



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 27th April 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Day for Year 11 - Monday 24th May

Last Day for Year 13 - Tuesday 25th May

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM: 19th APRIL - 21st JULY

HALF TERM: 31st MAY - 4th JUNE

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE Dr Jeremy Plumb

I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break, the sunshine and fresh air, and the opportunity to prepare for the final term of the current Academic Year. It's hard to believe we are already in the second week of the summer term. Students have settled in well and with Years 11 and 13 working hard towards their assessments that will contribute towards the Teacher Assessed Grades and help determine the final grades formally awarded by the Examining Bodies this year.

As we continue on the COVID-19 pandemic journey, there was little change announced by the government over the Easter period regarding the control measures schools have in place to help reduce the risk of transmission. There remains a requirement for students to wear face coverings in the classroom and communal areas, but this may potentially change on or around 17th May as further updates on the government's roadmap out of lockdown are announced. Can I please also remind you that your child should continue completing twice-weekly lateral flow tests, using the home test kits provided, and to notify the College as soon as possible should there be a positive test result. It is recommended these tests are completed on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

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





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We have had a particularly challenging few weeks working through the guidance published in respect of the basis upon which grades are awarded for the current exam year groups. Since the government announced this year's exams were cancelled, we have to move with the tide as further guidance and updates have been made available with a significant publication released just prior to the Easter break. I believe the College now has a robust system in place for awarding Teacher Assessed Grades this year using a range of evidence, including the assessments students will be completing this half term, which will be moderated and quality assured prior to the final submission being made to the Awarding Bodies. Full details on this process were sent to parents and carers last week, including a short video that we have produced to help try and simplify matters, and the College's Centre Policy has also now been published on our website which I would encourage you to take a look at.

We are now in a position to confirm the last day Year 11 and 13 are required to be in College. Year 11's last day will be on Monday 24th May, and Year 13's on Tuesday 25th May. Further details on plans for the respective days will be shared with students shortly. We are also looking at options for events to celebrate Year 11 and 13's time at the College, but the uncertainty associated with the ongoing pandemic means care will be taken not to put parents or the College at financial risk should the situation change. Traditionally the College has organised a Prom for Year 11; however, this year alternatives are being considered in order that there are no large financial outlays for outfits etc which may then not be potentially used if the event has to be cancelled.

All other year groups are working hard and have quickly got into the routine of things again, and let's hope that this term will see a further lifting of restrictions and a return to a more familiar routine.

Best wishes

Dr Jeremy Plumb
HEADTEACHER



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where you can find all of the latest information,
videos, letters, news and more.



Girls Football

All Key Stage 3 girls have taken part in a football block this year which was very popular. For those girls keen to carry on playing outside of College please see the information below about Torpoint Girls Football Club.

Torpoint Athletic Football Club for Girls are registered with the FA with all DBS checks in place. We communicate and organise matches and training through Spond.

We train at the Mill every Tuesday from 5:30-7pm during the summer and have mobile flood lights for the winter. The age groups are Years 7 -11.

If anyone is interested please contact 07879257796 or message through the normal Instagram or Facebook @Torpointafcgirls where Mr Farrow or Eleanor will respond.

Internet Watch Foundation campaign launched to raise awareness of "self-generated" child sexual abuse material

In the last year, "[self-generated](#)" [child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).



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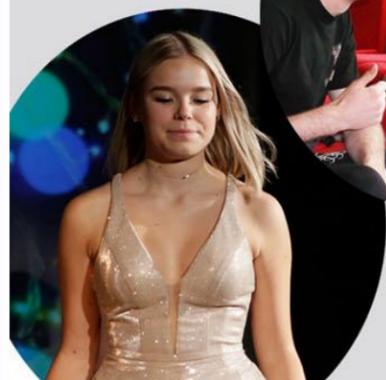


SPOTLIGHT ON ...

TORPOINT SIXTH FORM

Year 10 and 11 Students and Parent/Carers,

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.

Find our films on the College Facebook page, or visit our website.

National survey of children, The Big Ask, launched 19th April

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](#). A range of [teaching resources](#) have also been produced, including lesson plans and activity packs, to help teachers incorporate this into their lessons.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

'The Big Ask' survey will be available online until May 19th



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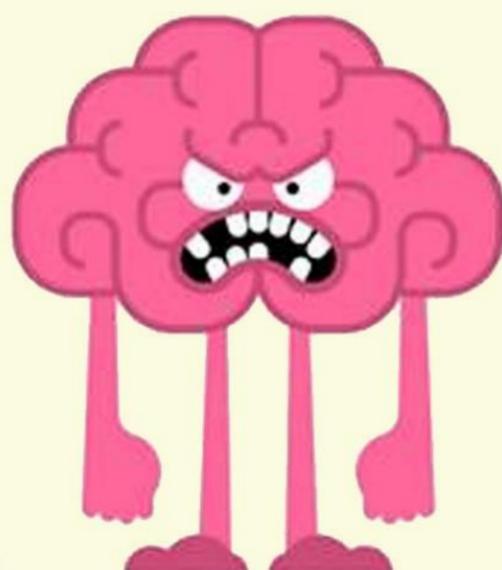
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Check out the Start Now website to get involved
<https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk/get-involved/join-us/>

Get involved with the resources created by young people in Cornwall. You could help to review the wellbeing action plan or contribute to the toolbox.



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My Wellbeing Action Plan



Are you interesting in making films?
There is even the opportunity to help make a film about what goes on inside the brain and how it affects our feelings, thoughts and behaviours!

Head to the notice board on ShowMyHomework for a YouTube video on ideas on how to manage stress at important moments, a technique aiming to catch, check, challenge and change anxious thoughts as well as guides that I hope will be useful for young people during stressful situations and at times of assessment stress.

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Best wishes
Miss Pine