



**TORPOINT  
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# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 6th **October 2021**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mufti day on Friday 8 October for  
World Mental Health Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 9  
Parents Evening

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM: 6<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup>  
December

Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

**Dr Jeremy Plumb**

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's hard to believe we are already in the fifth week of term and following the transition from summer to autumn there is definitely a noticeable change in the weather.

The children have settled in well to the new timetable and I would like to congratulate them for their attitude to learning, excellent behaviour and the way in which they have embraced the staggered break and lunchtimes.

This term we have been focusing on the College's vision and values. As I am sure you are aware our College vision is "Inspiring Optimistic Learners" and our values are "Respect, Prepare and Focus". Both our vision and values are the result of input from staff, students and governors and reflect our joint vision for the present and future of the College.

We have recently received an update from the Department for Education regarding GCSE and A Level examinations in 2022. They have confirmed that they fully expect students to be able to sit their final examinations in May and June 2022, but in recognition that they have experienced severe disruption to their studies there will be some modifications to the exams. Further information on this will be sent to parents and students shortly.

## 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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Headteacher message continued...

This week our Year 7 students have had their College photographs taken and details on how to purchase a photograph were given to your child to take home with them. Information has also been sent out to all Year 7 to 11 parents and carers via SIMS Parent App regarding the COVID-19 vaccination programme for children aged 12 to 15 years of age. The Kernow Health Schools Immunisation Team will be visiting the College on Monday 11 October to administer the vaccinations. As directed in Kernow Health's letter, please ensure you submit your consent by midday Thursday 7 October if you would like your child to be vaccinated.

An update from Public Health Cornwall last week shared that in the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, under 18s in Cornwall accounted for 50% of all COVID-19 cases. To help, they have offered some general advice on managing the risk of COVID-19:

- Follow and promote public health guidance
- Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should get a PCR test and stay at home until the result is known
- Encourage everyone who is eligible to self-test with lateral flow devices at least twice a week
- Encourage everyone to wash their hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

To help manage the risks at College:

- we continue to have an enhanced cleaning regime which includes regular cleaning of high contact touch points e.g. door handles
- we have staggered break and lunch times and use one way systems where it is possible
- we have virtual assemblies
- There is continued use of face coverings in corridors and communal areas by both staff and students
- We regularly remind students to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly.

Finally, a reminder that we have our Year 9 virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
HEADTEACHER



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## Important Update – GCSE and A Level Examinations 2022

It has been lovely to welcome students back to the College over the last few weeks for what is the start of a very important year in their education. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on arrangements for examinations this year and highlight the support and guidance available to students.

### GCSE and A Level Examinations 2022

The events of the last 18 months have been extremely disruptive to the face to face education of all children, combined with the cancellation of GCSE and A Level examinations in both 2020 and 2021. On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, the Department for Education confirmed that it fully expects students to be able to sit their final examinations in May and June 2022. However, in recognition of the fact that both the current Year 11 and 13 students have experienced severe disruption to their studies, there will be some modifications to the examination in 2022. The modifications include:

- In **GCSE History, English Literature and Geography** there will be some optional units. This means that teachers will be able to reduce the amount of content students need to cover. Students' teachers will be able to tell students in the next few weeks exactly which units they will be covering for their examinations
- In **GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science and A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics** practical work can be delivered by demonstration. We will, however, work hard to make available hands-on practical activities where possible to help students' understanding
- **GCSE and A Level Art and Design** students will be assessed on their portfolios only. There will not be exams in Art this year
- Exam boards will provide **advance information** about the focus of the content of the exams for all GCSE and A Level subjects – except GCSE History, English Literature and Geography. This advice will be given to schools by 7 February 2022 at the latest
- GCSE Mathematics students will be given **a formulae sheet**. This will be sent to schools this term to use in teaching. Clean copies will be provided in the exams
- GCSE Physics and Combined Science students will be given an **equations sheet**. This will be sent to schools this term to use in teaching. Clean copies will be provided in the exams
- OFQUAL (the examinations regulator) have confirmed that they would like to get back quickly to the pre-pandemic standard but this will be a gradual process. Summer 2022 will be a transition year to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period. In 2023 the aim is to return to results that are in line with those in pre-pandemic years.

Our focus now is to ensure that all students are fully prepared for their final assessments in all subjects. There will be a series of internal assessments for all Year 11 and 13 students in the period 22 November to 10 December 2021. This will give students the opportunity to sit realistic assessments in examination conditions and help prepare them for the summer. All students will receive individual exam timetables in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Golding  
Assistant Headteacher  
Exams Officer



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### 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 Year 6 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](mailto:enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Tours will be on Mondays at 9.30am and Tuesdays at 2.30pm.

A reminder about Singing Group from Miss Hamilton:





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Torpoint Community College  
**Sixth Form Open  
Evening**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021



An opportunity to come and find out about the courses on offer at Torpoint Sixth Form. The evening will have two sessions:

**A - From 5.30-6.45pm**

**B - From 6.45-8.00pm**

Please book in which session you would like by email on [golding.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:golding.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk) or by contacting reception on 01752 812511

There will be refreshments available and a presentation by Mr Golding Head of Sixth Form.

Post 16 Subject leaders will be available to share course materials and to discuss the options and courses on offer. Careers advice from a range of organisations will be there to help too.

There will also be opportunities to speak to current post-16 students and ask them about their courses.



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### Year 12 and 13 Coffee Morning

Well done to our fantastic team of Year 12 and 13 students for their effort in planning and co-ordinating the recent Macmillan coffee morning. There were many tempting cakes and bakes for sale and the final total raised was £200 for this excellent cause. Thank you to the Sixth Form team and all who supported this event.

*Mr Golding – Head of Sixth Form*



### Sixth Form 'Feed Yourself Sessions' – Preparing for University with Miss Baker

Learn how to cook simple, healthy meals in preparation for university and independent living. All of Year 12 and 13 are invited to attend a cooking workshop with Miss Baker to prepare a healthy and nutritious meal.

Revise or improve your culinary skills and prepare for your next steps.

This fun session will run on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 3.20pm for Year 13 and on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.20pm for Year 12 in Room 16.

When you have made your dish you can eat it with your friends!

All welcome - please sign up in advance with Miss Bell.





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# EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

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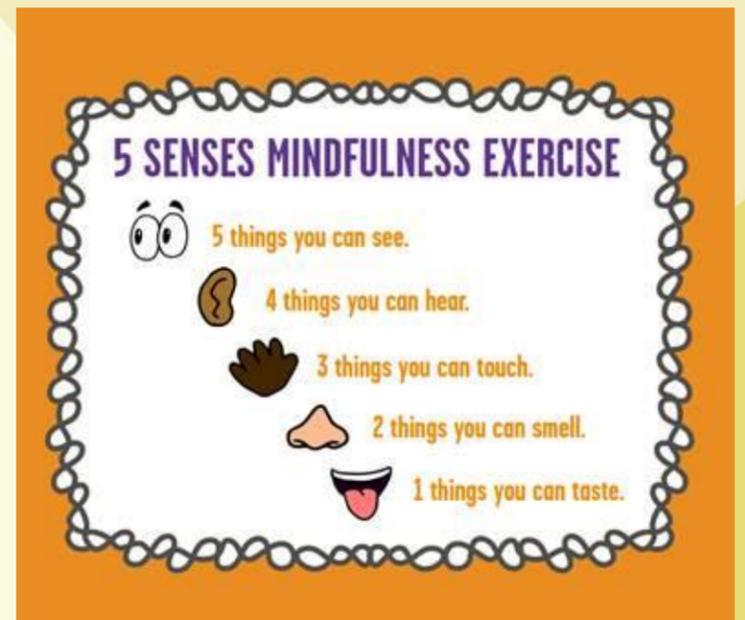
If you're a parent, we know looking after your child's wellbeing isn't always easy. But you're not alone. We are here for you with practical tips and advice on our website to help you support them, whatever they're going through.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/find-help/>



### Find Help For My Child's Mental Health | Parents | YoungMinds

Use our help finder if you're looking for tips and advice on how to support your child's mental health, or you don't know where to start.



Have you got your Connect Card yet?



### Pick one up from SSC.

Just scan the QR code to get:

- Information about wellbeing & mental health
- Signposts to support
- Info about fun stuff
- Free competitions
- Ways to 'get involved' and have your voice heard about the things you care about!

**#HelloYellow**

on World Mental Health Day  
Mufti Day  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
£1 donations

*Best wishes,  
Miss Pine*