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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 22nd September 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1st October Staff INSET Day -
College closed for students.

Tuesday 5th October - Year 7
Photographs

Tuesday 11th October - Immunisations

Thursday 14th October – Year 9 Parents
Evening (details to follow)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM: 6th September – 17th
December

Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dr Jeremy Plumb

Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome to the start of a new Academic Year. Now that all our students have returned to College I would like to formally welcome our new Year 7 students and their parents/carers. I very was fortunate to meet many of your children who attended the Summer School between 9th and 13th August, and I hope they enjoyed the week's activities and meeting and making new friends.

I would also like to congratulate our students who received their examination results this summer using teacher assessed grades. There were some fantastic results with many of our students getting their first choice for university, some entering employment and others choosing apprenticeships or other training and studies. It is great to see many of last year's Year 11 students returning to our Sixth Form, and students joining us from other schools.

It has been a busy start to the term with a staggered start for year groups in order for the College to accommodate the mass covid-19 testing requirements as directed by the government. Most students have now completed two lateral flow tests. Our mass covid testing facility will be cleared away this Friday. I have been pleasantly surprised at the very small number of positive tests. Can you please ensure your child continues to complete twice-weekly lateral flow tests and to ensure the College is notified should they test positive. As you are aware, contact tracing is now completed by the NHS so your child should not self isolate unless they are directed to do so or if it is required under current government guidelines. Test kits have been issued to your child following their second test, and for those who haven't been tested at the College they can be ordered online [here](#).

Student Leadership Team

Welcome to the start of the new Academic Year and a new look Newsletter. Featured are our newly appointed student leaders on our header!

We wish you every success in your new roles at Torpoint Community College.





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Headteacher message continued...

The government announced last week that young people aged 12 to 15 are to be offered a covid-19 vaccine. We are awaiting further details on how and when vaccinations will take place. Please rest assured that vaccinations will only be given where parental consent has been obtained or where it has been agreed between the parent, child and health official who will be administering the vaccination programme.

Lastly, in respect of covid-19, can I please remind you that your child should bring a face covering to school with them as they are required to wear them in communal areas until further notice (this is not a requirement for those individuals who are exempt). Control measures have been retained and as a minimum the College will continue to:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Provide an enhanced cleaning regime (two daytime cleaners)
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

For our examination year groups, we are very cognisant of the fact there has been a great deal of disruption in their teaching and learning over the last 18 months. Details on examinations for Summer 2022 have still to be confirmed, but we will do all that we can to ensure the children are as well prepared for whatever comes their way.

There has been a significant amount of work completed on upgrading and improving the College site over the summer. This work is set to continue until mid-November with another major site improvement project currently being scoped for 2022.

Finally, I would like to thank you for ensuring your child has returned to school wearing the correct uniform and fully prepared for the year ahead. We continue to live in uncertain times, but the College will do its best to react and respond to whatever comes its way ensuring the best interests of your child are always at the forefront of all what we do.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Plumb
HEADTEACHER



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YEAR 6
Welcome
to Torpoint Community College
2021-22



Year 6 Virtual Open Evening and Transition Information 2021-22

Please see our College website and Facebook page for the latest presentation about our College.

Listen to the Curriculum Leaders as they explain about the different subjects at Torpoint Community College and what Year 7 will be like.

Have a 'virtual' look around the school.

The film and Y6 Transition presentation will provide useful information for parents/carers and students.

If you would like a tour of the College in a small group, then please book in with reception on 01752 812511 or email enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk
Tours will be on Mondays at 9.30am and Tuesdays at 2.30pm.

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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Year 12 and 13 students are organising a MacMillan Coffee Morning for Friday 24th September.

This will be based in the Sixth Form and in the canteen corridor in the main school over both break times and students and staff are invited to come and buy cakes and/or donate to MacMillan Cancer Support.

Thank you!



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Matthew Ashdown – Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Cornwall

Through Sea Cadets I was put forward for the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Cornwall. The Lord Lieutenant acts as the Queen's Representative for Cornwall.

I have already attended the Prince's Countryside Fund Anniversary at the Duchy Nursery where I met Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall. This event celebrated the work the charity has done to help rural communities.

Another event I was invited to attend was the opening of a new building for Flushing Sailing Club. Here I met Princess Anne who opened the building. Along with other events it has been a great opportunity to act as the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for a year and meet many different people. **Matthew Ashdown - Year13**

Well done Matthew – what an outstanding achievement. We are very proud of you!





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MUSIC News



'INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS RETURN THIS TERM'

Good news! The following Instrumental Music Teachers have started their instrumental lessons here at TCC again behind the stage, just like last term: Ms Halse – piano/keyboard; Mr Austin – Guitar; Ms Parker – singing; and a new drum teacher called Mr Osborne.

Please check the Instrumental Lesson Noticeboard in the corridor outside Room 25 for the individual lesson times. Drum lessons are on Tuesdays, Guitar lessons are on Wednesdays, Singing lessons on Thursdays and Piano/keyboard lessons on Fridays.

If you are interested in starting to learn a new instrument please collect a registration form from main reception or speak to Miss Hamilton in Room 25.

'KS3 SINGING GROUP IN ROOM 25 EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME'

I am pleased to announce that there will now be a regular singing group practice every Monday lunchtime in room 25 from 12.40 - 13.20 for all Year 7 and 8 students who would like to join it. This will start on Monday 27th September. Anyone who enjoys singing and wants to sing a wide variety of songs with others is welcome to come along. As it is happening over lunch, please bring a packed lunch with you on that day and you can eat it in Room 25. I look forward to seeing you there! 😊

Miss Hamilton, CLOL Music



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Anonymous reporting of areas women feel unsafe:

The new tool called **StreetSafe** has just been launched by The Home Office and the National Police Chief's Council for anyone to anonymously tell the police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

The service is being launched as a pilot and the police are making it clear that it is not to be used for reporting crime or other specific incidents. This is because the tool is designed to be anonymous, so the police would not be able to respond.

StreetSafe asks people who use it to provide information about the area where they felt unsafe, the reasons they felt unsafe, why they didn't report anything that happened to the police as well as sharing demographic details and protected characteristics.

Anyone wishing to use the tool can find it on the Police.Uk site [here](#).

Tackling violence against women and girls

The StreetSafe initiative is part of the Home Office strategy designed to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG) which was launched at the end of July. The purpose of the tool is to provide additional information which will further build local intelligence and be used by police and crime commissioners to work with local authorities and other stakeholders to improve community safety and take more strategic action, including designing out crime.

It sits alongside a Home Office commitment to invest in understanding 'what works' to prevent violence against women and girls with the aim of identifying the highest quality, evidence-informed prevention projects. The Home Office has pledged to provide £1.5 million in funding for intervention programmes and £1.5 million for evidence building which it hopes will result in *"high quality, evidence-informed prevention projects, which aim to educate and inform children and young people about violence against women and girls, healthy relationships and the consequences of abuse."*

The Home Office also announced that it will launch a multi-million communications campaign with a focus on targeting perpetrators and harmful misogynistic attitudes, educating young people about healthy relationships and ensuring victims can access support.





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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

We will be holding a Hello Yellow mufti in October again this year. As we are able to mix a little more this year it would be great to have some more activities going on during the break/lunchtimes – any ideas would be very welcome! Please email your ideas to wellbeing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

An exciting programme of support for parents and carers is still available to access online as a series of videos.

Support on topics like loss & grief, healthy relationships and social media.

<https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents--carers/parents-and-carers-wellbeing-series/>

Tea and chat is back!

YEAR 11, 12 & 13 ARE INVITED TO HAVE

**TEA &
A CHAT**

WEEK 1 THURSDAYS AT 3.25 – 4.00 IN SSC

TASKMASTER

Monday lunchtimes

Yrs 7 & 8, 12 & 13 Week 1
Yrs 9, 10 & 11 Week 2

Have a go at completing some creative, funny & sometimes silly quests.

Sign up for your space with Miss Pine room 41.

Board games club

Room 41

Year 7,8,12,13
Friday week 1
lunchtime

Year 9,10,11
Thursday week 2
lunchtime

*Best wishes
Miss Pine*



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FREE Wellbeing support for you and your child

HeadStart Kernow working in partnership with Creative Education are offering parents and carers across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly **FREE** access to an online, on demand library of resources to support wellbeing both for you and your child(ren) in these challenging times.

Currently there are **over 100** resources available and the platform is growing all the time. The content includes a mix of webinars, short online courses and bite-size information for **primary / secondary ages** and covering topics such as:

- Self-care for parents and carers
- Supporting your child when they start a new school
- What to do when your child is being bullied
- Parental awareness of self-harm
- Worries and anxiety (including simple coping strategies)
- Helping children with friendship issues
- Laugh your way to stronger connections
- Understanding the teenage brain
- 10 ideas to boost family wellbeing
- Top tips to help improve children's sleep



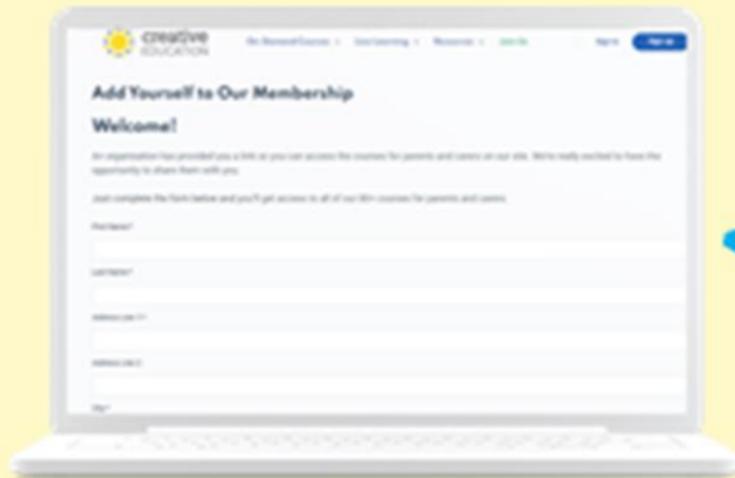
and many more...

How can I sign up?

To get your **full and free access** (lasting until 31st August 2022) follow this link:

<https://bit.ly/CornwallParentsHSK>

or scan the **QR Code**



The link will take you to the **Creative Education Website** and a page where you can sign up to the **existing Headstart Kernow Membership page**.

Once signed up you can access all of the parent / carer resources for free on any device / anywhere / anytime.

For more information visit:

www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents-carers/online-wb-courses/

or e mail: headstartyouth@cornwall.gov.uk

Find more resources for Children & Young People at our YP website