escaped in 01:15	1st
Year 13 Psychologists	Escaped in 01.25	2nd

The doors to the surveillance room slide open. You appear to be in the locker room. It is hot, the temperature is rising. Your water has completely run out and you have very little time left.



The room is stuffy, and once again a camera is watching you. The next door has a keypad lock. It seems a 12 letter word is needed to get through this one. Take a look at those lockers (above). Each locker seems to have an initial ID card, however, looking at them as a whole seems to reveal a sentence.

Enter door code

Enter the code

Submit your answer

For help with this puzzle you can reveal the clues below

Reveal Clue 1

Reveal Clue 2

UCAS Applications

Congratulations and best wishes to the eighteen Year 13 students who successfully completed their UCAS applications for university last week. Putting together their applications has taken several weeks of hard work, drafting Personal Statements and considering which University course to apply for.

I would like to thank all the Sixth Form tutors for all their efforts in supporting students with this process. The range of courses and destinations for our students this year is very impressive.

Whilst some of our young people opt to stay close to home at the University of Plymouth and Marjons, others are applying to Bristol, UWE, Durham and Manchester.

The next step for some of our students will be preparing for interviews and deciding which offers to accept.

The College will be organising an information evening for students and parents before Easter on Student Finance and preparing for university life.

Good luck to all of our university applicants.

Mr Golding
Head of Sixth Form





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Careers: National Apprenticeship Week

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2021 is "**Build the Future**". The aim of the week is to raise awareness of apprenticeships and encourage everyone to consider how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and employers to build a workforce with future ready skills.

Students can start Apprenticeships after Year 11, and there are now Advanced Apprenticeships that students can start after Year 13.

Apprenticeships can be arranged as part of a course at our local Further Education Colleges, for example, Plymouth City College or Cornwall College – Duchy College.

They are also available directly from Employers – you can find them here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Please see the attached information for Parents and Carers regarding apprenticeships.

Useful Links

Website: www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/traineeships--2>

Twitter @Apprenticeships / @FireItUp_Apps

LinkedIn: National Apprenticeship Service

Facebook: FireItUpApps

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What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship offers you work-based training with an employer combined with study at college usually one day per week, meaning you can earn while you learn, even up to degree-level.

Do I get paid?

Yes, salaries range from the minimum £4.15* per hour upwards.

The same applies if you're 19 and above, and in the first year of your apprenticeship, after that you are entitled to the National Minimum Wage.

Do I need to pay anything to become an apprentice?

No, while you are on an apprenticeship your employer pays you a salary and supports you while you undertake your training.

How many hours per week do I have to work?

A minimum working week of 30 hours, which includes your time spent at college.

Is there an age limit for an apprenticeship?

No, there is no upper age limit and to start an apprenticeship you need to be at least 16.

How long does an apprenticeship take?

Generally, between one and four years to complete, depending on your prior skill levels, experience and apprenticeship being obtained.

What time of year can I start?

You can apply at any time of the year depending on the availability of a position within the business.

Can I do an apprenticeship with my current employer?

Yes, if your employer agrees, you can become an apprentice where you work now.

What levels of apprenticeships are available?

We offer apprenticeships at Level 2, Level 3 (A-level equivalent) and some at Levels 4 and 5 (degree-level equivalent).

What are my next steps?

Check out our full list of apprenticeships and vacancies at: www.cornwall.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Contact our apprenticeship recruitment team on:
0330 123 4785
apprenticeships@cornwall.ac.uk

Apply directly at www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

*Minimum apprenticeship salary as of 01/04/20. This is reviewed annually.

APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS

We host a wide range of virtual events and open days across the year where you can talk to us about apprenticeships, visit www.cornwall.ac.uk/events-and-tasters to find out more.



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A parent's guide to apprenticeships



As a parent, you want your child to get the best possible start in their career. There are many options available to young people after they leave school, and in this guide, we outline information and benefits about apprenticeships as a key route into a successful career.

What's an apprenticeship? It is a genuine job, with training, meaning you can earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

What are the benefits?

Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond. Over 70 national universities are currently offering a range of degree apprenticeships with more to be confirmed throughout the year.

- Earning a salary and paid holiday;
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace;
- Increased future earning potential – apprentices enjoy marked salary increases on finishing their training and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.*

What levels are there?

There are various levels of apprenticeship to apply for depending on current skills and qualifications. Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels:

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at Grades A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships will require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

How do you apply?

At any one time there are between 12,000 – 20,000 apprenticeship vacancies available online in a variety of careers and industries across England. Visit **GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship**. You can search by keyword (job role, occupation type or apprenticeship level) and by location.

Once the right job comes up, your son or daughter can simply register on the website and follow the step-by-step instructions to apply for the role.

Our YouTube channel has useful hints and tips on applying plus other videos on apprenticeships, visit YouTube and search apprenticeships/NAS.

If they are not quite ready for an apprenticeship or job, they could try a traineeship with a local employer to gain valuable work experience and the opportunity to improve their English and maths, if needed. Visit **GOV.UK/find-traineeship** for more information or to apply for traineeship opportunities.

Salaries

The minimum wage for apprentices is £3.70 per hour, but many employers pay more than this. This is dependent on the sector, region and apprenticeship level. E.g. some higher apprenticeships pay up to £500 per week.

More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific apprenticeship occupations can be accessed by looking at the vacancies on 'Find an apprenticeship'.

Entry requirements

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England. There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and job.

Recent legislation has come into effect which changes the minimum English and maths requirements needed to complete an apprenticeship for people with a learning difficulty or disability. The changes will lower the English and maths requirements for these apprentices to an Entry Level 3 qualification.

A Disability Confident Employer will generally offer an interview to any applicant that declares they have a disability and meets the minimum criteria as defined by the employer. For more details, search Disability Confident on GOV.UK.

School leaving age

The government has stated that all young people must stay in some form of education or training until at least their 18th birthday. This does not necessarily mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post 16, which could be through an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Search apprenticeships on GOV.UK

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



<https://youngminds.org.uk/>



<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>



<https://www.mind.org.uk/>



<https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk/>



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



<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

Phone
a friend



<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health>

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*Best wishes,
Miss Pine*



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Holocaust Memorial Day 2021: Digital Gallery

A huge thank you to staff and students who contributed to our Digital Gallery, which was our commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day 2021.

Staff and students were asked to take photos/create digital artwork inspired by this year's theme 'Be The Light In The Darkness'.

We uploaded the images throughout the day on Holocaust Memorial Day; our contributions through the day can be seen by scrolling through the feed here: https://twitter.com/TCC_BeaconHolo

As part of the national Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 online event, the nation was invited to light a candle at 8pm and share their candle virtually by sharing it on Twitter and tagging #HMD2021 #LightInTheDarkness - we lit our candle virtually by uploading Jamie A's photograph this year.

You can view all of our staff and student images by clicking on the link below:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/zazib/bjou/?1611857678475>



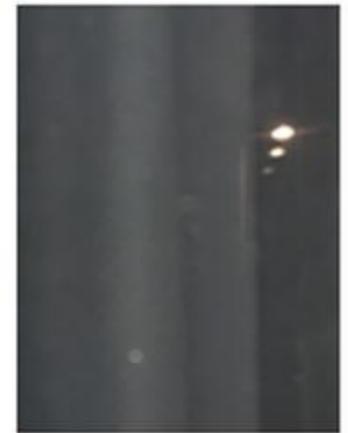
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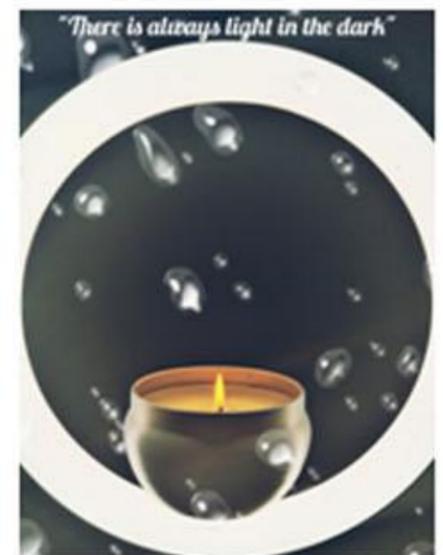
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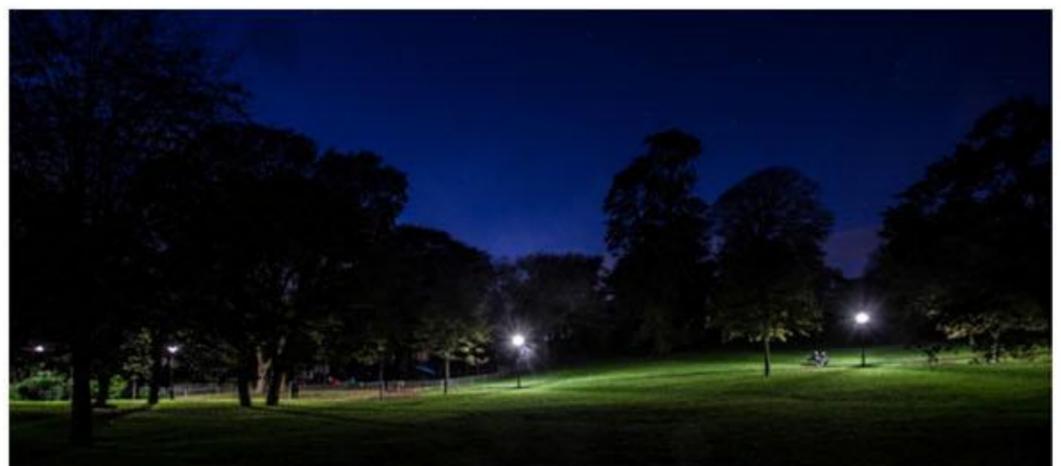
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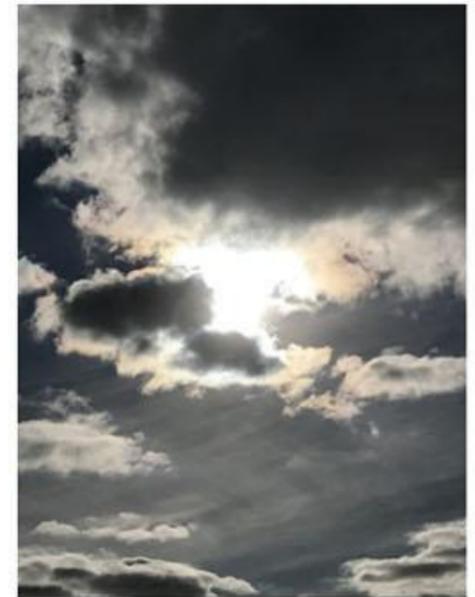
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Kaitlyn



Mrs. Jones



Ms. Sissons



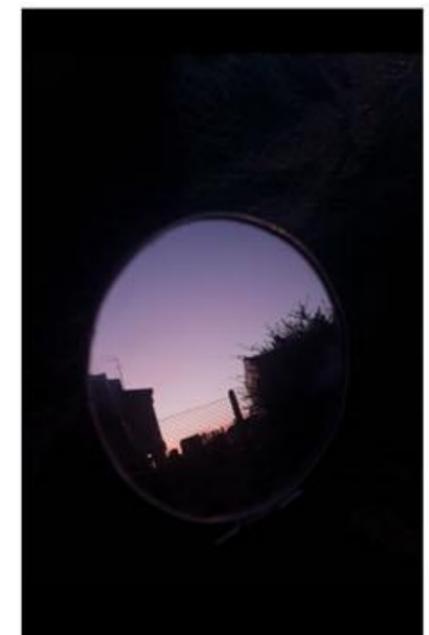
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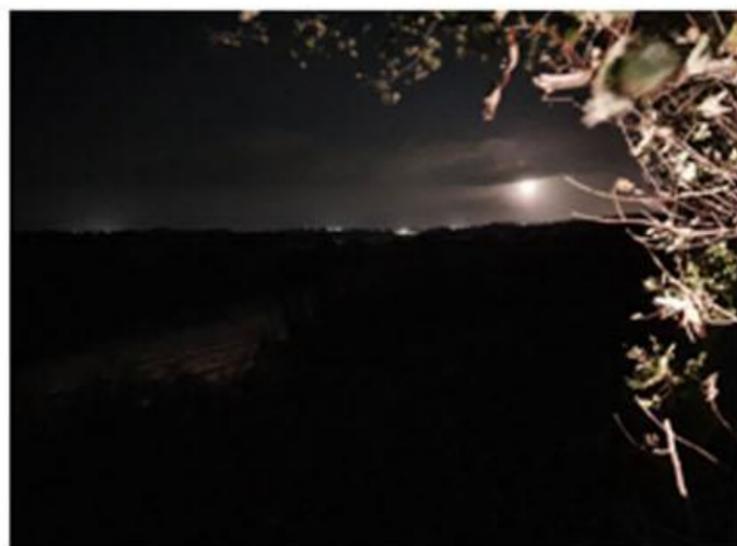
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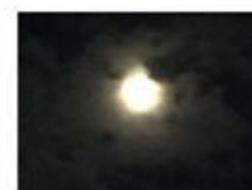
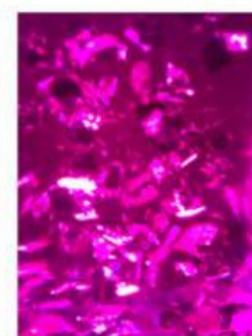
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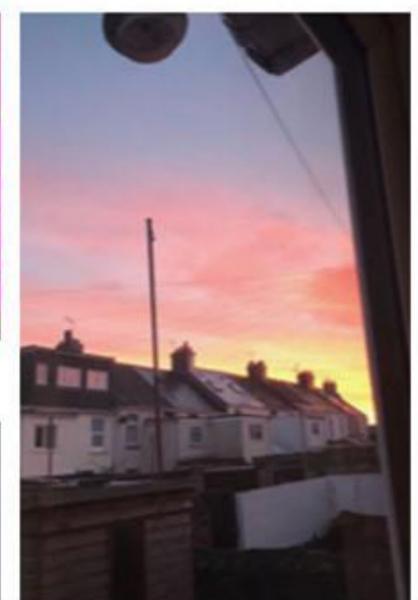
Jess



Liam



Mrs. Bray



Georgia