



TORPOINT
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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 24th November 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29th November – Post 16 Mock Examinations start

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM: 6th September – 17th December

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE Dr Jeremy Plumb

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Monday our Year 11 students started their mock exams. These are being run in a formal exam environment to familiarise the children with the rules, procedures and expectations of a formal exam sitting. Information was sent out to parents last week regarding Ofqual's publication of their Contingency Arrangements which will be applied in the event examinations are cancelled in 2022.

It is important to stress that at the current time, the intention of the government is that examinations will take place as planned in 2022 for the exam year groups. However, it is vital that contingency plans are in place early should this need to be reviewed and changed in light of any further disruption to learning this academic year.

As outlined in Ofqual's Contingency Arrangements, if examinations had to be cancelled in summer 2022, students' grades would instead be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) approach similar to that used in summer 2021. TAGs are based on teachers' assessment of their students' work.

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to do all we can to ensure our students are supported to achieve their very best in their qualifications this year. If student performance in mock examinations and formal tests is required to inform TAGs, then the context and conditions of these assessments will be taken into account. Should you wish to read the full Contingency Arrangements, the government publications can be found [here](#). Should any further guidance be released, we will update you as soon as we can.

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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Headteacher message continued...

On the 15th November the College marked the start of Anti-Bullying week by running Odd Socks Day. This was well-supported and provided an opportunity for students and staff to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Our Year 9 and 10 netball teams also had great success last week playing in the East Cornwall league. The Year 10 team remain unbeaten since Year 7, and the Year 9 squad had great success winning several of their games. I have been told the teams displayed fantastic team spirit and great support for their players.

I'm sure you will have seen or read in the news the COVID-19 case rates are rising sharply throughout Europe, and have remained stubbornly high in the UK. It is hoped we won't have to instigate the measures recently introduced in a number of European countries, but it is a clear sign there is a challenging winter ahead. We can't afford to be complacent and should remain vigilant to the risks of catching or transmitting COVID-19. I would therefore request that you continue to encourage your children to regularly complete lateral flow tests, at least twice-weekly on a Wednesday and Sunday night, and to notify the College should they test positive. We continue to encourage staff and students to wear face coverings in all communal areas, and to ensure areas used are well-ventilated. An enhanced cleaning regime has also remained in place to try and mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being transmitted.

Finally, with just under four weeks until the end of term, there is much to be done before the College breaks up for its Christmas break. With the uncertainty of how the ongoing pandemic will affect us in the future, time spent in the classroom is absolutely essential to deliver quality face to face teaching and learning and to catch up on time lost since March last year. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and for working with us throughout this challenging period.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
HEADTEACHER



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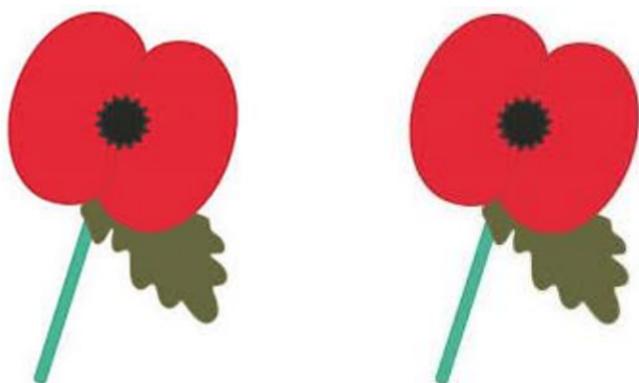
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Remembrance Sunday 2021

Remembrance Sunday was marked by our College student leadership team and Headteacher, Dr Plumb attending the service at Sparrow Park in Torpoint.

A remembrance wreath was laid from our College. Thank you to Charlie, Charley, Amelia and Lilly-Mae for representing our school on this important occasion.





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Ten Tors training – 6th & 7th November 2021

Well done to all students who took part in the Ten Tors training over the weekend of 6th and 7th November. On the Saturday there was navigation training in which students were put through their paces!

On Sunday the students were given the opportunity to put their new skills into practice on Dartmoor. There was also some safety training, but luckily this was not required on the walk.

The walk started at Two Bridges, with clear and sunny conditions, but with a slightly chilly breeze. Spirits were high when the students successfully completed their walk at Four Winds Car Park.





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Attendance reminder

At Torpoint Community College we believe that the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement. We aim for an environment which enables and encourages all members of the community. For our students to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at College, on time, every day.

If your child is absent, please contact the College as soon as possible on the first day of absence, and on each subsequent day of absence. If it is a planned absence, please complete an Absence Request Form. Please note that the law does not grant parents/carers an automatic right to take their children out of school during term time. Parents/carers can commit an offence if they fail to ensure regular and punctual attendance of their child at the school which the child is registered unless the absence has been authorised by the school.

If your request for absence is refused and you still take your child out of school on holiday in term time, then we will refer the matter to Cornwall Council and they may decide to issue a Penalty Notice. Penalty Notices for absences of 6 days or more are £60 per parent per child.

Cross Country News

Four students from the College travelled to Taunton on Saturday 13th November for the 2nd round of the Cross Country County Cup.

They did TCC proud coming in 9th as team. Individual places were Josh 4th, Jack 11th, Ruben 48th and Mikey 58th.

A big thanks to the parents who transported them up and supported them.

Well done boys!





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Key Stage 3 English News

Many students across Key Stage 3 had the opportunity to watch a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* during their English lessons.

This was part of the RSC Schools Broadcast where schools across the country could watch the play for free between the 15th and 19th November.

Watching this production provided an excellent way for students to engage with a text studied as part of our Year 7 curriculum.

We enjoyed its striking visuals and use of technology which brought the character of Ariel to life and created 'a sense of magic and wonder'.



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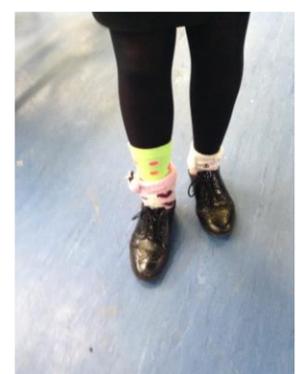
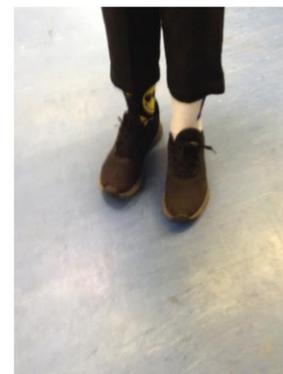
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Anti- Bullying Week and Odd Socks day 2021

As part of Anti-Bullying Week in the College this year we participated in Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November. This is a nationwide initiative, and it was fantastic to see so many students and staff in our College embrace their uniqueness to spread the message that 'One Kind Word' can change someone's day and that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.

We are hoping as a College that initiatives such as Odd Socks Day, the Anti-Bullying Assembly, the Anti-bullying Poster competition, the work being done in PSHE lessons, as well as consultations with student groups will spread kind words throughout our College and ensure that TCC is a bully free environment.

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TCC ANTI-BULLYING WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

CREATE A POSTER THAT REPRESENTS ANTI-BULLYING
THE THEME IS ONE KIND WORD

WINNER WILL GET A £25 AMAZON VOUCHER & THEIR
POSTER WILL BE PRINTED & DISPLAYED AROUND THE
COLLEGE

RUNNERS -UP PRIZES ALSO AVAILABLE

ENTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MISS SHIEL, ROOM 23
MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE BACK OF YOUR
POSTER

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

#AntiBullyingWeek

#OneKindWord