



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 12th May 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 Last Day Monday 24th May 2021

Year 13 Last Day Tuesday 25th May 2021

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM: 19th APRIL- 21st JULY

HALF TERM: 31st MAY- 4th JUNE

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dr Jeremy Plumb

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday about the country moving to Step 3 of its roadmap from 17th May, we have just received updated guidance from the Department for Education regarding its recommendations for the wearing of face coverings in an educational setting.

With effect from Monday 17th May, it is no longer recommended for students to wear face coverings in classrooms or communal areas. However, if your child feels anxious or concerned about not wearing a face covering, they may continue to do so at this time. Staff are similarly no longer recommended to wear face coverings in classrooms, but they will continue to do so both inside and outside the classroom where social distancing is not possible e.g. in corridors and communal areas. The reintroduction of face coverings may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, so please ensure your child continues to bring a face covering to school.

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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It is clearly fantastic news the country is starting to move towards some kind of normality, but we must continue to be careful in minimising the risk of transmitting the coronavirus. At this stage year group bubbles and enhanced hygiene measures will remain in place and we expect to see a further significant change following the government's announcement in June.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have been working incredibly hard on their internal assessments and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly praise them for their determination, resilience and focused hard work throughout this term. They are now working towards their last day at the College which will be on Monday 24th May for Year 11 and Tuesday 25th May for Year 13. On each of these days we will celebrate their time at the College with a range of activities including assemblies, awards and food!

Many Year 11 students have been asking about whether the College can organise a prom. We have given this a great deal of thought and consideration and, with the ongoing uncertainty regarding the pandemic, the decision has been made to not hold a prom (as we know it) this year. Instead, and provided the government's guidance will allow it, we plan to organise a "celebration" later in July to bring the students in Year 11 together again to celebrate their time at the College. Students have been advised not to invest in expensive dresses and suits etc, in the event plans made have to be cancelled, and smart/casual attire will be appropriate for July's celebration if it can go ahead. Planning is underway for something similar for our Post 16 students, details of which will be shared with them once it has been confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to providing you with a further update in due course.

Dr Jeremy Plumb
HEADTEACHER



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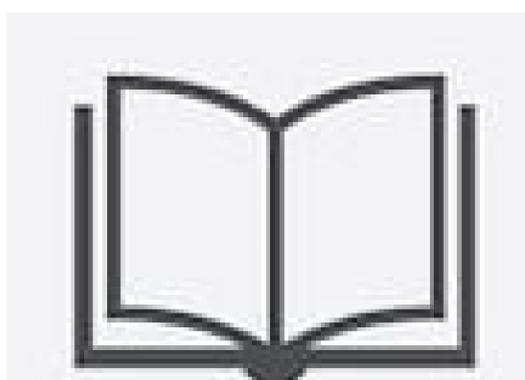
Y7 Accelerated Reader Programme

Year 7 have worked very hard this year on the Accelerated Reader programme.

We would like to say a huge well done to:

Ernie - who was the first student in the year group to reach one million words.

Daniel - who has read over two million words. Excellent effort Year 7!



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

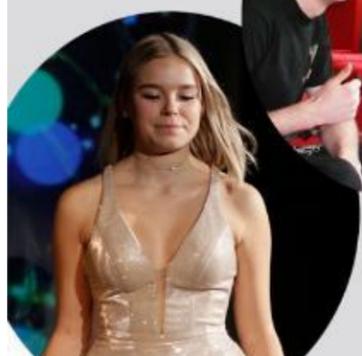
TORPOINT SIXTH FORM

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.





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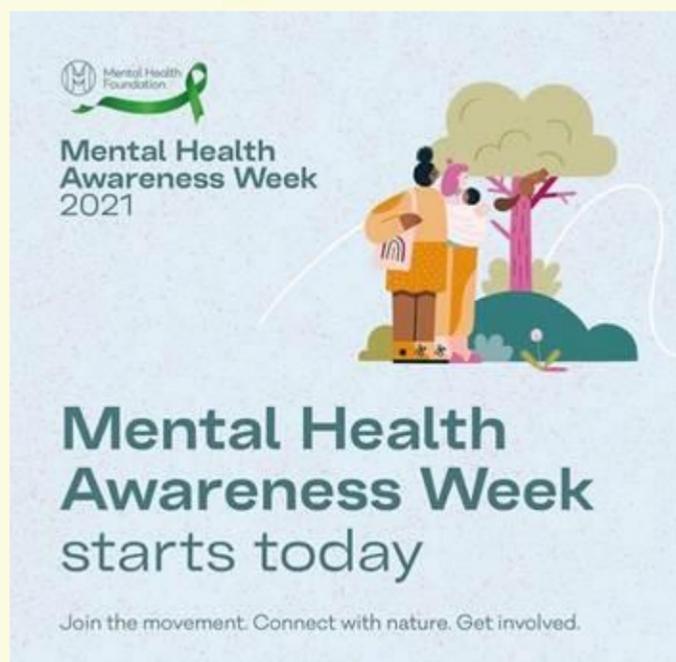
EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek started on Monday 10th May. This year's theme is 'Connect with Nature'.

On Monday morning, Miss Pine connected with nature whilst walking her dog in the pouring rain and hearing the beautiful bird song.

Fitting perfectly with the 5 ways to wellbeing!

You can join in by sharing your connections using the hashtag #ConnectWithNature and checking out our Facebook page all this week.



New on the blog this month

- [Coping with anxiety about the easing of lockdown restrictions](#): After so long in lockdown, it's natural to feel some anxiety about restrictions easing. Here three of our bloggers share their feelings and their tips for coping.
- [Why I'm proud to be autistic](#): Hannah, 20, shares how autism affects her, what real acceptance of autistic people looks like, and why she's proud to be autistic.
- [The simple tip that boosted my self-confidence](#): It's natural for us to go through periods where we don't feel very confident. Aimee, 17, shares a simple analogy that helps her when she's struggling with low self-esteem.



Best wishes,
Miss Pine



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Staying Safe Online

In a rapidly changing world, it is important we know how to keep our young people safe online. Please refer to the links below for some guidance regarding staying safe online, including some useful recent information regarding Disney + parental control and privacy settings. There is also a link to the minimum age for a range of social media sites. Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than our young people.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding online safety, please contact Mrs Lear at lear.b@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk, Mr Pease at pease.c@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk, the worries e-mail worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk or call reception on 01752 812511.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/disney-parental-controls-and-privacy-settings>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/how-to-set-up-parental-controls-on-popular-gaming-devices/>

<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/e-safety/>

