



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM: 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL- 21<sup>st</sup> JULY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening Tuesday  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Sports Day Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE Dr Jeremy Plumb

Dear parent/carer,

Following months of anticipation that COVID restrictions would be eased on 21<sup>st</sup> June you will have seen the government's announcement on Monday that the full lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in England will be delayed by at least 4 weeks, to coincide with the last week of term, to help significantly reduce the impact of a third coronavirus wave by curbing transmission of the Delta variant among teenagers.

The latest data from Public Health England shows the Delta variant is continuing to spread within schools, with a rapid rise in infections among secondary school pupils and more outbreaks in recent weeks. The College has retained its existing control measures to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. However, it is as important now as at any other time throughout this pandemic that students continue to:

- Wash their hands regularly for at least 20 seconds
- To maintain social distancing
- To wear a face mask where appropriate
- And to test regularly.

## 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](mailto:enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Thank you





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Continue head teacher's message...

Every effort is being made to reduce the impact the current restrictions are having on your child's education, and we are very keen to return to a more normal timetable as soon as we can. I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to continue with the above measures to ensure the ongoing safety for themselves and others.

A further consequence of the delayed easing of restrictions is that we can no longer go ahead with the Years 11 and 13 celebration evenings that had been planned to take place in July. I know this will be disappointing for all students who had planned to attend these events. As shared with you during the planning stages of the events, full refunds will be given to those who have already paid. Unfortunately the LGBT Conference that was being hosted by the College on 2nd July has also had to be postponed.

This week Year 9 students received confirmation of their option choices and next week Year 10 students start their mock exams. This will be their first experience of sitting exams in a formal setting, with our invigilators overseeing the process throughout. I wish the Year 10 students the best of luck for their exams. This is important preparation for their final year of GCSEs, and we very much hope there will be a formal examination process in Summer 2022.

For our Year 11 and 13 students, the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) for their GCSEs, A Levels and BTEC will be submitted to the awarding bodies by this Friday. A Frequently Asked Questions letter was sent out to Year 11 and 13 parents on 15<sup>th</sup> June on SIMS Parent App providing further details on this process, results days and appeals.

Finally I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support throughout this challenging period, and to the students who have shown great resilience and determination under particularly difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher



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## Confirmation of Year 10 Option Choices for September 2021

The options choices of all Year 9 students have now been processed and the subjects your child will study in Year 10 have been confirmed in a letter that has been distributed to students.

In addition to the 4 option choices selected by your child, all students in Year 10 and 11 study a core curriculum. The core curriculum at Torpoint Community College includes GCSEs in English language, English literature, mathematics and science (combined science or separate science). Students also follow non-examination subjects including core physical education, PSHE, ICT, Religious Studies and will have some additional time for private study and to focus on learning styles and revision skills.

Please check the option choices and if you have any concerns or questions please contact Miss Bell at the college before Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 ([Bell.L@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:bell.l@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)).

May we take this opportunity in wishing students every success with their chosen option choices and their future studies in Year 10 and 11 at Torpoint Community College.





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## Sponsored Row

The following students took part in a sponsored row led by their coach Ms Lisa Hocking (Torpoint Junior Rowing Club). They rowed from Torpoint to Saltash and back to raise funds for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Students involved in the row were:

Year 9

Jacob Ferguson  
Holly Whittaker  
Page Whittaker  
Codie Ford

Year 8

Ben Ferguson



The remainder of the crew were made up of two Year 6 pupils from Carbeile school and to date they have all smashed their initial set target of £500 with funds still pouring in.

Well done to all who took part!





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# EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



## Top tips for parents/guardians: revision & mock assessments.

1. Encourage your child to make a **revision timetable** – and stick to it.
2. Make sure your child has a **quiet space** to work, with no distractions.
3. Help your child think about the **methods of revising that works best for them**. It could be reading and making notes, using flash cards, Quizlet, mind mapping or using a mixture of these is great!
4. **Take an interest** – maybe offer to ask some questions, help them revise, but don't take over.
5. Keep the kitchen cupboard stocked with **delicious food**. When the going gets tough children really appreciate a cup of tea, a plate of biscuits or their favourite meal.
6. Encourage them to break revision into **manageable chunks** and to take regular breaks in between revision sessions. It's far more effective to do 30 minutes of successful revision – rather than plough on for hours on end and not get anywhere. This is backed up by research by academics at the University of Sheffield who found that learning is more effective when spread out over stretches of time.
7. **Exercise, fresh air, healthy food and lots of sleep are crucial.**
8. Most important of all, help your child to **keep everything in perspective**. Remind them that the better they prepare and the more confident they feel. Soon the exams will be over, and it will be the run up to the long summer holidays.
9. **Talk to us** at TCC if you have concerns.
10. Encourage your child to **make use of the revision sessions** put on at school.



Best wishes  
Miss Pine



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## **Important Post 16 Transport Information 2021/22**

### **Who is this message being sent to?**

This message is being sent to all young people currently in receipt of Post-16 Transport and all young people in Year 11 currently in receipt of Home to School Transport. It is also being sent to all secondary schools in Cornwall, who we hope will share this information with all Year 11 children. It is also being sent to all Post-16 learning providers in Cornwall, who we hope will share this information with all existing and prospective students. A copy is also be shared with Parent Carer Cornwall and SENDIAS. We would encourage you to forward this email to anyone else who may be interested.

### **What is Post-16 Transport?**

Cornwall Council does not have a duty to provide free transport for young people aged 16 and 19. Instead, we offer a subsidised transport scheme. Cornwall Council does however have a duty to provide free transport for young people aged 19 to 25 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

### **Why are we writing to you?**

Cornwall's Post-16 Transport scheme for 2021/22 is now live. Please visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/post16transport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/post16transport) where you will find the online application form and Cornwall's Home to School Transport Policy 2021/22.

### **Are other schemes available?**

Some schools/colleges provide their own transport. This may better suit your needs. Please check with your school/college before applying for Cornwall Council's scheme.

### **What do you need to do?**

All young people who require transport assistance in the 2021/22 academic year should apply as early as possible. Applying early will help the Transport Coordination Service plan its transport network. It will also enable travel passes and arrangements to be issued quicker. Don't wait, apply now!

### **Do you need to reapply?**

Post-16 Transport is only awarded for one academic year at a time – you must reapply each year.



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### **Is there a deadline?**

The deadline for on-time applications is Sunday 25 July 2021. The deadline for on-time payments is Sunday 1 August 2021. Young people who apply and pay on-time are guaranteed to receive their travel passes and arrangements to use from the start of the Autumn Term. Applications and payments received after these deadlines will be processed as soon as possible - however, we cannot guarantee that travel arrangements for these applicants will be in place for the start of the Autumn Term. Students will need to make their own travel arrangements in the meantime.

### **What is the cost?**

The required payment for young people aged 16 and 19 in the 2021/22 academic year is £515. This is payable in one lump sum or at the start of each term. All students aged 16 to 19 - including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan - must pay this contribution. Cornwall Council has decided not to increase its cost from the 2020/21 academic year. This is part our commitment to ensure that Post-16 Transport is affordable for all.

### **What if you are unable to afford it?**

You can apply for support through the 16-19 Bursary Fund to help you make this contribution. This is a separate funding scheme provided by Central Government to support students aged 16 to 19 with the cost of staying in education or training. National guidance advises that the money young people (or their training/education provider) receive from the 16-19 Bursary Fund can be spent on the required contribution towards transport costs. The 16-19 Bursary Fund is not managed by Cornwall Council. Please apply via your school/college.

### **What about young people with Education, Health and Care Plans?**

The Transport Coordination Service and Statutory SEN Service have produced a guidance document to support the families of young people with an EHC Plan – see link below.

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/bxrhzwj/fact-sheet-post-16-transport-for-young-people-with-an-education-health-and-care-plan.pdf](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/bxrhzwj/fact-sheet-post-16-transport-for-young-people-with-an-education-health-and-care-plan.pdf)

### **Do you have questions or need support?**

If you have any questions or require support through the application or payment process, please contact the Transport Coordination Service:

- E-mail: [transporteligibility@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:transporteligibility@cornwall.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 0300 1234 222.



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## Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 13!

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we had a special leaving assembly and refreshments to mark the last day at TCC for our Year 13 students. This cohort have experienced an unusual A- Level experience due to the ongoing pandemic and two lockdowns that have interrupted their time with us.

Despite this, these students have consistently impressed us with their excellent effort and attitude throughout. They have worked hard and supported each other through this time and we are sorry to see them go.

We wish them every success for the future and hope that they stay in touch and let us know what they move on to do. They are destined for an exciting range of university courses as well as job opportunities and apprenticeships.

The assembly also celebrated the high achievement of Rosie R who received the Richard Feast award for Science from Mr Cameron. Well done Rosie!

The Phil Shingler award for Art was shared this year by Kaitlyn L and Finlay M who are both also highly motivated and talented students. Well done!

Please note Results Day for Year 13 is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021.





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## Notice for Year 10 Students:

Please see the poster below which gives details of the Study Café available for you every Wednesday for the rest of your time in Year 10. This will also continue into Year 11 and has proved to be a really valuable space and time for students to access support with their homework and in preparing for exams and coursework tasks.

# STUDY CAFE

Need somewhere quiet to study or a space to revise in?  
Why not drop-in to our study café on Wednesday evenings.

*Free tea, coffee and  
biscuits.*

*Computer Access.*

*Access to revision guides and  
support materials*

**Every Wednesday in Room 17  
3.30-5.30pm**





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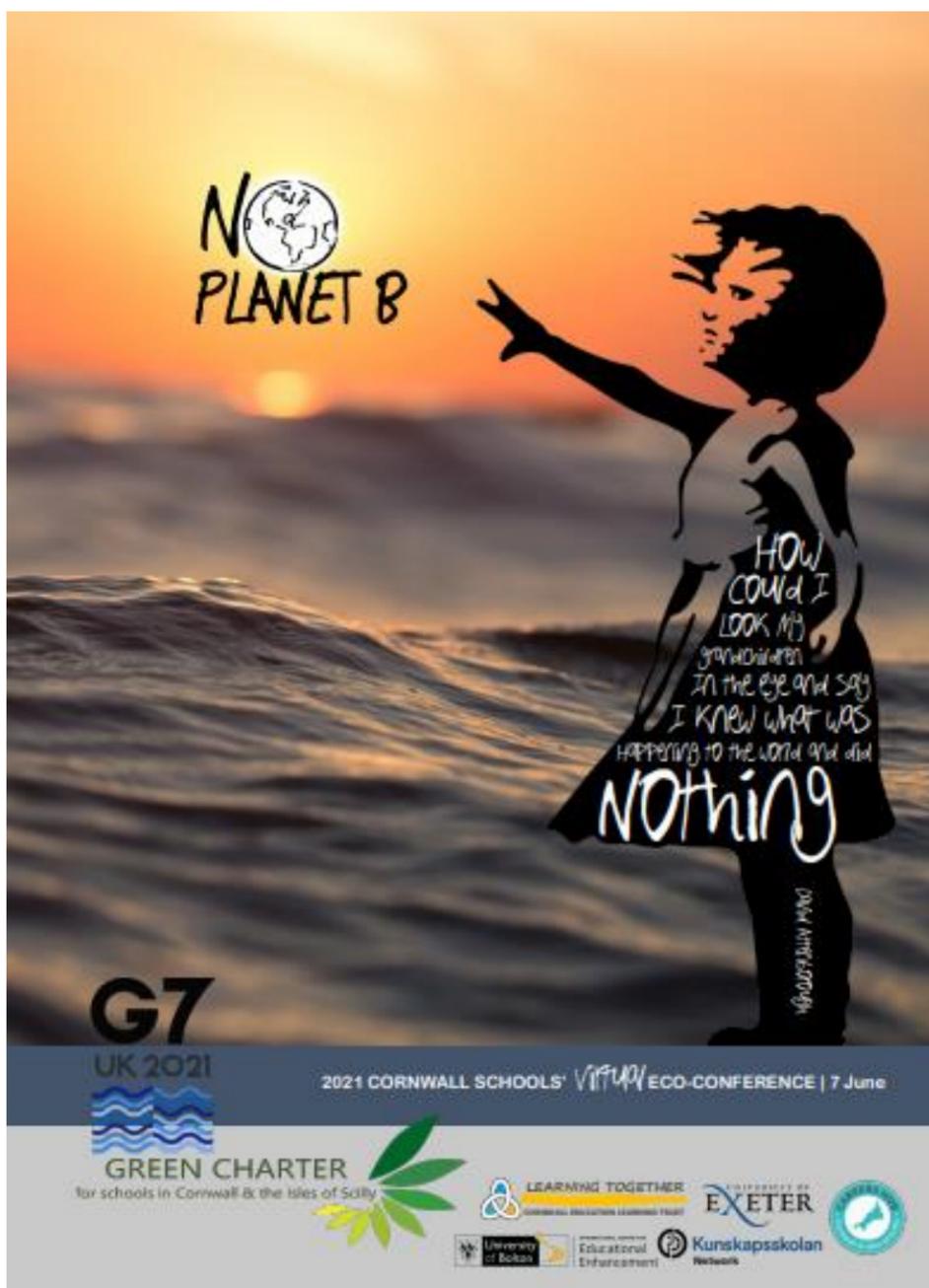
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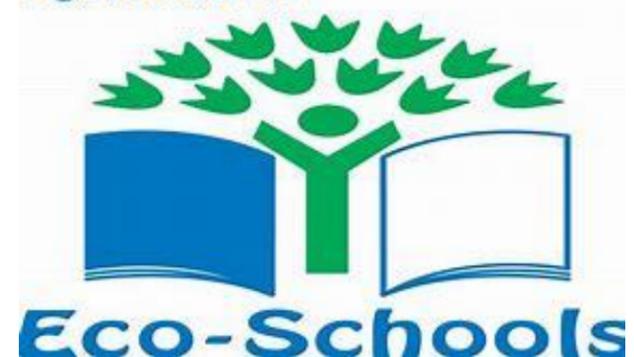
## Our Student Council and the Cornwall Schools Eco Conference

On Monday, 7 members of Student Council took part in the Cornwall Schools Eco Conference linked to the G7 summit. This was a varied and exciting event where we learned how to become future change makers. The day included a video speech from Greta Thunberg, workshops lead by Exeter University students and a question and answer session with many business leaders from around Cornwall. Organisations involved also included: Green Peace, Surfers Against Sewage and Ocean Generation.

It was wonderful to engage and collaborate with Student Councils across Cornwall too. All students had the opportunity to share their ideas via Padlet, Moti and Teams. In our first workshop, students explored how we could use storytelling to encourage positive social action. We learned that story-telling could create help to personalise environmental issues and encourage empathy. In our second workshop, we learned how to create and implement an action plan, looking at what action we can take at an individual, local and national level. Student ideas were really thoughtful and creative and we were praised for our plans for a social media campaign and community action on reducing single use plastic. We really hope to take part in the live event next year!



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**Make rapid Covid-19 testing part of your routine – even while on holiday!**

Don't forget to pack your Lateral Flow Test kits before you set off or pick them up free of charge from a local pharmacy in Cornwall.

Remember, one in three people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so testing is vital to make sure we all stay safe and don't pass on the virus.

**To find your nearest collection point, visit <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>**



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## YEAR 7 SING2G7

On the first day of the G7 summit meetings here in Cornwall our TCC Year 7 students joined together to sing the 'Sing2G7' song written by Sir Tim Rice and Pete Hobbs to enable children here in the UK and around the world to recognise the importance of the event.

In their Music lessons all of Year 7 and 8 were introduced to the meaning of the lyrics in the song and how they relate to the significance of the G7 summit being held in Cornwall.

Year 7 enjoyed composing their own soundscapes of music before half term related to the topic of climate change and will join Year 8 next week in starting to learn how to write their own songs on this topic using the Sing2G7 song as a source of inspiration.

Miss Hamilton CLOL Music

